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# The Pigeon Needs A Bath!



## Synopsis

The Pigeon really needs a bath! Except, the Pigeon's not so sure about that. Besides, he took a bath last month! Maybe. It's going to take some serious convincing to try and get the Pigeon to take the plunge.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

K-Gr 2 **Persuasive Pigeon** is back. He doesn't feel that he really needs a bath after all, it's a "matter of opinion." "Clean" and "dirty" are "just words, right?" With a polished technique that logically approaches the problem, Pigeon speaks with a child's voice as he rationalizes his decision while forcefully questioning those who might even suggest that his personal hygiene and the flies buzzing around are not just "coincidental." The water might be "too hot|not deep enough|too cold|or too wet," but it only takes a mere 30 tiny frames and a dramatic large-font spread before Pigeon grandly displays the myriad possibilities for a happy bird in the bath. Willems's dirt-smudged pigeon is at once clever, garrulous, energetic, and just slightly excitable. Through simple flat-line illustrations, this bird's expressions and attitude are easy to discern. Pigeon fans will not want to miss this book, a "must add" to all libraries, for any reader appreciating the perfect art of persuasion. **Mary Elam, Learning Media Services, Plano ISD, TX**

Everyone's favorite contentious misanthrope is back with a grubby vengeance. Our story begins as a hirsute human in bathrobe and shower cap implores our help: the pigeon needs a bath. The pigeon disagrees and begins his familiar pattern of resisting, stalling, and excusing, but even the flies that surround him can't bear the filth. Eventually, he is forced to submit, and, after 28 little panels (and one medium-size one) in which he fusses over the tub and its myriad inadequacies, he relents and takes the plunge. And •surprise, surprise• he likes it. "TEN HOURS LATER," the pigeon is a convert to baths. The details fans have come to expect are all present, from the simple, expressive drawings on blank grounds (though the customary pastel backdrops have been replaced by a variety of muddy browns and greys) to the before-and-after endpapers, complete with a rubber-ducky Easter egg. Pigeon's many followers will be plenty happy with this latest offering, while parents of reluctant bathers will welcome its surreptitious endorsement. *Preschool-Kindergarten. --Thom Barthelme*

Today was an exciting day for my girls. We pre-ordered *The Pigeon Needs a Bath*, and today, our copy finally arrived! My twins are almost 5, and my oldest girl is almost 7. They are big fans of Mo Willems, and they absolutely loved this new book. The Pigeon has visible stink waves emanating from his body, yet he insists that he doesn't need a bath. He turns the situation around, and asks the reader, "When was the last time YOU had a bath?" You would think that the situation would be resolved with the Pigeon approaching the bathtub, but he has more complaints. Willems really outdoes himself with 29 panels spread across two pages. The Pigeon has a litany of complaints: the bath is too hot, it's too cold, there are too many toys, there aren't enough toys. The suspense builds, as the reader wonders if the Pigeon will ever make it into the bathtub! Willems might have a simple style of drawing, but he certainly gives that Pigeon a full range of emotions and body language. My girls giggled and laughed through the entire book, and they have also enjoyed looking through it on their own. I appreciate the sophisticated vocabulary- what better way to teach phrases like "purely coincidental" and "a matter of opinion" than a sassy cartoon Pigeon? This was a big hit at my house!

My 2nd grade twins are past this reading level but I hope they never outgrow laughing at this hilarious pigeon! I pre-ordered this to add to our collection and it is naturally a huge hit. They are having a great time quoting all the lines at me and we all crack up. So much fun. This might be the funniest pigeon book yet. The flies are the best... take a bath, dude!

This is certainly the one and only time I've ever placed a pre-order on a children's book, and it was well worth it. Ever since my wife and I came across the "Pigeon" series by Mo Willems, and bought the first one for our son, all three of us have been crazy about his books ever since. My son owns and loves all of them, including the pigeon activity book. The Pigeon Needs a Bath is another great hit in the series, and honestly I feel is the best book yet in the series. The story is humorous; my son especially loves the very impressively thorough page where the Pigeon is coming up with his excuses as to why the water in the bath is too hot, too cold, and the many other reasons he justifies not wanting to get in. The story was humorous for both adults and children alike. It's longer than some of the other pigeon books, but still short enough that it can frequently be read and reread in a reasonable amount of time. And like the other Mo Willems books, on top of being great and wacky stories about the adventures and misadventures of the pigeons, the artwork is phenomenal and humorous as well. The artwork is simple yet very expressive. It's easy on the eyes, and I have a feeling that both the comical stories and artwork in these books will make them fairly timeless. Our son is still young, but I can already imagine myself taking these books back out to one day read them to my grandkids and I don't feel as if they will seem aged or out of date. Overall, whether you are completely new to the pigeon series, or a long time reader, The Pigeon Needs a Bath is an outstanding addition to the Mo Willems collection and a book that I can imagine almost any child being excited to read and laugh about over and over again. Bonus points too, it even seemed to make my kid more excited about bath time as well! Thank you Mo Willems, and please keep the Pigeon series coming!

The kids love the Pigeon and his acerbic wit. I enjoy this book because it doesn't talk down to kids. Kids love to punch above their weight, and this book offers a much bigger vocabulary than most children's books. The Pigeon is all attitude and bad-itude, which makes kids laugh and laugh. We now own many Pigeon books, the Pigeon game, and pretty much anything Pigeon. This first book in the series is read almost daily at my house.

I picked this book up based on all the positive reviews. At the time my son was 2 and he thought the book was okay, but it was never one of his preferred books. But now that he is almost 4, he requests this book and "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!"] every night. He loves to tell the pigeon "Take a Bath!" on every page. And he goes around quoting "Too hot! Too cold! Too many toys!" all the time. There is just something about getting to tell someone else what to do when he's usually on the receiving end of it that really tickles him. His renewed interest in these books seems

to have coincided with a huge increase in pretend play, so if your little one doesn't show much interest, don't give up - they may just need to be a little older.

The pigeon is back again with his usual brash attitude and this time he needs a bath. No surprise, it takes a little (self) convincing for the pigeon to finally take the plunge. My three young kids love this story (just like all the others in the series). They ask for me to read it again and again, and my pre-schooler has begun to read it on his own as well. I purchased the hardcover edition and the binding and pages are very good quality. I expect that it will be in good shape to share with grand kids down the road.

Mo Willems always hits the right spot with the Pigeon stories. My grandchildren always enjoyed them and I loved reading the story to them. I like to gift these to new parents and baby's first birthday.

This is a hilarious book with simplistic drawing details. The pigeon needs a bath and is very expressive of why he does not need one. This is a great book for the whole family, laughter galore!! I believe this book could even be a beginner reader book, although it has some higher reading level than beginner. I would highly recommend this book to any parent! Fun for everyone.

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