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## The Legendary Dr. Seuss

by Sarah Jones, Director

"A person's a person, no matter how small." Horton is a well-loved book character that I'm sure you've read or even watched the movie. Dr. Seuss is a beloved author who we celebrate each year. He wrote more than 60 children's books. Born Theodor Seuss Geisel on March 2, 1904, this date has been designated Read Across America Day and "Dr. Seuss Day" by the National Education Association. It is celebrated nationwide to honor the author's timeless and uplifting work.

He was a storyteller in the grandest sense of the word. Not only did he tell fantastical tales of far-away places but he also gave us a unique visual language that carried his stories to new heights of artistic expression. Not only did he write the stories he also created all of the artwork as well. This is part of why his work is celebrated even to this day. His work has sold over 600 million copies and has been translated into more than 20 languages. His first children's book was published in 1937, "And to Think I Saw It on Mulberry Street."

He took a brief hiatus from children's literature during World War II, he worked in the animation and film department of the United States Army. After the war, he

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cares a whole awful lot,  
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– Dr. Seuss



returned to writing children's books. His work has spawned many adaptations, including 11 television specials, 5 feature films, a Broadway musical, and 4 television series. He also received awards for his work. Two Primetime Emmy Awards for Outstanding Children's Special for "Halloween Is Grinch Night" and Outstanding Animated Program for "The Grinch Grinches the Cat in the Hat". As well as a Pulitzer Prize Special Citation award in 1984.

His books are not only fun whimsical places to take young readers on an adventure; they have incredible morals. The Lorax taught us to stand up for what we believe in. "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not." In Horton Hears a Who he taught us that every voice counts, and a person is a person no matter how small. Size does not matter, anyone can have a big impact. The Grinch showed us that love should be in our heart and

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# March

## 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 10 AM Toddler Time	2 10 AM ASL Sign Time 2 PM Dr. Seuss Day
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17  Happy St. Patrick's Day	18	19 11 AM Toddler Time	20 10 AM Preschool Storytime 4 PM LEGO TIME 6:30 PM Brews & Books	21 10 AM Baby Time	22 10 AM Toddler Time	23 10 AM Dungeons & Dragons
24 9 AM Easter Egg Hunt 	25	26 4 PM Stitchers Anonymous	27	28	29	30



### Book Club Readings:

- ★ **Brews & Books** –  
*A Gentleman in Moscow*, by Amor Towles



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Christmas means a little bit more than the food and the presents. Most of his books highlighted that if someone cares they can make a difference.

To celebrate his books, art, and life we are having a Dr. Seuss day. Join us Saturday March 2nd from 2-4pm. We will have food, crafts, games, and of course live readings of our favorite Dr. Seuss stories. There will be fun for the whole family. Help us share the joy of Dr. Seuss with the next generation. Each year the Rec Center also plans a grand celebration. Make sure to check their schedule. You won't want to miss their events. Usually every day of the week they have different events scheduled. We hope you will come celebrate Dr. Seuss and his fun whimsical work. ♦



# Q & A Dr. Seuss

## What is Dr Seuss Day?

Dr. Seuss Day not only celebrates the author Theodor Seuss Geisel, but it's also a reading celebration for Read Across America that encourages children to read more and have fun with reading theme events.

## What day is Dr Seuss Day?

Dr. Seuss Day is always celebrated on March 2, which is Dr. Seuss birthday.

## What day is Green Eggs and Ham Day?

Dr. Seuss Day is sometimes referred to as Green Eggs and Ham Day, which is March 2nd. Many schools and educators fill the entire week with Dr Seuss week activities!

## Why We Celebrate Dr Seuss Day

March 2nd is the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, so we celebrate Dr. Seuss Day as a way to honor him. Additionally, it's Read Across America Day, which is a day to celebrate reading and encourage kids to read, including favorite Dr. Seuss books!

