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Editorial Review

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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*

From School Library Journal

PreSchool-K—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.—*Blair Christolon, Prince William Public Library System, Manassas, VA*

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About the Author

SYLVIANE DONNIO began writing her first children's book at age eight, and stopped after about a dozen lines, promising herself to try again when she was bigger. After studying public law and becoming the mother of three children, she has kept the promise she made to herself. *I'd Really Like to Eat a Child*, originally published in France, is her first book for the American audience.

DOROTHÉE DE MONFREID began to write and illustrate her ideas with colored pencils back in grade school. Now that she is bigger, she makes her career as an author-illustrator, writing stories published in France about cats, bunnies, elephants, stinky monsters, and even cake.

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