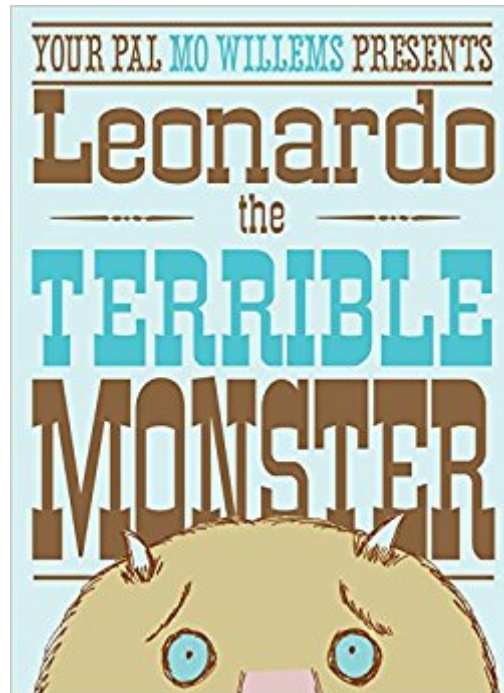




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Leonardo, The Terrible Monster



Synopsis

Leonardo is truly a terrible monster-terrible at being a monster that is. No matter how hard he tries, he can't seem to frighten anyone. Determined to succeed, Leonardo sets himself to training and research. Finally, he finds a nervous little boy, and scares the tuna salad out of him! But scaring people isn't quite as satisfying as he thought it would be. Leonardo realizes that he might be a terrible, awful monster-but he could be a really good friend.

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Age Range: 3 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

Customer Reviews

Starred Review. PreSchool-Grade 1 *Leonardo is a terrible monster—terrible as in he can't scare anybody. He's not big, doesn't have hundreds of teeth, and isn't even weird. So one day he comes up with an idea: He would find the most scaredy-cat kid in the whole world—and scare the tuna salad out of him! After much research, he chooses Sam, sneaks up on him, and [gives] it all he [has]. When the boy cries, Leonardo is convinced that he is a success. But Sam proceeds to recite a litany of wrongs that actually brought on his tears: My mean big brother stole my action figure right out of my hands—, and on and on. Leonardo makes a decision that is sure to surprise and delight readers. Willems's familiar cartoon drawings work hand in glove with the brief text to tell this perfectly paced story. It is printed on pastel grounds in large,*

fancy letters that change color for emphasis. Sam's list of woes marches across a spread.

Leonardo, a small greenish-beige creature with tiny horns; blue eyes; and pink nose, hands, and feet, first appears in a lower right-hand corner looking dejected, but when he makes his momentous decision, his circular head fills two pages. His antics to produce a scare will have youngsters laughing, while the asterisk next to the number of monster Tony's teeth (*note: not all teeth shown) will have grown-ups chuckling, too. A surefire hit. —Marianne Saccardi, Norwalk Community College, CT Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

PreS-K. "Your Pal, Mo Willems," as the cover reads, offers a simple message-driven story, elevated by a smart, striking design. Leonardo is supposed to be a terrible monster, but he's just terrible at his monstrous craft. Small, with big blue eyes, a blue tongue, and a furry body, Leonardo looks like a tiny, unassuming brother of a Wild Thing. He gets an idea: find the most "scaredy-cat kid" in the world and "scare the tuna salad" out of him. He finds Sam, who seems an easy mark and bursts into tears. But on a clever double-page spread, Willems lists the real reasons Sam is crying, starting with "My mean big brother stole the action figure out of my hands" and ending with a bird's pooping on Sam's head. After thinking it over, Leonardo decides to move from terrible monster to wonderful friend. This oversize book uses thick paper in the colors of a desert sunset. Sam and Leonardo take up very little room on the large pages; the old-fashioned lettering dominates the expanse of color. A winner for story hours, with plenty of discussion possibilities. Ilene Cooper Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

Mo Willems books are fantastic. I am a "SMART Reader" volunteer in an Oregon elementary school and hands down Gerald and Piggie books are the most popular books the children will pick. I have ordered my own to have at home for my own special needs grandson who learned to read thanks to Gerald and Piggie. All of us volunteers to role playing with the books...and then I discovered LEONARD the TERRIBLE MONSTER...this is the new favorite here at home and my kids at school love this one now too. Thank you so much for what you do, you have made a difference in the lives of about 30 kids in one elementary school in Oregon and we all LOVE, LOVE, LOVE LEONARDO!

This is a great book and Mo Willems as always is a fun author to read. My daughter received this book as a gift about 7 years ago and we purchased a copy for a relative. Modern classic. Book came in great condition.

Leonardo IS a terrible monster, because he's terrible at being a monster. He just isn't scary. But Leonardo learns, with the help of a little boy named Sam, that he is GREAT at being himself and being a friend. A great story for kids, with Willems' wonderful illustrations, about figuring out who they are, what they're good at, and accepting themselves for who they are!

One of my favorite books!

This book is a gem. It teaches your child that no matter what, your child will be loved for being who they are. The illustrations are scary but in a friendly way. The book is a little big in size to my liking, but my daughter loves it. I could see it being used for story time at the library or a similar gathering. Mo Willems is a genius.

Mo Willems is one of the great children's authors of our time. Don't be thrown off by the title, Leonardo the Terrible Monster is a sweet story about friendship with a twist. When Leonardo (a monster) can't scare anyone, he sets out to find a scardy-cat kid. He finds Sam. However, Leonardo discovers that maybe being a scary monster isn't what will make him happy and that being a friend might just be more satisfying. With its silly illustrations and funny text, it captivates both children and parents alike. We received this book as a gift for my then, 3 year old son. We loved it so much that we've since bought it twice as a gift for two other children in our life. Our family highly recommends this book - you will not be disappointed!

We bought Leonardo, the Terrible Monster as a gift for some friends since we love it so much in our family. My daughter has enjoyed this story since she was very small. It's about a little monster who is terrible at being a scary monster. In the end, Leonardo learns that he can be more than just a terrible monster. My daughter loves the pictures, and we have fun reading the simple story in silly voices.

It is Mo Willems what is not too love! This book is adorable and offers joy to young and old readers alike. I love reading this story to my kiddos. If you have not read Mo Willems' books before, you are in for a real treat!

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