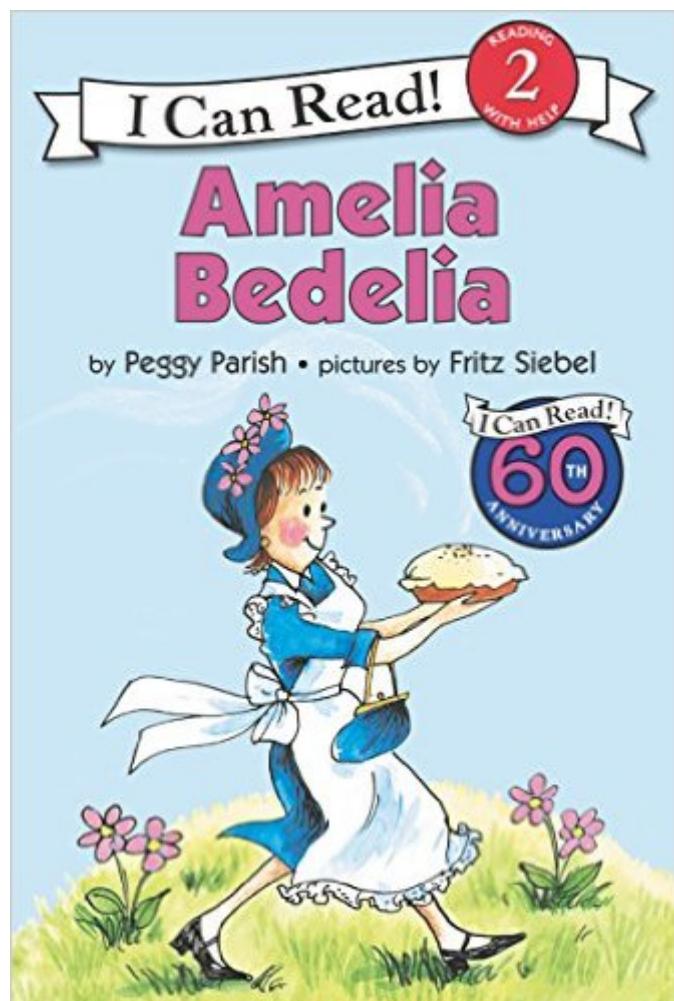


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# Amelia Bedelia (I Can Read Book)



## **Synopsis**

From dressing the chicken to drawing the drapes, Amelia Bedelia does exactly what Mr. and Mrs. Rogers tell her to do. If things get a bit mixed up, well, that's okay. When Amelia Bedelia is involved, everything always turns out perfectly in the end!

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

Amelia Bedelia is one of the many well-known children's book character I had heard of but never read. My first encounter with her was reading one of the current boring books to my son's kindergarten class. This is what happen's when you forget to bring your own book for reader of the day. The upside? It made me curious about the original Amelia Bedelia and I found the fantastic 50th anniversary edition. This edition includes the original 1963 Peggy Parish story and Fritz Siebel illustrations along with seven pages of pictures and notes describing the story's creation and information about the author and illustrator. The physical book itself is lovely. A large 9x11 size with soft cream pages and crisply printed black ink illustration shaded with gray and highlighted with a medium green. If you aren't already familiar with Amelia, she is a literal minded maid who uses dusting powder to "dust" the furniture, a pen and paper to "draw" the drapes, and ribbon and lace to "trim" the fat on the steak. It's a vintage story so some things are old fashion and out of date. I had

to explain "drawing" the drapes and "dressing" the chicken to my five year old. Mr Rogers, Amelia's employer, is smoking a pipe in the first picture and there are several pictures of Mrs. Rogers wearing a fox stole (you know the ones with a full fox head). Also in the end notes there is a picture of Peggy Parish's "Let's Be Indian" - cringe worthy. Really though, it's a funny story and my son belly laughs through most of it. It's a treat to be able to buy a new copy of a vintage classic.

My daughter was having some trouble coming up to speed on her reading skills, and this book was really helpful to her. I tend to like the I Can Read Books, anyway, but this one in particular helped my daughter, because she was so fond of the story itself. Amelia Bedelia is loveable and absurd. Kids can really relate to the humor -- Amelia Bedelia finds herself in trouble over misunderstanding the dual meanings of words. This is a good illustration of what not understanding the full meaning of a word can do to a person (and all the trouble that it can create) and it's something that every child has come across at some point or another. It is ridiculous and funny, and what kid doesn't like ridiculous and funny? This is a good one, particularly for girls, I think, since the Amelia is female, and there don't seem to be as many books out there starring women or girls as there should be.

Without a doubt, the Amelia Bedelia books stand tall as good literature in the "I Can Read" genre -- a genre notorious for less-than-interesting stories, owing to the fact that it is subject to limited vocabulary lists. Peggy Parish uses these limitations to her benefit, however, creating a whimsical character in Amelia Bedelia, a woman who takes everything literally (for example, a request to prune the hedges causes Amelia to stick prunes on the hedges, and when asked to draw the drapes in the living room, Amelia scrambles for her pencil and notepad to sketch them). Amelia Bedelia's peculiarities make for a memorable story -- one that kids will read over and over, and one that parents won't mind sitting in on. This book is highly recommended. (Okay, okay, I loved it when I was a kid!) And hey, be sure to catch all the other Amelia Bedelia books as well.

My niece just started first grade. I sat next to her while she read this entire book, with minimal help. The book is so well written for the young reader, and the children feel such a sense of accomplishment in that they can actually read it themselves. The plot is very enjoyable, too.

Amelia Bedelia is the funniest book that I ever seen in my entire life. My favorite part of the book was when Amelia Bedelia dressed the chicken in overalls and socks! I couldn't stop laughing about the chicken that was dressed. I love Amelia Bedelia books they are so funny that I could laugh even

when I was reading the book. I really think that Amelia Bedelia is the funniest book in the world! They are so funny that even when I was done with the book I still was laughing! I still think about Amelia Bedelia at school.

I believe Amelia Bedelia is one of the most wonderful children books. Small wonder it has been printed and reprinted for so many years. I was this past weekend with two boys, ages five and seven, on a car ride. While sitting with them and trying to make conversation, I remembered the long lost book, Amelia Bedelia. I had read it with my own daughter, many years ago. Even though the two boys had not read the book, I explained to them some of the things that Amelia Bedelia used to do when left alone in the house. We spent the rest of the ride with them thinking of "other" things Amelia Bedelia would be capable of doing. Those two young minds were working overtime trying to figure all kinds of "do as told" (literal) things that Amelia might do. Not for a second they wondered "are we there yet?" And we all laughed and had a wonderful time. This is why I came tonight to .com to get this two little ones a copy of the book. I know they will get many hours of entertainment reading and talking about the book. I don't think too many children books are able to do that! And I also know that I will be back at .com getting other books on the series to give to children in our family. It is a wonderful way to encourage reading and thinking. Children today, when faced with so much television and other media, can use more of both thinking and reading. Especially while having a great time!

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