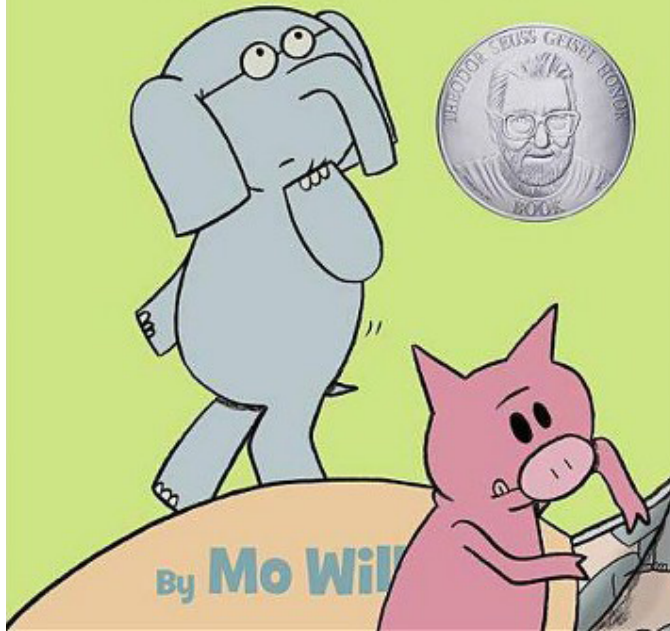


An **ELEPHANT & PIGGIE** Book

## We Are in a Book!



The project on the next page goes along with the book *We Are in a Book!* by Mo Willems.

If you don't have this book, click [here](#) to listen to the book read aloud by a member of The Ringling's Education Staff!

In this book, Piggie and Gerald discover that they're, well, in a book! The two friends have lots of fun making the reader say silly things. So much fun, in fact, they never want it to end! Like all books, however, this one must also end...but we can always read it again.

For the art activity on the next page, we are making our own books! Bind your books together and fill them with all kinds of words or art. It's okay if you fill all the pages, you can always add more!



Hatta Koshū (Japanese, 1760 - 1822), *Koshū's Picture Album*, Edo Period, 1812. Woodblock printed book; ink and color on paper. 10 1/4 × 6 15/16 × 9/16 in. Gift of Charles and Robyn Citrin, 2018. SN11629.161

### MUSEUM CONNECTION

This ROAR story was inspired by *Hatta Koshū's Picture Album*, click [here](#) to view it online.

New artists would use books like these as "copybooks" so they could learn how to draw certain objects. This book is filled with drawings of plants and animals! His drawings are known to be simple, but still lifelike and much cheaper to buy than an original painting. Is anything you drew in your book the same as what Koshū drew in his books?

### STANDARDS:

LAFS.K.RL.1.3

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VA.K.S.1.1

# ACTIVITY

WE ARE IN A BOOK!

**MATERIALS:**  
3-5 PIECES OF COLORED PAPER, HOLE PUNCH,  
STRING, MARKERS, STICKERS, AND MORE

DIFFICULTY LEVEL:  
**SIMPLE**



## MAKE YOUR OWN BOOK!

### DIRECTIONS

1. Fold all pieces of paper in half to make a crease. Along the crease, punch 2 holes: one at the top and one at the bottom.
2. Pull the string through both holes and tie a knot against the spine.
3. Your book is now complete! Fill the pages with drawings, paintings, stickers, stories, poems, or whatever you'd like! Look around your home to find things you could use for your book!

### WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE WHAT YOU CREATE!

Click [here](#) to share your masterpiece on our Family Programs Facebook Group!

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