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## The Crocodile and the Dentist By Taro Gomi Bibliography

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## Editorial Review

### Amazon.com Review

Ages 3-8. Many people fear going to the dentist, but as this ingenious book shows, sometimes it can be just as scary on the other side of the chair. As a crocodile walks to the dentist's office, he thinks, "I really don't want to see him...but I must." Oddly enough, the dentist is thinking the exact same thing about him! The clever text continues in this manner, getting funnier with each duplicated thought, as both characters struggle to be brave and remain polite. An American Booksellers Assoc. "Pick of the Lists."

### From School Library Journal

PreSchool-Grade 1-A story with a dual point of view. An apprehensive crocodile must visit an equally fearful dentist. "I must be brave...I'm so scared" declares the croc. This sentiment is repeated by the dentist. "Ouch!" exclaims the croc as the dentist fills his tooth. "Ouch!" returns the dentist as the croc's flailing arm collides with his. The ordeal ends, and each says, "Thank you so much. See you again next year." And then each thinks, "I really don't want to see him again next year." The croc concludes, "So I must never forget to brush my teeth." Gomi's brightly colored art on white background features appealing cartoon characters on each page. However, the inference that continued brushing will eliminate future dental visits is misleading and does young readers a great disservice.

*Dot Minzer, North Barrington School, Barrington, IL*

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### From [Booklist](#)

Ages 4-7. A young crocodile with a toothache doesn't really want to visit the dentist, but he knows he must. His dentist is equally apprehensive about seeing the reptilian patient. Each approaches the other with a brave front that masks high anxiety. Their uneasy inner dialogues mirror each other as the boldly colored illustrations portray their strained exterior civility. When at last the tooth is successfully repaired, the crocodile promises to brush faithfully and to return next year. Originally published in Japan, Gomi's brief text and understated comic illustrations go right to the heart of children's dental phobias. Readers will be particularly amused when the dentist greets his young patient, smiling politely while armed with drill and pincers. Although very young listeners may be unnerved by the invasive procedures, slightly older children will appreciate Gomi's humorous twist on a universal fear. *Kay Weisman*

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