## What is Read Across America Week?

It's actually Read Across America Day (but some schools, businesses, and organizations make it an entire week of fun Dr. Seuss activities). Read Across America Day is celebrated on March 2nd, which is Dr. Seuss' birthday. It was created by the NEA (National Education Association) in 1997 to get kids excited about reading and to encourage reading more books.



## When did Dr. Seuss die?

Dr. Seuss died on September 24, 1991, of cancer. He was 87 years old.

## What do you wear to Dr. Seuss Day?

Need fun dress up ideas for Dr Seuss week? Try these costume ideas.

1. Be a Cat in the Hat (or wear other crazy hats).
2. Wear crazy hair like in Whoville from The Grinch Who Stole Christmas.
3. Sport some wacky socks to celebrate Fox in Socks.
4. Wear a shirt from a place you've visited for Oh! The Places You'll Go!
5. Have pajama day and read Dr. Seuss's Sleep Book.
6. Wear your favorite pet ears, tail, or pet mask and read What Pet Should I Get?
7. Create and wear big, funny mustaches to celebrate The Lorax (or, give these out. The kids will be thrilled!). ♦





# KID'S CORNER



## Truffula Trees

by [artsycraftsymom.com](http://artsycraftsymom.com)

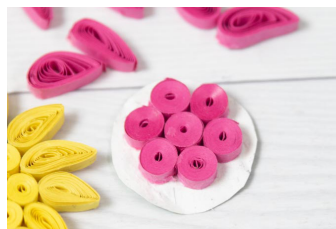


### SUPPLIES

- Colored craft paper
- Quilling strips
- Slotted quilling tool
- Scissors
- Craft glue
- Pattern Pipe Cleaners

Before being harvested to extinction, the truffula was endemic to Truffula Valley. It grew under the watchful eye of the Lorax, the guardian of the forest who speaks for the trees, which inspired our Truffula trees craft.

### DIRECTIONS



1. Cut out a circle from thick craft paper. The circle will be the base for the Truffula Tree.

2. Measure and cut 12 inches long quilling strips for the shapes of the Truffula Tree. Using a slotted quilling tool, make 7 tight coil loops in each color.

3. Take the circle cut out and glue one of the tight coils on the center. Glue the rest of the tight coils around the center tight coil.

4. Similarly, Make 12 loose coils and then pinch one end to make a teardrop shape. Now pinch and bend at the middle of the shape to make the Truffula tree branches.



5. Grab the teardrop shapes and glue them around the inner tight coils; glue each teardrop between 2 tight coils from the underlying layer. Add 7 of these around the paper.



6. Now glue the rest of the teardrop shapes between the previously glued teardrop shapes.

7. Now simply glue a patterned pipe cleaner at the back of each Truffula tree. Allow the glue to dry. Assemble the trees on a sky blue background. ♦



# Cat in the Hat Bookmark

by [bigfamilyblessings.com](http://bigfamilyblessings.com)

Whether you are celebrating Dr. Seuss week, throwing a Seuss themed party, or simply enjoying a Cat in the Hat theme day, you'll love making this adorable Cat in the Hat Corner Bookmark craft.



## DIRECTIONS

1. Download and print out the [Cat in the Hat template](#). Cut out all of the pattern pieces. Select white, black and red colored craft papers for the Cat in the Hat bookmark craft. Trace the template pieces on the selected craft papers. Cut out the traced bookmark pieces. Use a pencil to draw the face onto the cat.



2. Glue the red strips on the hat base cutout, horizontally.

3. Use a black gel pen or fine marker to trace the pencil outlines to complete the face of the Cat. Also trace a thin

outline on the bow-tie cutout. Add an outline and details to the hat piece as well. Use a fine marker or pen to trace a thin outline on the head pattern.



4. Attach the bow-tie below the head piece. Be sure to glue the bow just behind the Cat's head. Attach the hat to the top of the Cat's head.



5. Use a piece of square paper (15 cm x 15 cm) to make an origami corner bookmark. Learn how to fold the [origami bookmark here](#) if you don't already know how to make one.

