



Not My Circus

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A familiar idiom gets a picture-book twist in this story about a determined animal lover. Olivia's mother sends her to buy eggs, but she can't resist when she sees a circus for sale. When the animals make a mess of the house and the neighborhood, her mother insists Olivia get Mr. Victor to take his circus back; Mr. Victor repeatedly replies, "Not my circus." With a lot of patience and hard work, Olivia finds a way to keep her animals—and the peace.

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