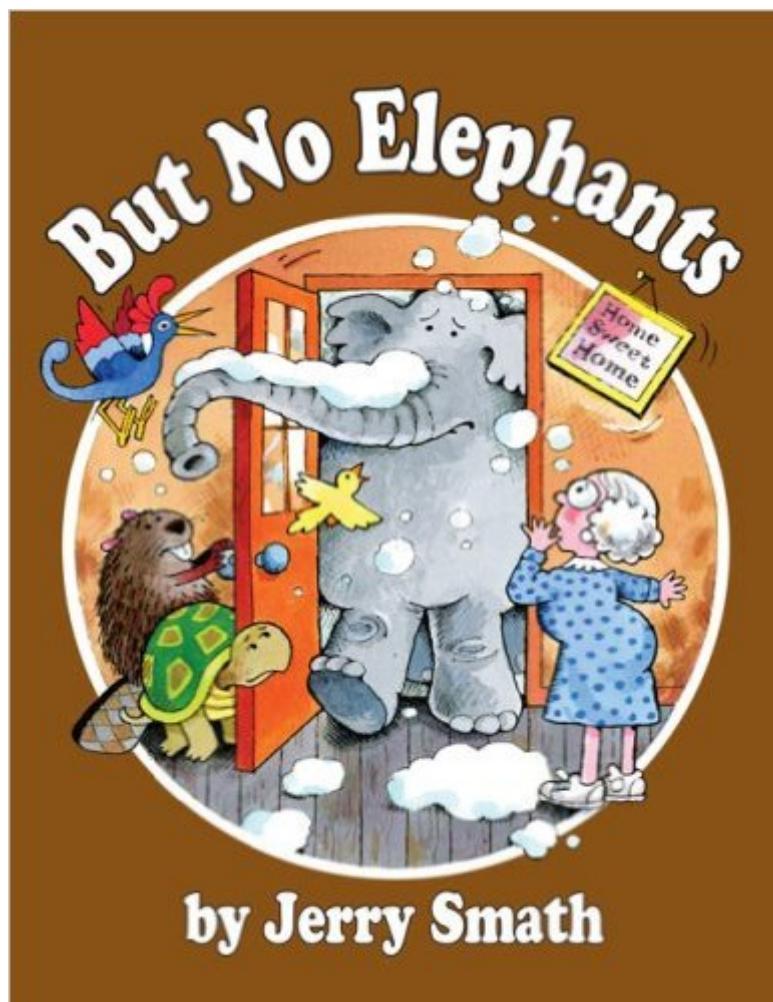


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# But No Elephants (Once Upon A Time)



by Jerry Smath



## **Synopsis**

Grandma Tildy lived all alone, until a salesman stopped by to sell her a pet. She welcomed a canary bird into her home, but made it very clear that she wanted NO ELEPHANTS! This heart-warming children's book, written and illustrated by Jerry Smath, will delight parents and children from beginning to finish.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

I can't believe the publishers let this book go out of print! We discovered this book at a yard sale when our oldest daughter was three, and it immediately became one of her (and my) favorite books. Other reviewers have explained some of the book's charm; what I want to add is that it beautifully shows the value of kindness and the unexpected ways that different individuals can help one another, without being heavy-handed or preachy. In addition, Jerry Smath's illustrations are priceless--richly, subtly humorous, nicely complementing the simple, easy-to-read text.

Grandma Tildy is a sweet lady who loves everyone and everything except elephants. Well one day a salesman came along and tried to sell her some animals, she bought them all except the elephant. This story is about the elephant that Grandma Tildy didn't buy. It ended up that the salesman left the elephant at her house over the winter until she went soft and brought him in. The elephant got hungry one night and ate all of Grandma Tildy's food. Grandma Tildy got very angry but in the end the elephant takes Grandma Tildy and all her pets to a warm and sunny place. And now Grandma

Tildy loves her pet elephant.

When I was a kid, I remember loving several books. The Curious George books and 'But No Elephants!' My favorite was Elephants. I still have this book and just ran across it in a box. I am 24 now and still look back fondly at this book.

I have to agree with all of the other reviews I've read - this is a fantastic book. I loved it when I was a kid and just recently found it at a garage sale. My 19 month old boy loves it and will listen to it over and over again.

This was my favorite book in preschool and I was thrilled to find it here. I bought it for a friend's daughter and the illustrations and story are still adorable. The messages that everyone has something to offer and kindness pays off are timeless and they are relayed in such a sweet and fun way in this book.

This book is awesome. I got our copy at a used book store for \$.25 and wish it was not out of print. It's simple enough for a 2-year-old to understand, yet silly enough for a roomful of 6-year-olds to enjoy. Any child or group of children that you read this aloud to will enjoy chanting (or shouting!), "But no elephants!" along with Grandma Tildy, over and over.

I remember my mother reading this to me every time we went to the orthodontist because he had it in his waiting room. It was one of those books that I demanded so frequently that my mother starting to beg me to let her read me any other book. I couldn't believe it when I was able to find this for my own 18 month old daughter, but there it was on . I didn't think she would like it until she got a little older because it's definitely wordier than a lot of her other books but boy oh boy was I wrong. My daughter absolutely loves this book, and now we've started to read other story books to her as well. This is definitely her favorite but we've also had some good luck with "Annie and the Wild Animals", "Engine, Engine No. 9", and "The Best Nest". The book is all about Grandma Tildy who is willing to buy all sorts of pets who enrich her life and help her around the house. She repeats over and over to the pet man that she is willing to buy all sorts of animals "But No Elephants". At the end of the book she gets stuck with the Elephant anyway but even he proves to be useful. I think my daughter likes all of the animals which she can point to and recognize; she likes the household activities mentioned such as cooking stew and giving an animal a bath; finally I think she really likes some of

the repetitive elements which help her predict what is to come.

Great book!! Illustrations are very pretty. Perfect way for a new mother to bond with her baby. The person I gave it to loved it. She's says she and her baby will spend tons of time reading together. It arrived on time, earlier maybe, don't remember. It came in a box along with some other things I ordered, so it came pretty well packaged. Not sure if you order it separately, though. Thank you!!

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