6. Attach the Cat in the Hat's head onto the square side of the origami corner bookmark.



7. Allow the glue to dry and then you can use the bookmark. ♦



## SUPPLIES

- Colored craft papers
- Pencil – to trace the template
- Craft glue
- Marker or gel pen
- A pair of scissors
- Template



# Who was Dr. Seuss?

Are you feeling Susical this month? Take a read through some interesting books about all about Dr. Seuss.

## THE PARABLES OF DR. SEUSS

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This breezy and engaging book will delight the Dr. Seuss fan in all of us. Robert Short looks at spirituality in the stories of children's book author and illustrator Theodore "Dr. Seuss" Geisel, arguing that Geisel was "a first-class Christian thinker." The book explores *Green Eggs and Ham*, *Horton Hears a Who*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, and others.

Short writes in the introduction, "When I first became acquainted with his books and was struck by the many parallels I saw between his work and what is said in the Bible and by Christian faith, I considered these similarities to be merely 'happy accidents.' Today I still see these parallels as 'happy,' but I'm now convinced that they are not merely 'accidents.'

## WHO WAS DR. SEUSS?

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Ted Geisel loved to doodle from the time he was a kid. He had an offbeat, fun-loving personality. He often threw dinner parties where guests wore outrageous hats! And he donned quirky hats when thinking up ideas for books--like his classic *The Cat in the Hat*. This biography, with black-and-

white illustrations throughout, brings an amazingly gifted author/illustrator to life.

## IMAGINE THAT!: HOW DR. SEUSS WROTE THE CAT IN THE HAT

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Have you ever wondered how the great Dr. Seuss wrote his most famous book? Did you know that for *The Cat in the Hat*, he wasn't allowed to make up the fun words he was known for--like OOBLECK and IT-KUTCH and HIPPO-NO-HUNGUS? He was only allowed to use words from a very strict list!

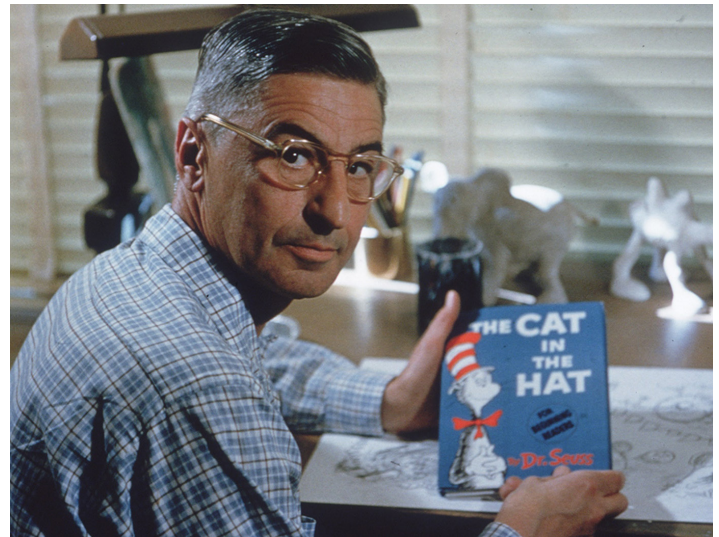
This bouncy account of the early career of Dr. Seuss (a.k.a. Ted Geisel) proves that sometimes limitations can be the best inspiration of all.

Kid-friendly prose (with Seussian rhyme for Ted's dialogue) and whimsical illustrations by award winner Kevin Hawkes recall the work of Dr. Seuss himself. Writing tips from Dr. Seuss and exclusive letters from the author and illustrator, detailing how they created this book, are included!

