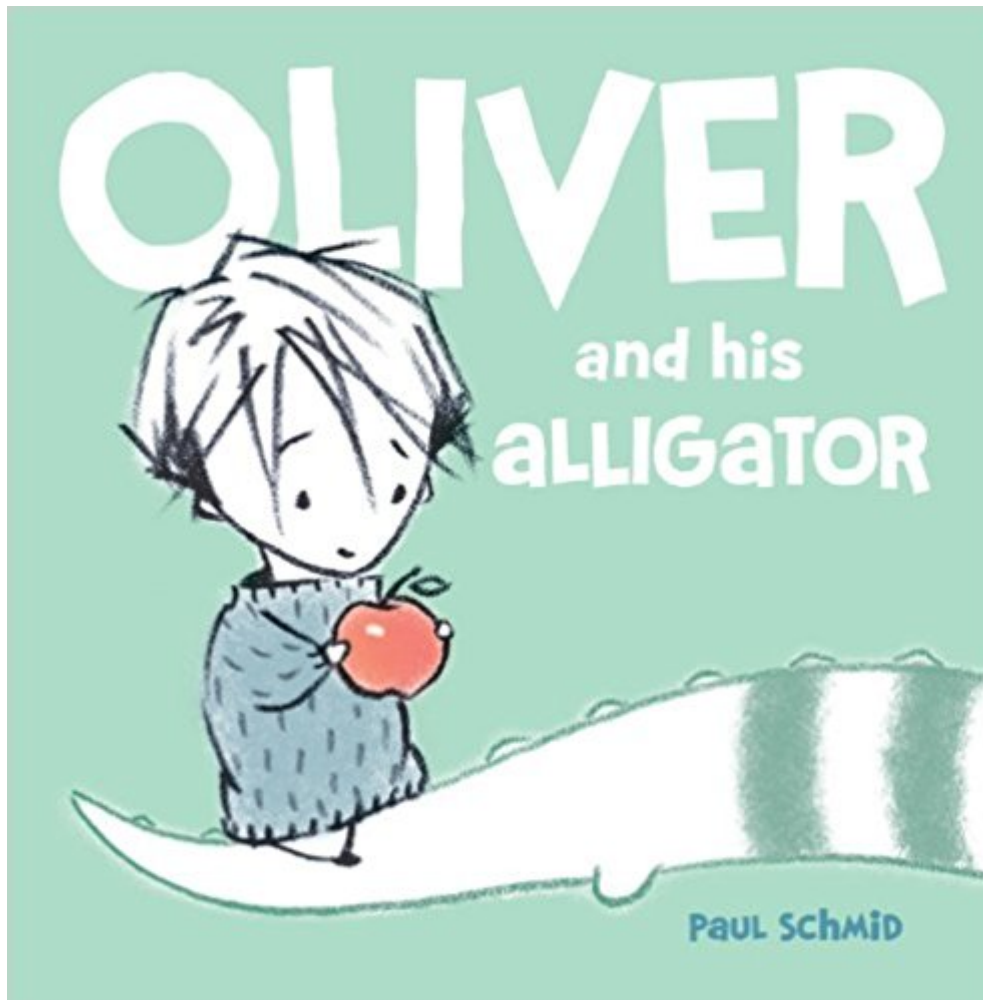




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# Oliver And His Alligator (Schmid, Paul)



## Synopsis

Oliver is nervous about the first day of school, so he picks up an alligator at the swamp, just in case. And boy, does it come in handy! Whenever anything scares Oliver-be it a teacher, a classmate, or the prospect of learning everything-the alligator makes the problem go away. Quickly, school becomes much simpler . . . and a little lonely. But Oliver knows just what to do! Paul Schmid's gentle, funny tale about overcoming first day of school jitters is destined to become a modern classic that fans of Olivia and Kevin Henkes' books will love.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

Oliver is quiet, shy, and a bit short on bravery. Facing his first day of school, Oliver picks up an alligator at his local swamp to help him make it through those fraught first interactions. When directed to "munch, munch," the alligator helpfully swallows Oliver's teacher and his classmates to spare the boy further anxiety. Finally, alone in his classroom and rather bored, Oliver hears the sounds of fun coming from inside his new companion. Ready to embrace the joy of community, he comes up with an unexpected solution. Schmid gives a standard tale a new twist by using a carnivorous reptile, usually an easy object of fear, as a vehicle for courage and security instead. Oliver's fears will be easily accessible to his young audience, and Schmid (Petunia

Goes Wild, 2012) uses solid but gently curving lines and light pastels to encompass both Oliver's glum trepidation and, later, his exuberant realization, giving the book a visual through line and a sense of happy fulfillment. A comfortable story to help ease young readers with their own transitions. Preschool-Kindergarten. --Jesse Karp

STARRED REVIEW: "Munch, munch! The simple, spare pastel pencil and digitally colored illustrations masterfully use both white space and the page turn to add to the humor." -- Kirkus "Oliver, first seen cradling a toy alligator and staring at an uneaten breakfast, dreads the first day of school. He 'felt his brave wasn't nearly as big as he needed it to be,'..." Schmid focuses on how a child uses imagination to devour, and finally to conquer, a fear of socializing." -- Publishers Weekly "The pink-cheeked little boy and his classmates are simply sketched but brimming with individuality. Young readers who are about to begin school will identify with the hero of this quirky story." -- School Library Journal "Readers will identify with Oliver's fears and eat up Schmid's adorable pastel illustrations." -- Chosen to be #7 of the 'Top 10' in the American Booksellers Association Summer 2013 Kids' Indie Next List

A super sweet first day of preschool book that is imaginative and charming. Oliver is nervous about the first day of preschool so he brings his alligator (invisible) to help him feel better. Oliver's alligator eventually swallows everyone and everything in Oliver's class leaving him alone and feeling not so scared. Oliver hears all of his classmates having class inside the alligator and decides his alligator should swallow him too. Concept is sweet and silly, not at all told in a scary way. I read this to threes and fours in my classroom and they love to talk about the story.

A very simple story about a young boy with an active imagination who is nervous on his first day of preschool. Very few words, but the book is very charming.

I love this story! Great for the beginning of the school year, especially for children nervous about going to school!

My students love this book - they laughed so much!

\Little scared kid worried about school and parents even more worried. Book helped all three of them. Hurray. Nice going.

One of the most darling children's books I have ever read. The illustrations are simple and very appealing to my boys, ages 2 and 4.

The kid loves it.

This is a nice and cute book.

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