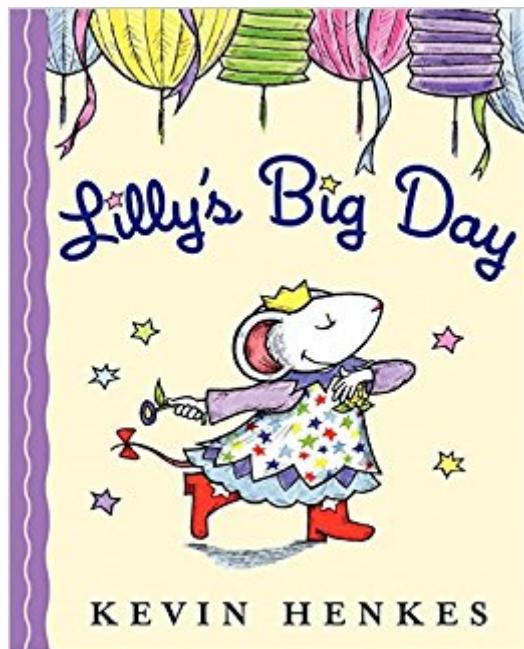


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# Lilly's Big Day



## **Synopsis**

Lilly, the star of Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse; Julius, the Baby of the World; and Chester's Way, rises to the occasion as only Lilly can, turning heartbreak into wedding cake (a delicious three-tiered frosted Swiss cheese, no less), and disappointment into friendship. This is the paperback edition of the acclaimed #1 New York Times bestseller by Caldecott Medalist Kevin Henkes. What is the single most thrilling thing that could happen to Lilly in her whole entire life? Her favorite teacher, Mr. Slinger, is getting married, and Lilly is going to be his flower girl! Well, Lilly, thinks she is going to be his flower girl. It turns out that Mr. Slinger's niece Ginger is the official flower girl. But Lilly wasn't called "the Scarlett O'Hara of the elementary school set" without reason. This award-winning and beautifully illustrated picture book about friendship, perseverance, loyalty, love, weddings, and family is the companion to the bestselling classic, Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Kindergarten-Grade 2-When her teacher, Mr. Slinger, announces that he is going to marry Ms. Shotwell, the school nurse, the indomitable Lilly takes her role as flower girl at their wedding for granted. Of course, he hasn't asked her-yet-but the young mouse commences practicing her very slow walk, eyebrows raised, hands in front grasping her imaginary bouquet. Her parents give her

reasons why her plan might go awry. Do you understand-Â? they ask. I understand that I'm going to be a flower girl, she responds. At school, she writes Mr. Slinger a note, declaring herself The World's Best and Most Famous Flower Girl. He finally persuades her to be an assistant to his niece, and Lilly rises to the rescue in a surprise twist that satisfies everybody. Henkes's familiar watercolor cartoons elaborate on the witty text. The desperate looks on Lilly's parents' and Mr. Slinger's faces are priceless. Full-page vignettes depict the little protagonist proudly practicing her flower-girl walk, which is eventually taken up by all the wedding guests at the reception. Adults will especially enjoy the shopping scene in which the sales lady pronounces Lilly adorable and her Granny silently quips, in small doses. But big doses of this feisty rodent will suit her many fans just fine.-Marianne Saccardi, formerly at Norwalk Community College, CT Copyright Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

**\*Starred Review\*** Pres-K. Lilly returns to some wonderful news: her beloved teacher, Mr. Slinger, is getting married. "It will be the biggest day of my life," he says. "Mine, too," whispers Lilly, who has always wanted to be a flower girl. Lilly, in cowboy boots and boa, marches around the next spread in many and varied poses--smiling brightly, looking demure, eyebrows raised, always with her hands in front of her, carrying an imaginary small bouquet. Lilly tells her parents that she's going to be Mr. Slinger's flower girl, but they inform her that since he hasn't asked her, that probably won't happen. Sure enough, some niece named Ginger has been tapped for the role, which makes Lilly both sad and mad. Mr. Slinger tries to smooth the situation by appointing Lilly Ginger's assistant, a not entirely satisfactory compromise until Lilly finds a way to share the spotlight. As in the previous books about Lilly, Henkes catches the hopes and dreams of children along with their stubborn belief that the world will turn the way they push it. And though Henkes mines no new ground artistically, he provides so many clever, captivating touches in each scene, there's always something new to look at. Ilene CooperCopyright Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

A great follow-up to Lilly's previous book. Lilly is such a unique, lovable character. Her darling teacher Mr. Slinger is getting married, and Lilly gets it in her head that she's going to be the flower girl at his wedding. Lilly is disappointed to learn this isn't the case but accepts the job as "assistant to the flower girl." Of course there's a problem at the wedding, and of course Lilly saves the day! A great story for helping kids learn how to deal with handling disappointments appropriately.

Our granddaughter who is four is going to be a flower girl in November. She was kind of afraid of the idea. I bought her this book about Lilly who wanted to be the flower girl at her teachers wedding. It's a darling story and now Sydney is talking about walking down the isle at her cousins wedding. And seems to be looking forward to it.

My granddaughters love the Lilly stories. I have two granddaughters, 5 and 6 years old. The older of the two has read Lilly stories for a couple years. Lilly's escapades are memorable and understandable; easy for children to identify with. Both my granddaughters love Lilly so much they frequently ask for this grandma to take Lilly on adventures, when we are waiting at restaurants, or when we're driving in our car. Lilly is a big favorite with our whole family.

This is such a cute book!! My first graders love Lilly and they love Mr. Henkes' books.

I bought this book for the flower girl in my wedding and it really helped her to understand what it meant to be a flower girl! In the end, she even walked down the aisle just like Lilly does in the book. Cute and entertaining children's book...high recommend it as a pre-wedding gift for your flower girl!

This is a great book for early elementary aged children. Lilly is one of several mice characters in a few of Kevin Henkes' books. Kevin Henkes is an amazing author...if you get the chance order and read more of his books (Wemberly Worried, Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse, Chester's Way, and many, many more)!!!

Just what she wanted for school.

My family ADORES Lilly and Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse has been a favorite in our house for the last three years. This book is just as good. Lilly is seriously every child- adorably egocentric- and kid's can relate to her wishes and experiences. It's a fun book for the grown-ups too!

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