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For use in schools and libraries only. Recounts the life and career of Theodore Geisel, a cartoonist and writer who became world-famous as an author of children's books under the name "Dr. Seuss."

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Laura Watson says

Summarize the book

This book is about the story of Ted or as most people know him- Dr. Seuss. It was about his life growing up and how he came to be a writer of children's books. He always liked to draw strange animals. He struggled for a little while trying to become an artist after college but became a success eventually. He wrote many books and even made some movies. He won three academy awards! His most famous books were "The Grinch", "The Cat in the Hat", Green Eggs and Ham" and "Oh the Places You'll Go". We also learned about his first wife Helen who was his toughest critic. He remarried after she died. He never had children but his niece was like a child to them.

Identify the characteristics from the text that support the specific genre

This is a biography because it is the story of a real man's life.

Identify specific concepts that could be integrated into the classroom.

This book would be fun for students to read. Most kids like Dr. Seuss books so it is fun for them to read about the man who wrote them and how they came about. For example "Green Eggs and Ham" was the result of a bet that he could not write a book using only fifty words.

Provide any other suggestions that would be useful regarding literary content, reading level, and other ways in which the book might be integrated.

This book could be good for students to read about if they are artists. It could be an inspirational story about how to not give up on doing what you love even if it means struggle and rejection.

Allison Wright says

My 8 year-old daughter and I both LOVED this book and now love Dr. Seuss even more. We sat down to read the first chapter but quickly found ourselves unable to put it down until we reached the end, laughing often along the way.

Terri Davis says

While not the most difficult book I've ever read, I am glad I picked it up. If you take it for what it is -- a book which allows young readers to "get to know" one of their most beloved authors -- you see it for the wonderful book it is!

Connie Eberhart says

This is a great introduction to the world of Auto-biographies for young kids. The background to how Dr.

Suess came to be is a fun tale of overcoming adversity and sticking to your true self even when times get tough. This book could be used for an author study, as a resource for a research paper, or for a fun read about one of the world's favorite authors.

Ms. B says

Other than the dated cover and illustrations, this is the best and most kid friendly biography of Dr. Seuss I have seen. All or a chapter of it will be perfect for sharing on Read across America Day (celebrated annually on Dr. Seuss's birthday, March 2).

Karen Clinaz says

One of his most popular and familiar books The Cat in the Hat was created based on a criticism in Life magazine regarding the Dick and Jane reading series stating that Dr. Seuss could create better beginning readers for children. Dr. Seuss took it as a challenged, contacted Random House, was given a list of 223 easy to read words and The Cat in the Hat was born. The success of this book led Random House to create a division called Beginner Books. This series of books contained other popular Seuss books such as Hop on Pop, Fox in Socks, and One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish. I also did not realize that Dr. Seuss had three Academy Awards, two for documentaries he worked on regarding World War II and one for the script for an animated cartoon, Gerald McBoing Boing. He also received two Peabody Awards for his television specials, How the Grinch Who Stole Christmas and Horton Hears a Who. The Grinch was written in one week but the final page took two and a half months for him to write. The Lorax, which was written out of his anger over the damage being done to the earth was written in one afternoon as he sat by a pool in Kenya, Africa

Diane Dimov says

I read this for 4th quarter, genre: biography

At first I thought this was going to be a boring book but I turned out to actually be an okay book.

The book is a biography about Dr. Seuss. Dr. Seuss went to Dartmouth College and to Lincoln College. When he was going to Lincoln College he met Helen Palmer who he married. He started drawing cartoons for Flit which has a insect repellent company but because people only needed insect repellent in the spring and summer he needed to do something else so he started writing children's books. Soon he quit drawing cartoons for Flit.

I can connect to this because when i was younger I read Dr. Seuss books.

Addie Hanks says

My story was based on Theodor Seuss Geisel, or better known as Dr. Seuss. It was a biography of all his

amazing writings and his life story. It shows that being a children's writer is complicated and you can't just pull ideas out of your pocket. Dr. Seuss has many troubles while writing his books. Along the way a majority of the publishers told Theodor no to his weird and outrageous writings, but he never gave up.

I can relate to Dr. Seuss quite a bit. He has a strong personality and loves kids. He is also has a strong sense for creativity. I have never wrote any books before, but i have tried drawing new things. It is not easy and takes a lot of time to create a drawing you enjoy, and Dr. Seuss was a much better artist than I am.

