

Dr. Seuss

Full name: Theodor Seuss Geisel

Born: 2 March 1904, Springfield, Massachusetts, USA

Dr. Seuss was a famous author and illustrator best known for his **imaginative stories**, **fun rhymes**, and **quirky characters** like the Cat in the Hat, the Grinch, and Horton the Elephant. His books have helped millions of children learn to read and love language.



Childhood

- Born in Springfield, Massachusetts, to a German-American family
- His father managed a local park and zoo, inspiring Seuss's love for animals
- His mother used to chant rhymes from pie recipes to help him sleep
- Grew up during World War I, which influenced some of his later political views
- Enjoyed doodling imaginary creatures with silly names
- Got in trouble at school for drawing during lessons
- Had a family that supported his creativity and love for books
- He often visited the zoo, where he sketched the animals — this helped him create wild characters later in life
- Developed a unique sense of humour early on, mixing nonsense with clever wordplay

Education

- Studied English literature at Dartmouth College
- Wrote and drew for the college's humour magazine
- Later studied at Oxford University in England with plans to become a professor
- Left Oxford early to focus on art and cartooning

Career

- Started as a cartoonist for magazines and advertising
- Created military posters during World War II
- Published his first children's book, *And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street*, in 1937
- Wrote over 60 books, including *Green Eggs and Ham*, *The Lorax*, and *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*
- Known for using a small number of simple words in creative, playful ways
- Many of his books include messages about kindness, the environment, and thinking for yourself

Quotes

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

"Why fit in when you were born to stand out?"

"Think and wonder, wonder and think."

Art

