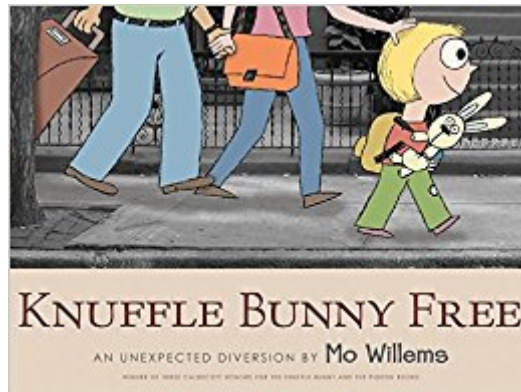




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Knuffle Bunny Free: An Unexpected Diversion (Knuffle Bunny Series)



Synopsis

Trixie and her family are off on a fantastic trip to visit her grandparents—all the way to Holland! But does Knuffle Bunny have different travel plans? An emotional tour de force, Knuffle Bunny Free concludes one of the most beloved picture-book series in recent memory, with pitch-perfect text and art, photos from around the world, and a stunning foldout spread, culminating in a hilarious and moving surprise that no child or parent will be able to resist. Bestselling, award-winning author Mo Willems has created an epic love story as only he can, filled with the joys and sadness of growing up—and the unconditional love that binds a father, mother, daughter, and a stuffed bunny.

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Customer Reviews

A Look Inside Knuffle Bunny Free: An Unexpected Diversion (Click on Images to Enlarge)

Trixie on a trip Knuffle Bunny on a plane

PreS-K—Knuffle Bunny goes international when Trixie and her family fly to Holland to see Oma and Opa. Trixie, excited and slightly sleepy, leaves her toy rabbit behind and doesn't miss him

until the plane is on the way to China. Although the grown-ups encourage her to be brave because she's "getting bigger," Trixie remains in a funk until she dreams about her special toy and all the children he encounters on his travels. Soon the visit ends, and Trixie is back on the plane where Knuffle Bunny is waiting in the seat pocket. Just when the story might end, Trixie shows just how brave (and grown up) she is. She gives him to a crying baby and becomes Knuffle Bunny free. At the end, Daddy includes a note to his daughter with the hope that the toy might return years later when she has her own child. Willems once again conveys a range of emotions through limited text and outstanding illustrations. His sensitivity to children's needs allows the humor to come through without devaluing the feelings. The familiar style of photographs with original drawings takes readers along on the journey from New York to Holland, but also from babyhood to childhood. Friends and fans of Knuffle Bunny will readily notice the passage of time since the lovable bunny made his first appearance. Mommy and Daddy have new hairdos, and Trixie is a big girl now. This one is a must-have. Carolyn Janssen, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County
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I had just become familiar with Mo Willems' Pigeon books when my son's preschool teacher recommended the Knuffle Bunny books to me. I read them all, and this one actually brought me to tears at the end. Not only because of the sweetness of the story, but because of the note to his daughter at the conclusion of the book. I had my own Knuffle Bunny in my Brown Bear, that I've had since I was a baby. When my son was born, I passed Brown Bear down to him, and at 7, he continues to sleep with him every night. I think reading about a child's love for her stuffed animal, and her decision at the end, was so touching, and so relatable to anyone who has really loved a toy or a stuffed animal. I am so glad I learned about these books, and imagine they are ones that will be passed down among the generations - hopefully with Brown bear.

I would love to read this trilogy aloud to my kids' classes but I have yet to get through the epilogue without crying. My kids do not sleep with stuffed animals but we all love this series over the pigeon or Piggie & Gerold series (who make cameos for sure). The Knuffle series is the most realist Willems work in my opinion and the stories and illustrations are genuine. I may be biased since the series show a strong root in New York City, where I have roots, but I think the stories are universal. Sad that this is the end of a wonderful trilogy.

This is my favorite of the trilogy and I cannot read it to my daughter without getting teary eyed at the end. Beautiful book and probably my favorite children's book.

We love Mo Willems books and we have almost all his books. I love this story more than my 6 years old. (I'm sure she'll get it as she gets older). This will be added to our collection.

I bought the Knuffle Bunny series for my own children, and have now started buying them as gifts for others as well. The stories are adorable, and who CAN'T relate to having their own beat-up, much-loved, Knuffle-Bunny-like stuffed animal? This last book, about "outgrowing," yet still loving, your own Knuffle Bunny, makes me tear up every time -- in a good way!

By far my favorite of the trilogy. Brings the knuffle bunny series to a close in such a heartfelt way. I won't give away the ending but I think the title does to some extent anyways. Brought tears to my eyes when Trixie was in the bath and she knew she was getting bigger, "even if she wished she wasn't." Ok, maybe my postpartum hormones have a part to play in that but still, this will tug at the heart strings of any parent. My son loves all of his Mo Willems books and this is no exception. Buy it, you won't be disappointed.

I was not ready for this book nor the ending. I could not stop crying as I read it to my 2.5 year old tonight. Of course, developmentally, she doesn't get the concept yet so she was confused as to why mommy was crying. As I came out of her room sobbing, I told my husband to not read it EVER!! Ok, I really didn't mean that. I'm sure he will want to read it tomorrow. It's a perfect ending to the trilogy but man, did it bring up a lot of emotions. Bravo Mo! Bravo!

We love all the Knuffle bunny stories!

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