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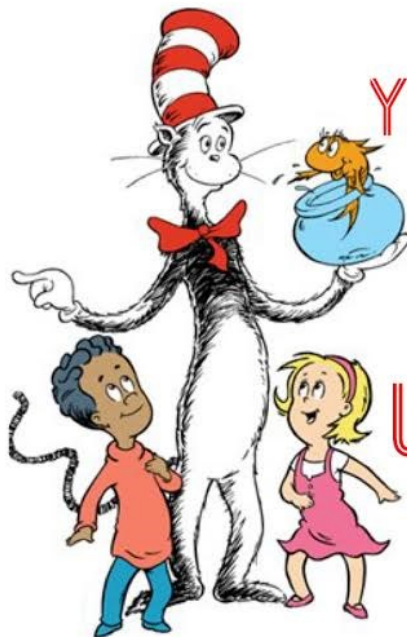
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Welcome to the March 2021 edition of *The Noodle*, written and published by the FYC. For this issue of *The Noodle*, members of the FYC were asked “What was your favorite Dr. Seuss Book?” This topic allowed members to share their thoughts on Dr. Seuss and how his books influenced them. We hope you will take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to learn about our experiences and enjoy our thoughts and opinions in this edition of *The Noodle*!

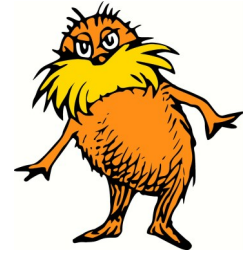
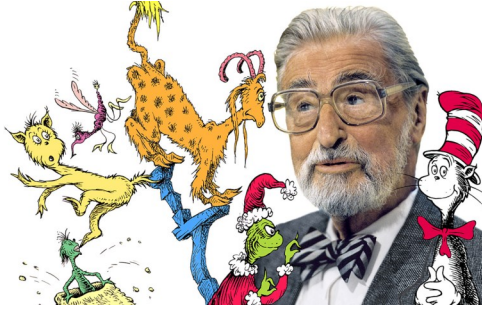
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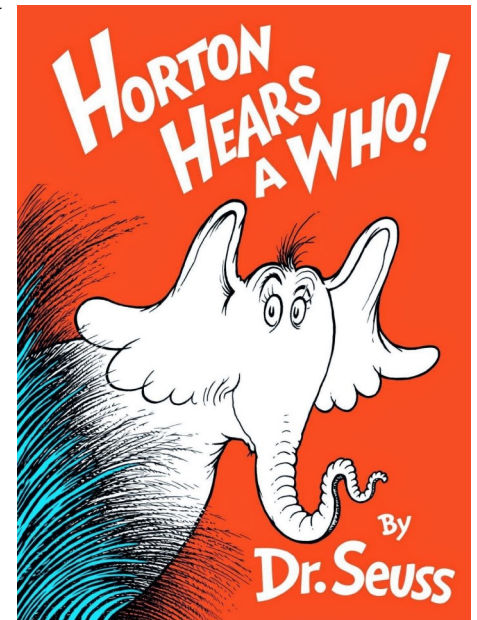


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-DR. SEUSS



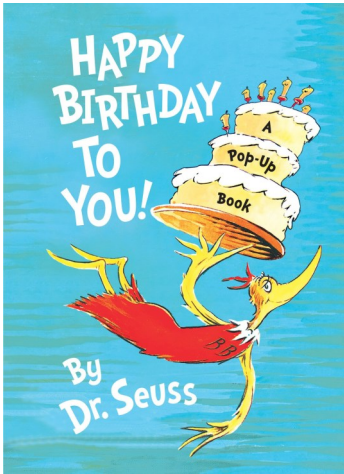
The Great Dr. Seuss

Dr. Seuss's books had an impact on my childhood, including stories from *The Cat in the Hat*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, or *Horton Hears a Who*. What glued me to these books was the fantastic art style each character presented. The first book from Dr. Seuss I read was *Green Eggs and Ham* and I read the book constantly because of its catchy rhythm and its colorful characters. It was by far my favorite book from Dr. Seuss, but my absolute favorite is *Oh the Places You'll Go!* This was one of the last books that Dr. Seuss wrote before he passed away and it is very memorable to me. The story itself still has its light-hearted theme and colorful quirky characters, but its message is pretty deep. It can relate to a lot of people that want to tackle the world and go to places that they have never been before. It's about the importance of securing new possibilities, retaining an open mind, and attempting innovative ideas that reach out. I've learned that life is certainly one huge adventure, jam-packed with surprising twists and turns. The enthusiasm, experience, and craziness of certain occurrences, nevertheless, make life unique and generate long-lasting memories. The key element to the story is overcoming the limitations of ambition. Push out of your comfort zone, take risks, take opportunities, and live your life to the fullest. Life itself is the adventure. No matter what happens in life, optimism is the way to get through things. Dr. Seuss will always be a part of me and my childhood. It was very unique the way the author created these worlds. My mom read me these books when I was a child, even before bedtime. Now my mom passed down these books to my niece, to share the stories with her the same way my mom told these stories to me.



By Alex Gonzalez

Happy Birthday To You!



