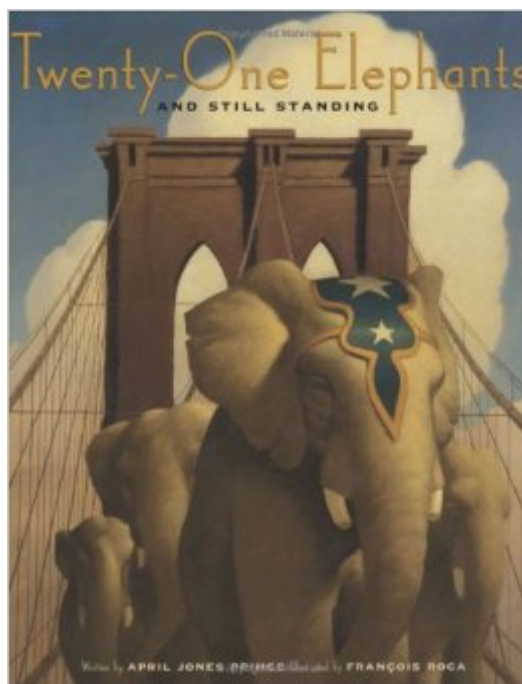


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# Twenty-One Elephants And Still Standing



## Synopsis

After fourteen years of construction, the Brooklyn Bridge was completed, much to the delight of the sister cities it connected: Brooklyn and New York City. Fireworks and top hats filled the air in celebration when the magnificent bridge opened in 1883. But some wondered just how much weight the new bridge could hold. Was it truly safe? One man seized the opportunity to show people in Brooklyn, New York and the world that the Brooklyn Bridge was in fact strong enough to hold even the heaviest of passengers. P. T. Barnum, creator of "The Greatest Show on Earth," would present a show too big for the Big Top and too wondrous to forget.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

It took fourteen years of construction to build the Brooklyn Bridge, connecting Brooklyn and New York - but some wondered how much weight the new bridge could safely handle. One man decided to show them it was strong enough to hold even the heaviest passenger -- and demonstrated this with elephants. The man's name? P.T. Barnum. It reads with the drama of fiction but *Twenty-one Elephants And Still Standing* is based on fact, which is even more intriguing.

This is one of the best picture books I have read in a long time! The Brooklyn Bridge is completed

and skeptics wonder just how long it will stand. P. T. Barnum decides to capitalize on their skepticism and arranges a parade of his elephants across the bridge as they head to Manhattan for their latest migration of the "Greatest Show on Earth." I teach a class of 25 1st grade students in a 'gifted' classroom and they were riveted throughout the entire story...and so were the two parent volunteers at the back of the room. The vocabulary is extremely rich and advanced and this book provided wonderful enrichment to our study of bridges in a community. One of the best parts of the book was the final 'Author's Note' which described the extensive research that an author must complete to create an effective story.

I loved this book and so did my kids. I used it in my pre-k bilingual class so I did not read the book word for word because of its vocabulary and the book itself is very wordy but the pictures are amazing and then afterwards the kids made their own bridges and were given animals to add onto their bridges. Plus they were going to go to the zoo in a week and they are hoping to see elephants. They loved the book and they learned about a new landmark called the Brooklyn Bridge.

My children met the author at our local museum and are now big fans of hers! I ordered this book for them and thoroughly enjoyed it as well. Great story that's fun, informative and captivating. It was a nice change from our typical bedtime reads:-)

I posted this comment for my son. He is seven years old. He loves the book. Below was exactly what he said about the book "Twenty-one Elephants AND STILL STANDING". "This book is super. I recommend it for every kid. I love the part when Phineas T. Barnum proved, with elephants, that Brooklyn Bridge was safe for people and trains. I have never seen Barnum and his elephants perform in such a fictional story before. I am greatly amazed! April even uses a little rhyming throughout the book! I especially loved the paintings in the book." Excellent work! You have done a lot to create this book!

This book was amazing! I used it for older preschoolers (4-5), but I had to simplify as it was a little wordy for this age. The pictures were gorgeous! There are so many activities to do with this book.

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