I enjoyed this book, and loved learning new things about this fascinating man. I loved how determined he was in his work and kept moving forward. If i had to change something about this man i would change his, well i don't really have anything i would change about him! Dr. Seuss is a wonderful leader and role model, and i am glad he decided to write children's books.

I totally recommend this book, it gave me a lot of insights to what a true artist and writer can do. It was a short read, and very easy to understand. I think that this book would be interesting to all genders and people. It is really interesting and i think that it is awesome to really hear Dr. Seuss' background.

Emily Wahl says

I thought this was a very interesting biography about Dr. Suess's life. This book gave a lot of information about his past and his future. It was a easy read, so it didn't take me too much time to finish. But, I did learn a lot from this book. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to know about Dr. Seuss's life, or just needs a biography to read. I also liked all the illustrations on some of the pages, it helped me picture what was going on in the book.

Four year old Ted (Dr. Seuss) had two sisters, one named Marnie and the youngest Henrietta. Who was almost eighteen month old had caught pneumonia. There was no medicine to save her, and later she died. Ted and his sister marnie missed her badly, now it was just the two of them. Then, when Ted was twelve he entered an advertising contest. He drew an ad for fishing tackle that showed a man reeling in a very big fish. His cartoon won, and Ted said, "That was my first big bang". So he kept drawing. When Ted was in high school his English teacher helped Ted turn his stories into poems, and jokes. After college Ted got married to a girl named Helen. Ted tried getting a job, and he did. But soon after the job didn't have enough money to pay him. After that it was super hard for Ted to get someone to publish his cartoons. Ted's mother had died, and that discouraged him a lot. But he kept going. Even though Dr. Seuss had some pretty bad rough bumps in his path, that never stopped him from doing what he loved.

Molly Vaughan says

My second favorite Dr. Seuss biography on the juvenile level.

Annette says

This informative biography spans Theodor Geisel's life from age four until his death at age eighty-seven. It

talks about his childhood, his family, his education and other influences, such as an early interest in animals (his father was chairman and later superintendent of parks, including a zoo) and drawing. It was interesting to discover that he began to use the name Seuss (his middle name) to continue writing for a Dartmouth humor magazine that the dean made him resign from as a punishment for hosting a rowdy party! His early professional successes were in cartoons and advertising; like many well-known authors, he initially experienced much rejection. It was also interesting to hear about some of his other professional experiences, such as working on instructional films for soldiers and documentaries during World War II. I loved hearing about his various quirks, such as putting on a "thinking cap" from his hat collection when inspiration stalled. "Humor...was an important way of keeping the right outlook on the world." He loved making others, especially children, laugh, and he certainly did that.

Jennifer says

I learned a lot from this book about Dr. Seuss! So glad I get to represent during NEA's Read Across America later this month!

Beth says

If you are ever think that you are least likely to succeed, remember that classmates once thought that of Ted. His life story presented in the book grabs a hold of students. They can't imagine getting paid 100 cartons of Barbasol shaving cream or 1,872 Little Gem nail clippers. And in truth, I can't either.

Becky DeVito-Starkey says

Another assigned reading for my grad class. Informative book on the life of Dr. Seuss. Highly recommend this to teachers who are doing a unit on Dr. Seuss in school because it provides some wonderful background information on his life in very easy to understand terms for students.

Nathan says

I recently took my daughter to a travelling exhibit of Dr. Seuss' life work. It's an amazing body of work, much of which my family is very familiar with. We own and frequently read at least a dozen Dr. Seuss books. Some of them are among our favorites.

After visiting the exhibit, my daughter was interested in learning more about Dr. Seuss so we visited our local library and found this book. It was an easy read for us (my daughter was nine at the time). The book was at its best laying out where Ted Seuss Geisel found his creative inspiration and the hard work he put in to make that creativity come to life. The book also captured the personal wit of Dr. Seuss in a way that was surprising and enjoyable.

I think the book suffered slightly from not knowing exactly what it wanted to be. On the one hand, it appeared to be written for a young-adult audience and, as I mentioned above, that's where it shines. But it was a bit too cluttered it up with extraneous facts that would only be of interest to a more mature audience.

But it's still a book that is bound to inspire creativity in the young people who read it, because the work of Dr. Seuss is so inspirational. The exhibit that we attended included a comment from Seuss' publisher at Random House, saying that he had published Eugene O'Neill, William Faulkner, James Michener and many more, but that "Dr. Seuss, alone among them, was a genius."
