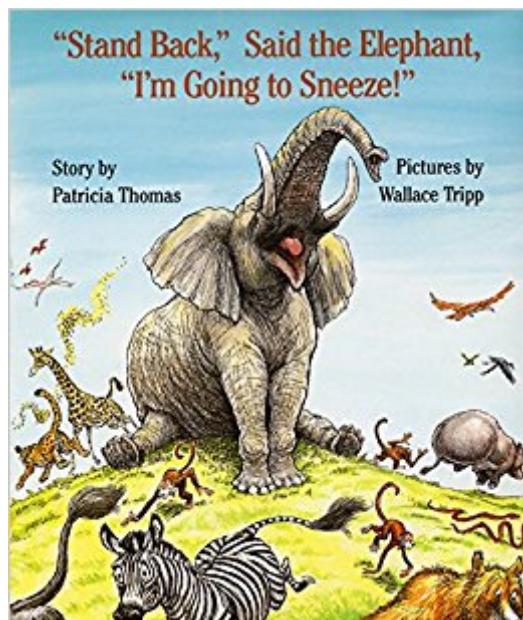


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# "Stand Back," Said The Elephant, "I'm Going To Sneeze!"



## Synopsis

All the animals are in a panic. The elephant's sneeze would blow the monkeys out of the trees, the feathers off the birds, the stripes off the zebra. Even the fish and the fly, the crocodile and the kangaroo, know what a catastrophe that sneeze would be. "Please don't sneeze!" they beg. . . . The classic story of an enormous sneeze in the marking, told in sprightly nonsense verse, has been newly illustrated in full color to delight a new generation of fans.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Patricia Thomas was raised on a small farm in western Pennsylvania and attended a one-room school. She received a B.S. degree from Pennsylvania State University. The author of several rhymed picture book texts, she now works as writer and editor of publications at Marywood College. She lives with her husband in Carbondale, Pennsylvania. They have four children and ten grandchildren. Wallace Tripp studied at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. He has illustrated more than fifty children's books. Mr. Tripp and his wife run a greeting card company in Peterborough, New Hampshire. They have three children, two dogs, and two cats.

I first read "Stand Back, I'm Going to Sneeze!" when my children were little, and now all these years later, it still brings a chuckle or two. The story is written in rhyme with

lots of humor by Patricia Thomas, and Wallace Tripp's artwork is charming. If you can get your hands on a copy of this delightful picture story book, it would be a perfect gift for the young ones in your life. All of the animals panic when the elephant says he going to sneeze.

"Beware, beware, Called the bees to the bear. The elephant says he's going to sneeze. "Oh, please, Not a sneeze, "That's not fair. I declare, The last time he sneezed he blew off all my hair, And left me so bare I spent the whole winter in long underwear." I love children's books, but this is undeniably one of my favorite. I give it 5 stars.

I was given this book back in 1987 as a gift. It's a fun story about an elephant warning his animal neighbors about his impending sneeze. It was a great story and my father read it to me and my siblings almost every night. I recently purchased it for my niece so my father can read it to her. It is a funny little book perfect for young children and the story is interesting enough to encourage children to read it themselves as-well. Also the illustrations on each page are colorful and drawn in such away you can see the reactions of the animals which perfectly accentuate the words written on the page.

My kids loved this book, and I got a kick out of reading this to them. I purchased this one as a gift, and I know it will be a favorite. My sister-in-law saw it for the first time the other day, and I got her to read it aloud to us. What a hoot!

My grand kids were so excited to get this book from me for Easter. It arrived on time and as described by the seller. Very Happy with it.

The grandkids love this book. I plan to buy some more for gifts!

I first encountered this book over 20 years ago when it was given to us for our children. It is the hilarious story of the reactions of the other animals when, as the title states, the elephant announces that he has to sneeze. The objections and pleas of the other various animals are each quite funny, the pictures help children to understand the animal's concerns/fears, & the rest of the book is unbelievably uproariously hilarious (I refuse to spoil your enjoyment by going into the details). The poetry of the text is reminiscent of DR. Seuss, but in my opinion, BETTER! Both boys & girls enjoy

this book. I have read it to an assortment of kids at a birthday party for my boys (20 some years ago) & recently have given it to my godson for his daughter and also have given it as a birthday gift for a friend's daughter- it is ALWAYS a hit! I highly recommend this book for children age 3 up to 9 as well as for their parents/grandparents, etc. Older kids may also enjoy it, if only in their memory. Guaranteed to please!

It was recommended by another librarian and was OK. Maybe it was a bit wordy and tedious for my class.

I'm usually pretty cynical about children's books nowadays -- insipid, inane, politicized, or worse, bastardized versions of older and better stories. Not this book. It's creative, intelligent, funny, and like the old Bugs Bunny cartoons, gives something both the old and the young can appreciate. Where can I find more books like this one?

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