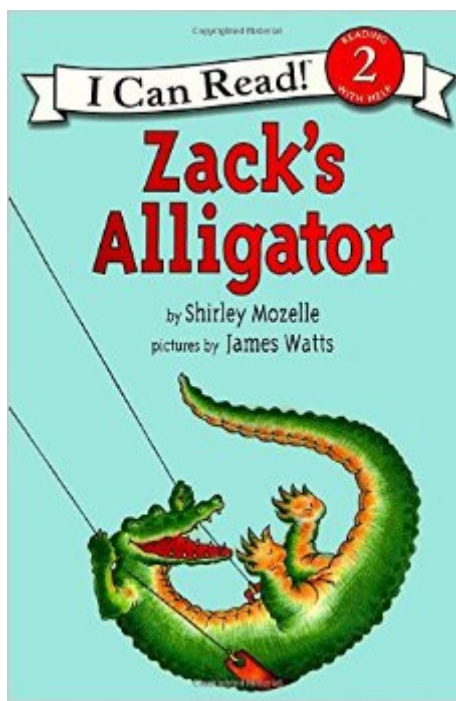


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# Zack's Alligator (An I Can Read Book)



## Synopsis

When Bridget the alligator arrives in the mail, she's only the size of a key chain! But after Zack soaks her in water, she grows into a real live alligator. Bridget wrestles the garden hose and swings from the monkey bars. And what other alligator can do cartwheels? Children's Books of 1989 (Library of Congress)

## Book Information

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Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

This book is a delight -- it is a great book for emergent readers, but it is more fun to read out loud. Zack's alligator has attitude -- and the giggles from my daughter made it a book we had to add to her personal library.

I'm writing on behalf of Victor, aged 7. He wants me to tell everyone that Zack the alligator was a really cool book! He enjoyed reading it a lot.

I read Zack's Alligator by Shirley Mozelle. In this book there's a boy named Zack and his alligator Bridget. Zack's uncle sends a package and it the package is an alligator key chain. The alligator is

Bridget. When you get Bridget wet she grows and turns into a live alligator. When she dries out, she shrinks. Bridget adores meat loaf and walks. Zack's mom always thinks that Bridget is just a key chain because she never sees Bridget when she's big. I like this book because Zack gets a friend. This book used to be my favorite when I was little. You have to read this book to find out how it ends.

This is a rather cute little tale which is more or less taken from the imagination of a child. Zack's uncle sends him a keychain with a small alligator attached. Zack discovers that when you add water the little alligator, who is named Bridget, grows into a full sized alligator. When she dries out she shrinks back to key ring size. Jack and Bridget have many adventures both in the house and wondering about town. The story is rather loveable and after it has been read several times the little boy, and the girl alligator most certainly grown on you. The text is well done and certainly written at a level appropriate for the beginning reader. This is one of those books that is fun to read along with the child. The illustrations are quite well done and fit the story perfectly. This work was first published by Weekly Reader Books back in 1989 (That original is the one being reviewed here) and it is still in print. Kids love this thing. It is important to pick book that are age appropriate and reading level appropriate. I would personally suggest this one for ages 4 through 6, depending upon their reading level. That is the job for the parent and teacher to decide though. This book is from my private collection.

Living in Florida this book is truly special for all of our young children in our schools to read. Gave as a gift to a little 7 year old to enjoy and she read it out loud to her class. Cute book nice illustrations.

It was my daughter's turn to bring in a book to share this week. "No princess books," the teacher requested. I guess I am not the only one who feels inundated by royalty these days. While you might initially think this book is for boys, the star of the book is actually a girl. As a parent, I shape how my children will see the world, and finding books like this one will help her to see past stereotypes. I felt that the text was cohesive as a story but simple enough for children to read and follow. Some of these I Can Read Books really do not impress me with their simple sentences per page formats which seem better for learning to talk than for learning to read. This book does a nice job with its funny and original storyline. In addition, the illustrations have a colored pencil and crayon feel to them which are pleasing to the eye, almost like a child colored them.

It was wintertime, time to get out on the ice and have some fun because the "lake was frozen solid." Zack's parents were ice fishing while he decided to build a snowman. One, two, three large balls of snow and it was time to put on everything else to make it look like a "real" snowman. There was a bit of snow in Zack's pockets and all of a sudden he felt something move. It was Bridget, "an alligator key chain that grew when she got wet." She grew bigger and bigger and "soon Bridget was fully grown." Zack and Bridget danced around as the snowflakes fell. Another girl joined in the fun and gave Bridget a scarf so she'd stay warm. They decided to make snow and gator angels. Swish, swish went those arms and legs and one tail. All of a sudden, Bridget smelled some fish and headed straight to the open ice hole. With a big smile on her face she PLOPPED into the water. She swam this way and that and "caught all the fish she wanted." Would Zack's Mom and Dad ever believe Bridget was real? Would Bridget leave them any fish to catch? This is another fun gator adventure with Zack and Bridget with the first snowfall. Anyone who has met Zack and Bridget, his "real" alligator, will be anxious to read the latest in this series. Of course adults can't see that Bridget is a real critter, but all kids know that she is and know how to have fun with her. She's lively, vibrant, and a bit on the zany side as enjoys her first snow. This "I Can Read!" book has a high interest plot, perfect for the emergent or developing reader. The artwork is appealing and meshes perfectly with the tale as Bridget tumbles through the pages on her "winter wonderland adventure." This is an excellent gator adventure series you might want to consider adding to your shelves!

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