## THE SEUSS, THE WHOLE SEUSS, AND NOTHING BUT THE SEUSS: A VISUAL BIOGRAPHY OF THEODOR SEUSS GEISEL

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Theodor Seuss Geisel, creator of *Horton the Elephant*, the *Grinch*, the *Cat in the Hat*, and a madcap



American author and illustrator Dr. Seuss sits at his drafting table in his home office in La Jolla, California, April 25, 1957. (Gene Lester/Getty Images)

menagerie of the best-loved children's characters of all time, stands alone as the preeminent figure of children's literature. But Geisel was a private man who was happier at the drawing table than he was across from any reporter or would-be biographer. Under the thoughtful scrutiny of Charles D. Cohen, Geisel's lesser known works yield valuable insights into the imaginative and creative processes of one of the 20th century's most original thinkers.

## DR. SEUSS GOES TO WAR: THE WORLD WAR II EDITORIAL CARTOONS OF THEODOR SEUSS GEISEL

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For decades, readers throughout the world have enjoyed the marvelous stories and illustrations of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss. But few know Geisel's work as a political cartoonist during World War II for the New York daily newspaper *PM*. In these marvelously trenchant cartoons, Geisel captured the Zeitgeist--especially the attitudes of the New Deal

liberals who read *PM*--with a wonderful Seussian flair. *Dr. Seuss Goes to War* features handsome, large-format reproductions of more than two hundred of Geisel's cartoons from this time. Book jacket.

## BECOMING DR. SEUSS: THEODOR GEISEL AND THE MAKING OF AN AMERICAN IMAGINATION

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Dr. Seuss is a classic American icon. His work has defined our childhoods and the childhoods of our own children. More than 25 years after his death, his books continue to find new readers, now grossing over half a billion dollars in sales. His whimsical illustrations and silly, simple rhymes are timeless favourites because, quite simply, he makes us laugh. Theodor Geisel, however, led a life that goes much deeper than the prolific and beloved children's book author. In fact, the allure and fascination of Dr. Seuss

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begins with this second, more radical side. He had a successful career as a political cartoonist, and his political leanings can be felt throughout his books—remember the environmentalist of *The Lorax*? He was a complicated man, who introduced generations to the wonders of reading while teaching young people about empathy and how to treat others well.

### GREEN EGGS AND HAM COOKBOOK: RECIPES INSPIRED BY DR. SEUSS

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Ever wonder what green eggs and ham really taste like? They're yummy. And now everyone can whip up a batch for themselves using this fabulous cookbook. Filled with simple, scrumptious, wacky recipes for such foods as Cat in the Hat Pudding and Moose Juice and Schlopp, this unique cookbook will have the whole family hamming it up in the kitchen. Each recipe is accompanied by the original verse that inspired it, and the pages are laminated to protect against getting splatters of Sneetch Salad, Oobleck, and Solla Sollew Stew. ♦



## 15 Surprising Dr. Seuss Facts



- Dr. Seuss' real name is Theodor Seuss Geisel.
- Dr. Seuss is not a real doctor... of any kind. He added the "Dr." to his name to appease his father who wanted him to become a doctor.
- He also wrote under the pen name Theo LeSieg, which is Geisel spelled backwards.
- Dr. Seuss' mother made up rhymes for him when he was a child. This later inspired his writing style.
- *And To Think I Saw It On Mulberry Street* was the first book published by Dr. Seuss in 1937.
- His first book was rejected 27 times before being published!
- It reportedly took Dr. Seuss three months just to come up with an ending to *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*.
- Dr. Seuss and his first wife never had children, so he would dedicate his books to imaginary kids including an imaginary daughter he named "Chrysanthemum Pearl."
- Dr. Seuss was credited with inventing the word "nerd"!
- The author wrote *Green Eggs and Ham* on a bet! The bet was to write a book with only 50 words for \$50.
- He drove a car with a license plate that read, "GRINCH." (Great fun fact to include in the *Grinch* lesson plan!)
- Dr. Seuss said that the book *Yertle the Turtle* is "a deliberate parable of the life of Hitler."
- The last book he wrote was *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*
- *What Pet Should I Get?* was released after the author's death. His wife found the story and sketches after he died.
- Dr. Seuss authored over 60 children's books!