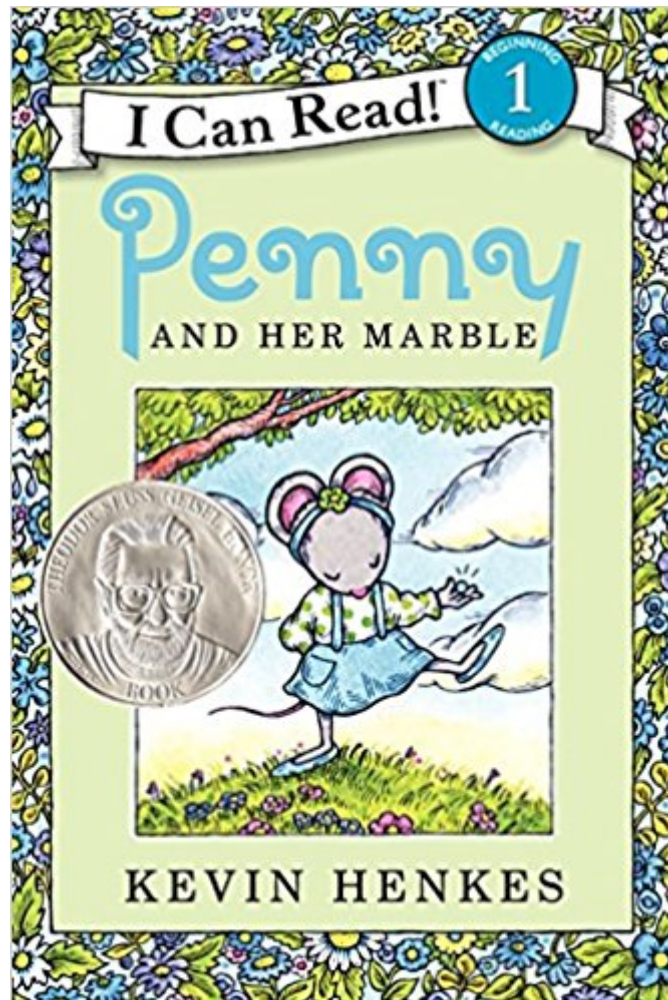


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# Penny And Her Marble (I Can Read Level 1)



## Synopsis

In the third easy-to-read book about Penny the mouse, written by Caldecott Medalist and bestselling author Kevin Henkes, Penny finds a beautiful marble on her neighbor's lawn and must decide whether or not to keep it. With age-appropriate vocabulary, compelling characters, and a memorable storyline, Penny and her Marble is just right for beginning readers and was named a 2014 Geisel Honor book by the American Library Association. This annual award, given to the most distinguished books for beginning readers, is named for the world-renowned children's author Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss. Kevin Henkes is known for his mouse characters, including Lilly, Owen, Chrysanthemum, Wemberly, and now Penny! In Penny and her Marble, the third book in the Penny series, Penny finds a marble on Mrs. Goodwin's yard and takes it home. But does the marble really belong to Penny? Kevin Henkes is a master at creating beautifully illustrated books that resonate with young children. The Penny books are new classics for beginning readers and will appeal to fans of Frog and Toad, Little Bear, and Henry and Mudge.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

**\*Starred Review\*** One morning, while pushing her doll's stroller past Mrs.

Goodwin's house, Penny spies a big, sky-blue marble in her neighbor's grass. After checking that no one is watching, she puts it in her pocket. Back at home, she enjoys playing with her new treasure until she sees Mrs. Goodwin in her yard "exactly where Penny had found the marble." Suddenly Penny feels uncomfortable. That feeling grows, making it hard for her to eat or sleep. The next morning, after putting the marble back where she found it, she learns that her neighbor had placed it there in hopes that someone would find and love it. When Penny accepts the marble from Mrs. Goodwin and thanks her, all is well. Through his narratives, Henkes conveys shades of emotions that are common to the human experience yet hard to express in words. It's particularly impressive that he can do so in a book for beginning readers. Told in short sentences and simple words with a natural cadence, the story lays out a moral dilemma, lets the heroine find her own solution, and concludes with a reassuringly good outcome. Expressive ink-and-watercolor illustrations complement the text on every page. This small-scale yet immensely satisfying drama is a fine addition to the Penny series. **HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY:** Henkes's second book for beginning readers is sure to be as well received as his first, *Penny and Her Song* (2012). **Preschool-Grade 2.** --Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

