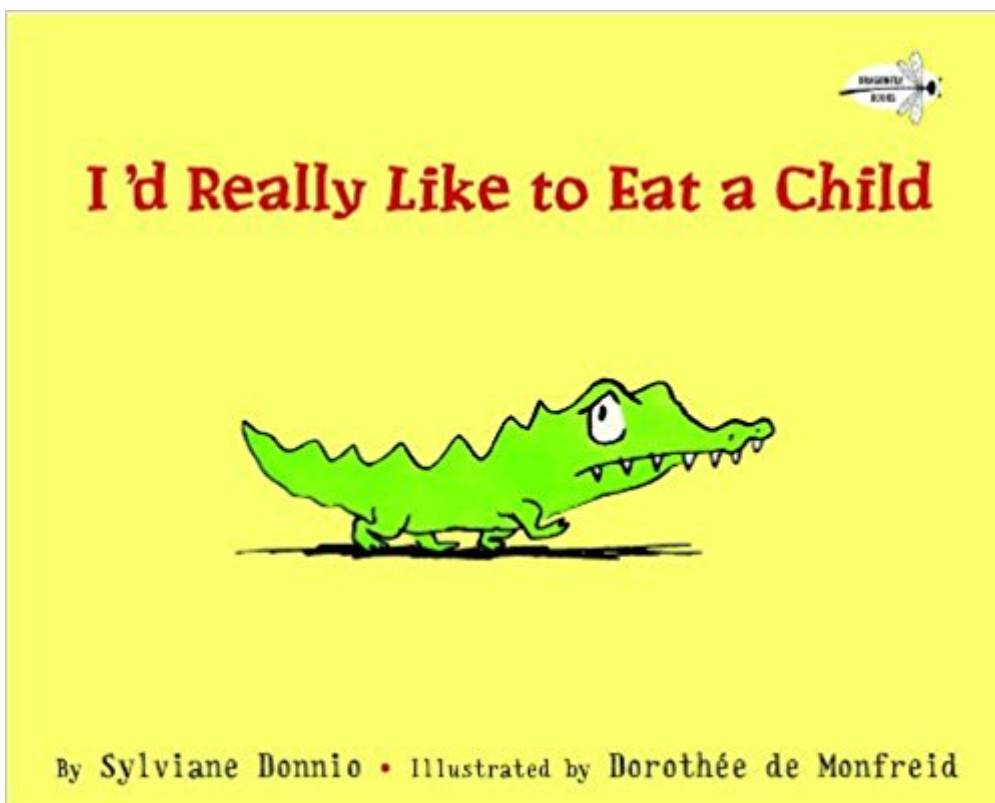


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# I'd Really Like To Eat A Child



## Synopsis

A scrawny little crocodile wants the opportunity to bite off more than he can chew. He's tired of bananas; today he'd like to eat a child. But he's smaller than he thinks, and the little girl he chooses for his first meal puts him in his place—she picks him up and tickles his tummy! The little crocodile is going to have to eat a lot of bananas and grow a lot bigger before he can add children to his menu! Simple yet hilarious artwork brings this droll story to life.

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## Customer Reviews

Oh, growing up is so hard! There's so much you want and so much you can't do yet. Little Achilles is a crocodile who decides one morning that he's grown beyond his diet of bananas. "Today, I'd really like to eat a child," he tells his mother. She reasons with him: "What an idea!...Well, children don't grow on banana trees, only bananas do, and that's what I have for breakfast!" But Achilles won't be swayed, not even by sausage or cake. And when he happens upon a girl child by the river, it looks like his culinary dream might come true... French author-illustrator team Sylviane Donnio and Dorothee de Monfreid have perfectly captured the hubris of childhood in this droll story. Young Achilles is so darn cute, and so sure of himself, readers will fall instantly in love. And the encounter with the girl at the river bank is priceless. --Emilie Coulter --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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•Picky Achilles, a small crocodile, refuses to eat his bananas for breakfast and matter-of-factly explains that he'd rather eat a child. Despite the delicious chocolate cake his parents make to whet his appetite, Achilles is insistent. As he walks down to the river, he notices an opportunity  
•a young girl sitting on the riverbank. Droll humor saves the day as Achilles meets his match. Sunny cartoon illustrations capture the setting with grass huts and tropical trees in the background. The yellow endpapers with silhouetted bananas add additional flavor. Rereading will be a delight.  
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We bought this as a gift for our nephew's birthday. He is only 1, but they have a ton of toys and clothes from their older son, and books are what they just need most right now. His mom opened the gift more so than the baby. And when she saw this particular book among the others, she laughed so hard! She asked where did we find it because it was so different and funny. So I would definitely recommend this to buy for people who like really silly books to read to their kids.

This cute little book made my 5yr old boy smile and giggle. When I asked what he learned from the book, he said "to always eat a healthy breakfast to grow big and strong". I am happy with that. I thought the ending was cute but abrupt. It left us wanting more - again, a good thing from a book. Great, quick read for bedtime.

Little Alligator is tired of eating bananas... he wants to eat a CHILD. But his parents in their wisdom insist that a child is not available whereas bananas are. Alligator decides to see for himself and easily finds a child but is surprised when his dream is thwarted. So back to his parents he goes to get bigger by eating bananas. This cute story is understood by adults, but children may find a different message. Read with caution to young children. The illustrations are delightful.

I got this for a couple kids I babysit (ages four and five, siblings) and they absolutely love it! This book is so adorable, vibrant, and certainly has that subtle capacity to be a teaching tool without sounding too obvious. Plus, if the kids keep asking me to read it, then it's gotta be awesome to them too, five stars for the great laughs we got from this one :D

I am excited to read this to my little guy, once he is a little older! My wife and I were laughing so hard. Great little book :)

My 3-year-old girl adores this book! And so do we - her parents. It's cute, fun, a bit irreverent... but it's also a nice subtle little lesson for picky eaters. Our daughter has actually eaten bites of things she previously avoided because she said she wants to grow bigger like Achilles does! That's an added success I wasn't expecting.

My daughter (3years old) is obsessed with all things alligator/crocodile. This book is so cute It has colorful drawings. It is about Achilles the little alligator who refuses to eat his healthy food BC he would rather eat a child, but when he goes down to the water and he sees a little girl he wants to eat, but he is so small, that she just picks him up and tosses him in the water. After that encounter he decides he should eat the healthy food his parents have for him so he can grow big and strong. We also bought the Melissa and Doug alligator sleeping bag to be her Achilles, which made this book even better!

The book is really cute, but the spine is broken and the pages are damaged. Disappointed as it was meant to be a gift

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