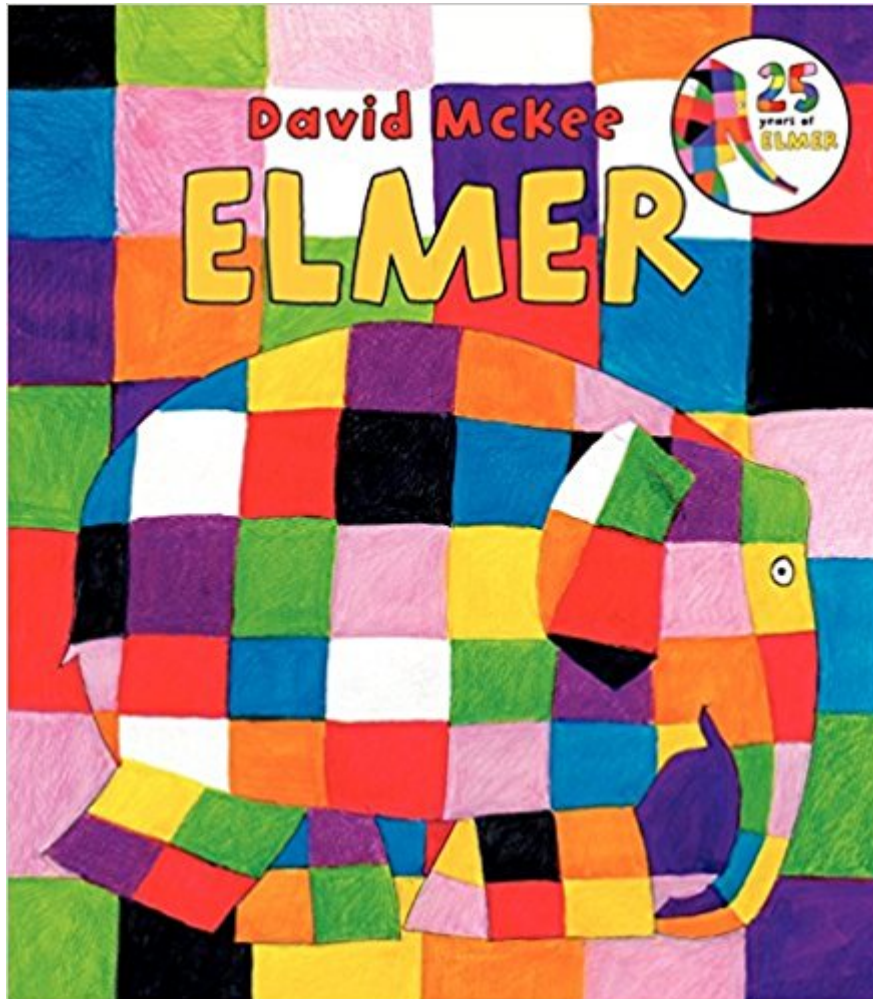




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# Elmer Board Book



## Synopsis

"McKee's gentle humor and love of irony are in full force in this celebration of individuality and laughter." —Publishers Weekly  
Elmer the elephant is bright-colored patchwork all over. No wonder the other elephants laugh at him! If he were ordinary elephant color, the others might stop laughing. That would make Elmer feel better, wouldn't it? David McKee's comical fable about everyone's favorite patchwork elephant teaches readers to be themselves and celebrates the power of laughter. This board book edition has sturdy, thick pages, perfect for the youngest readers.

## Book Information

Board book: 32 pages

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Product Dimensions: 0.5 x 7 x 7 inches

Shipping Weight: 13.6 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 stars 145 customer reviews

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Grade Level: Preschool and up

## Customer Reviews

Elmer the elephant is a colorful character. His heady optimism and unbridled sense of humor keep the entire community in a cheery mood. And Elmer's unusual multicolored checkerboard hide is the wonder of all the other elephants, who are characteristically gray. In spite of his sunny disposition, Elmer begins to feel conspicuous. He starts to believe the others are laughing at him because of his crazy patchwork coat. When Elmer discovers a bush in the jungle with elephant-colored berries, he shakes the bush and rolls in a berry mash until he is as gray as the others. Now no one seems to notice him; for a time he enjoys his anonymity, but after a while he begins to realize just how quiet and dull things are when he's not around. Finally the practical joker in Elmer emerges, and he soon has the whole gang laughing again. McKee's gentle humor and love of irony are in full force in this celebration of individuality and laughter. Well-designed spreads are washed with stunning color and

the use of textured, painted and airbrushed surfaces contributes to the powerful visual impression. Ages 4-7. Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

PreSâ "The story of the patchworked pachyderm, who just celebrated his 25th birthday, is now available in board book form. A new generation of children can traipse through the jungle with Elmer as he meets friends and learns to embrace his unique style. Though the text might be a tad long for toddler storytimes, the bright colors and comic facial expressions will charm young listeners.

Such a sweet story that children will love! Elmer is a likeable character with whom many children can relate, as they join him in solving his problem. My school students loved this story and when I've purchased it for friends' children/grandchildren, they too loved the story.

I have loved the Elmer books since I read the first one... Who wouldn't love a nice bright elephant? I bought this book and the plush and another elephant book to send to an unknown child for a book exchange.

This is one of my favorite books. It's great for children AND adults! Came in perfect condition!

Great story about accepting who you are. Embracing the idea of not being just like everyone else....others love you for who you are. God created us all to be unique and special -- let children hear that message in this sweet, well written story!

What a beautiful book! Elmer is different than the rest and only wants to be like everyone else. He learns a valuable lesson when he tries doing so.

The book itself is pretty adorable. Colorful with a good message about how being unique in your appearance is actually a good thing. However, our book arrived warped. I have ordered 3 books off in the past month or so in 2 different shipments and all three have arrived warped where they don't lay flat. Two of them I was able to correct by laying heavy school books on them for a few days, but Elmer was too big of a book so it didn't work.

This is one of my favorite books for kindergarten. Children are often worried about be different from

their peers. This books shows them that being yourself is really the best.

My daughters and I love this book, but I subtracted a star because it is not quite the same story I expected. We checked it out of the library a couple times, then had to have our own edition. The story and illustrations are slightly changed. My daughters, ages 2 and 4, noticed the changes, and I think the story misses out a little. For example, the library book starts with a bit booming sound in the jungle and all the animals are startled, but then we find out it's just the herd of the happy elephants who are laughing. The book I just bought begins saying "There was once a herd of elephants," but then it goes on to say that they were happy. Also, this edition does not have the bird who helps Elmer in covering himself with elephant-colored berries. Same story, but some very sweet details are missing. I don't know why they've shortened the story; maybe they think children cannot stay focused for the longer version. In any case, I will be looking for an older edition, or maybe there's a current book with the same story. Overall great book, but it has been better.

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