"Perfect for beginning readers. A treasure." (School Library Journal (starred review)) "Henkes continues to plumb the emotional world of childhood as few author/illustrators can. . . . Another gem." (Kirkus Reviews (starred review)) "Impeccable. . . . Respect for the beginning reader's emerging skills beautifully matches Henkes's respect for Penny." (Horn Book (starred review)) "Splendid . . . Henkes so completely understands the minds of small children. . . . His vivacious panels always seem to burst with springtime. It's hard to imagine anything ever going too wrong in one of his sensitive, generous portrayals. Everything here ends just right." (New York Times Book Review) "Henkes ups the emotional stakes in his third book starring Penny." (Publishers Weekly (starred review)) "Henkes conveys shades of emotions that are common to human experience, yet hard to express in words. It's particularly impressive that he can do so in a book for beginning readers. . . . This small-scale, yet immensely satisfying drama is a fine addition to the Penny series." (Booklist (starred review)) **Praise for Penny and Her Song:** "Henkes strikes all the right notes. . . . Language, art, characterization, and plot are all executed, like Penny's song, beautifully." (Horn Book (starred review)) "The text . . . is perfect for new readers, and Henkes's familiar artwork has its share of warm moments. This early reader captures the way families make

memories at unexpected moments. Welcome Penny to the cast. • (Booklist (starred review)) • “Much as he did in Lilly • ,s Purple Plastic Purse, Henkes presents an irrepressible heroine who struggles to compromise. • (Publishers Weekly (starred review)) • “Carefully sequenced panels, expressive lines and gentle pastels lead the reader to the story • ,s joyous resolution. • (Washington Post)

How exciting it is to learn to read, to put those words you see on the page and come out of your mouth. Your world is about to open. My granddaughter is 5, so she does not read yet. However, we loved this book. This story is meant for children who love rich characters with a message. Penny the mouse was out walking her babydoll Rose in her carriage. Mom said she could go as far as Mrs. Goodwin's house. Penny got to Mrs. Goodwin's house, and on the lawn she saw this beautiful blue thing. She went closer, and she discovered it was a marble. The most beautiful blue marble she had ever seen. Penny looked up and around, and she quickly put the marble in her pocket. She wheeled Rose home very quickly. Inside the house, Penny was not feeling good. She took this marble and it belonged to Mrs. Goodwin. Penny did not eat much dinner, and she went to bed early. Penny did not sleep well, at all, she tossed and turned. When you read this book, you will find out exactly how Penny tried to resolve her situation. The author, Kevin Henkes, has written many wonderful books, and he has won awards for his children's books. He is also an illustrator, and the illustrations for this book are beautiful. Soft colors, and exquisite drawings that depict the adventures of Penny. Parents/teachers will enjoy reading this book. The children will have questions and discussions about honesty and guilty feelings. For a first time reader or for any child who has been read to, this is a wonderful book to help express their feelings. Penny is such a nice little mouse, and she wants to do the right thing. Recommended. prisrob 11-23-14

I bought this book thinking that my 6 year old grandson could start reading it to his 20 month old sister (at some point.) So I gathered both of them on the couch and read the book to them; the minute we hit the last page I heard "Again G-ma" from both of them! And I must tell you we read this book about 5 times that day, with both of them just as involved as the first time I read it. This is an amazing book, it has a wonderful story, a moral dilemma that a child needs to learn (and adults too.) It allows a child to use their imagination and the prose is so well written it was a pleasure to read. The illustrations in this book are priceless. As you can tell I really think this book is amazing. I have ordered two more of the Penny books from Mr. Henkes. I know my grandchildren are going to love them (and so will I.)

Bought this sweet book for my four year old budding reader. We already enjoy Owen and Chrysanthemum, and this one by Kevin Henkes is now my favorite of his. The pictures went along perfectly and really expressed Penny's feelings. The story was so relatable for my daughter. I imagine that's exactly how she would feel and react in the same situation. Where Owen and Chrysanthemum both deal with other people's reactions (to Owen still having his blankie & Chrysanthemum's unique name at school), Penny and Her Marble dealt with a young girl's conscience so well.

Absolutely adorable story!!!

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Such a cute story and perfect for a beginning reader. The story has an actual theme, not just a bunch of sight words.

I like stories easily "related to" and ones that have a moral. This one satisfies and I can recommend it wholeheartedly. Not cloyingly simple, like some of the stories of its ilk out there

This book usually takes us forever to read since we are constantly stopping to talk about Penny's feelings, her actions and very simple morality lessons. My 4yr old is really interested in Penny's feelings of guilt and wants to talk about the why's and how's. A sweet story, Henkes continues to deliver wonderful children's literature, and I definitely recommend it.

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