

# PI GUY & MAGGIE

THE TALE OF  
ONE LITTLE  
PIG AND HIS  
BEST FRIEND



## THE EARLY YEARS



## PI Guy: The Early Years

This is Norbert. Sure, he may *look* like your average pink pig in sneakers. But all his life, Norbert has only wanted to be one thing: a wiz-bang, top-flight private eye.

Norbert loves the whole idea of uncovering facts and hunting down the truth. In fact, his bedroom is filled with

every detective comic and PI (short for “private investigator”) novel you can think of. He even has a Sherlock Holmes hat and a custom-built gumshoe mobile (though the hat doesn’t fit all that well, and he still can’t see what gum on a shoe has to do with good detecting). ➤



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**B**ut even though Norbert read everything he could find about detectives, he still wasn't sure how to be one.

So he asked his mom.

She thought a moment and admitted that she didn't know how the world's detectives came to be. But she was fairly sure they started by eating well, brushing

their teeth after every meal and wearing galoshes in stormy weather. Norbert had never seen Sherlock Holmes wear galoshes, but he started following his mom's advice anyway. She was usually right about those kinds of things.

**S**oon afterward, Norbert approached his dad with the PI question. Dad said matter-of-factly, "Well, detectives probably just start investigating whatever comes their way. And good ones find something they really care about. Y'know, specialists like policemen and fire inspectors. They uncover important things and help people at the same time."

That made perfect sense to Norbert. So he started investigating everything he could think of. He found out how high the kitchen counters are from the floor. How long it takes an egg to boil. How many spiders live under his front porch. (Though part of him wasn't sure he really wanted to know that last one.)



*To Be Continued!*