My favorite Dr. Seuss book is the best book in my collection, for it is the one that says Happy Birthday to ME! It is actually called *Happy Birthday To You!* but I always thought of it as speaking to me. It starts with a kid waking up in the morning. They don't actually give the child a name so when you read it you feel like Dr. Seuss is speaking directly to you. He even says the Birthday Bird is coming just to you. I love the visuals in this book because in the mythical land of Katroo all your dreams come true, no matter how big or how impossible they may seem. Everything looks fantastical just like how a kid would imagine a big city. I like how

this book says that you should be able to do whatever you want on your birthday and be able to be yourself, and how it emphasizes that your life is special and how great it is that you were born. This was especially important for me as a kid with a disability, who wasn't able to do everything that a lot of other kids could do. The illustrations give kids the possibility to live out their dreams through their imagination.

Some of the gifts in the book are things I used to dream about as a kid. All of your friends get to come to your party (which rarely happened for me). He gives you permission to eat all you want of the foods that you want. I remember having dreams about the creatures in the book and wanting to pick the shortest pet, not the tallest, so I could take it home and give it lots of love and attention. I could take this pet wherever I wanted. When I was a kid, I always felt like I was the odd one out, and because of that I have always wanted to include everyone. And that is why, if I have kids, I will tell them "This world of Katroo is here just for YOU!"

By Serena Wetmore



The Book of My Childhood

I'm a visually impaired adult living in the year 2021. I was born in the 80's to a world of bright lights and wonder, and to a family of non-English speakers. I learned a lot of about the big world through TV and cartoons, but you know what always was my favorite? Story time. Story time to me has always been something I cherish. A good book is always better than a movie to me, especially if it all rhymes. And you know whose books brought the juice? Yeah, you know that guy Dr. Seuss!

The Dr. Seuss books have always been something I hold close to me because they were one of the ways I learned English. One of my cousins who would come visit in the summer from New York to Puerto Rico used to read me *Green Eggs and Ham* all the time. I would love to hear the rhymes and the description of the food. I used to think that only in America can you buy green eggs and ham, since my family hated ham at the time. Yeah, it's funny, I know. Hahahaha! It's a funny memory.



You know what my second favorite Dr. Seuss book was? I'm sure it's everyone's . . . *The Cat in the Hat*. *The Cat in the Hat* is by far my favorite, yet the scariest book of my childhood. I used to think the of the idea of a giant kitty breaking in my house with my mom not being home and getting in trouble with my big sisters. How the heck would I hide him? They were all allergic! I had an over-developed imagination I may add as well. Every time I was read that story, I would think of all the pro and cons. I used to want to be one of the things too. Being disabled in my family kind of put you on the spot so I would always imagine myself being productive and destructive. Whatever worked for the story, I would imagine. Hahahaha!



The Dr. Seuss books were one of the best memories of my entire childhood, and in the future, I will share those memories with my children as well. You want to know how to make green eggs and ham?

By Josue Tapia

Green Eggs and Ham

My favorite Dr. Seuss book is *Green Eggs and Ham* written in 1960. In the story, Sam is the main character, and he bothers the other character, trying to make him eat the green eggs and ham that Sam has on a platter. Sam tries to get him to eat it in all kinds of ways. The other character says that he does not like them. He says, "I do not like them, Sam I Am." But, when the end of the book comes, he finally tries them and finds out that he likes them. He says, "Say! I like green eggs and ham! I do! I like them, Sam I Am!" as puts his arm around Sam and holds the empty platter.

Green Eggs and Ham is Dr. Seuss's highest selling book at more than 8 million copies. Seuss wrote it because his publisher bet that he could not write a book using only 50 words. The publisher lost the bet because Seuss wrote it with 50 words. These are the words: a, am, and, anywhere, are, be, boat, box, car, could, dark, do, eat, eggs, fox, goat, good, green, ham, here, house, I, if, in, let, like, may, me, mouse, not, on, or, rain, Sam, say, see, so, thank, that, the, them, there, they, train, tree, try, will, with, would, you.



Like the character in the book, we should try things that we think we do not like. If we do, we find out new things in our lives.

By John Howard Baldino

Dr. Seuss

Dr. Seuss. I'm sure you've heard of him. If not, maybe you've heard of some of his work – *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*, *The Cat in the Hat*, *The Lorax*, *Green Eggs and Ham*. Ringing a bell yet? He is the famous author of these titles and several others. I'll be honest, books are my favorite thing, but I'd say my favorite work of his would be *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. I don't know why but I like the story and really enjoy the movie adaptation that was made a few years back that starred Jim Carrey in the title role. I like it so much that I have a little tradition of watching it every year around Christmas time. This is a little bit about why I like this work of Dr. Seuss.

By Derek Carraway



How Do I Become Part of The Florida Youth Council?

The Florida Youth Council is a group of youth (between the ages of 15 and 17) and emerging leaders (between the ages of 18 and 30) with disabilities or special health care needs that live in Florida.

The Florida Youth Council is all about getting youth and emerging leaders involved in self-advocacy, peer mentoring and other activities that will improve the quality of life for youth and emerging leaders with disabilities in Florida. The program empowers youth and emerging leaders to decide what issues are important to their generation, to discuss those issues in their state and local communities, and to develop strategies to address them.

We are seeking a group of enthusiastic, motivated youth and emerging leaders to participate. If you would like to take a leadership role in advocating for youth and emerging leaders in Florida, please visit The Florida Youth Council website at www.floridayouthcouncil.com. The program is open to application year round. We hope to hear from you soon!



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