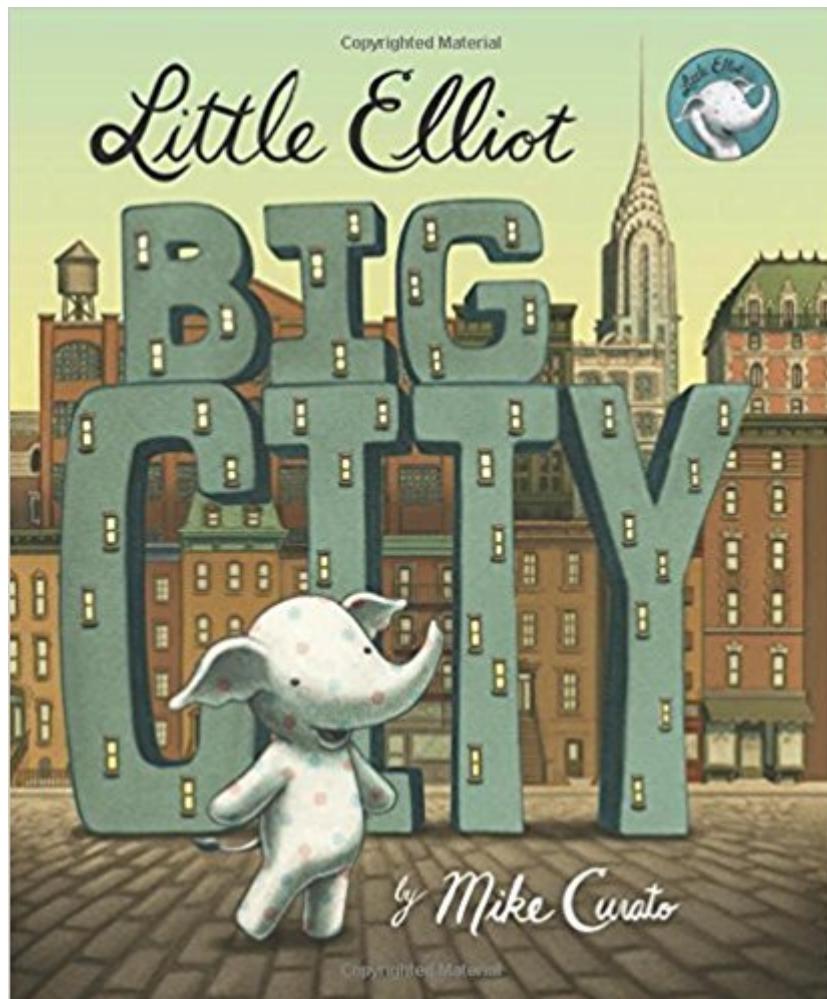


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# Little Elliot, Big City



## Synopsis

Amid the hustle and bustle of the big city, the big crowds and bigger buildings, Little Elliot leads a quiet life. In spite of the challenges he faces, Elliot finds many wonderful things to enjoy—like cupcakes! And when his problems seem insurmountable, Elliot discovers something even sweeter—a friend.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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“Little Elliot, with his upswept trunk and his angel-wing ears, is a cuddly-looking elephant with pastel polka dots all over his body, all the more amusingly incongruous living in a 1930s-esque version of New York City . . . Children will relate to Elliot’s experiences.” —The Horn Book  
“Curato, a debut author and illustrator, tucks several gentle messages into one simple story that’s perfect for the age group. It is, however, his almost cinematic artwork that’s the real showstopper.” —Booklist, STARRED REVIEW  
“A tiny, spotted elephant tackles the challenges of city life . . . The simple story is told in 17 short sentences that allow Curato’s magnificent 1940s-style illustrations to carry the tale.” —School Library Journal  
“He’s a

terrific emerging talent, with gorgeously rendered images that bring to mind the moodiness of Chris Van Allsburg and the sweetness of William Joyce. • Publisher's Weekly

Mike Curato has the fortune of possessing a designer's brain, an illustrator's heart, and an artist's vision. You can find him on any given day walking around the city eating a cupcake (or thinking about it).

You know, I'm not a child, and I don't have any children as well. But despite of this I bought this book and two other ones about Little Elliot. These books will tell you a few short but very cute and kind stories about that wonderful polka-dotted elephant and his friends, and these simple stories will touch your heart without a doubt, and will make you think about some important things in the life, no matter what is your age. They also have absolutely amazing, beautiful and of course very cute illustrations of excellent quality. I love good pictures, and pictures of these books definitely pleased me very much. Little Elliot will take a good place in your library, and maybe in your soul too (in mine he already did).

I bought this for my 2-year-old son for Christmas. He absolutely loves it. As soon as we finish reading it he begs me to read it again. We have fun finding the mouse or little Elliot throughout the story (on pages where it isn't super obvious). It also helps that we are both big cupcake fans. I think this book will continue to be great once he can understand that he might relate to the little elephant who is small in the big city. I love the muted drawings that look very 1940's, this is a really beautiful book and a great addition to our library!

Little Elliot Big City is a breath of fresh air in a children's lit marketplace glutted by drivel. It teaches children about finding happiness through generosity and overcoming obstacles by working together. The illustrations are gorgeous, beautifully drawn and colored. Every children's book should aspire to the high standard set by this impressive work. My kids requested it everyday for a month after we got it.

This book was simply delightful! The preschool and first graders I read it to, where I volunteer, loved it. Both the illustrations, which were set in the early 1950's, and the text were excellent! The text was simple enough for younger preschoolers and engaging and complex enough for older preschoolers and children in first or second grade. It is great for one on one story telling or for a larger group of

ten to twentyfive depending on the age group. Children loved to point out Elliot and the little mouse on each page. My only disappointment was that the little mouse didn't have a proper name, but the children had a lot of fun guessing his or her name! This is a touching story that has many teachable moments, the first of which is, that children should notice, be kind to, befriend and assist if needed, those children who are different from themselves. Also, this unique book teaches that everyone has problems and that some people have more difficult problems than others. And finally, this story teaches that we can accomplish more if we help each other out on a particular task, like Elliot finally getting his cupcake with the help of the little mouse. This story is among the very best for preschoolers! In the past, I have worked in the early childhood education field for over ten years.

Sincerely, Mary Beth K.

A lovely, charming, gentle book. I got it for my two-year-old, and she loves it so much, she literally sleeps with it. Great for older young children as well, who can often relate to the message and feelings; and the pictures are just beautiful. The rest of the series is just as lovely.

Little Elliott and his friend Mouse have won our hearts! What a delight Little Elliott is and his view of 1930s New York City is beautifully detailed as well. We have "Little Elliott, Big Family" and we can't wait for Mike Curato to publish more tales of Little Elliott and Mouse's adventures. In the meantime we'll keep reading and rereading the first two in the series, because they truly are enjoyable again and again. Which says a lot, because as the parent who is reading the books to the kids there are few books that I can finish and actually enjoy reading all over again immediately after!

For anyone who has felt small or insignificant in some way, this book will give you hope. Elliot finds what he needs to change his sadness to feeling on top of the world! This book touched me in so many ways. Besides making me smile, I identified with Elliot's love of cupcakes, my favorite sweet, too. I too loved that he likes small treasures, There's so much fun in finding a small treasure, just like the raccoon Dewey Bob recently published by Judy Schachner. I recommend Dewey Bob, too. Elliot and Dewey Bob would be fast friends in searching for small treasures.

Print quality not good colors are very dull

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