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What Pet Should I Get? (Classic Seuss)



Synopsis

A #1 New York Times bestseller! ã This previously never-before-seen picture book by Dr. Seuss about making up one's mind is the literary equivalent of buried treasure! What happens when a brother and sister visit a pet store to pick a pet? Naturally, they can't choose just one! The tale captures a classic childhood moment—choosing a pet—and uses it to illuminate a life lesson: that it is hard to make up your mind, but sometimes you just have to do it! ã Told in Dr. Seuss's signature rhyming style, this is a must-have for Seuss fans and book collectors, and a perfect choice for the holidays, birthdays, and happy occasions of all kinds. ã An Editor's Note at the end discusses Dr. Seuss's pets, his creative process, and the discovery of the manuscript and illustrations for *What Pet Should I Get?*

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2—More than 20 years after Theodor Geisel's death, a newly unearthed Dr. Seuss book hits the shelves. Discovered in 2013 by Geisel's widow and his assistant, the completed manuscript and accompanying sketches were found in a box containing some of the legendary picture book creator's doodles and notes. Written sometime in the late 1950s or early 1960s, the tale very much reflects the culture of its time: two white siblings go to a pet store and struggle to

answer the titular question. The children encounter a menagerie of real and fantastically Seussical animals. The pair bound exuberantly through each spread as they debate the merits of each creature. The rhyme scheme bounces along merrily for the most part, with the exception of a verse concerning a "yent" in a "tent," where the pattern shifts awkwardly, though it picks up steam again with the next page turn. While there is no visual adult presence in this book, readers learn that "Dad said we could have one./Dad said he would pay" and that Mother would not like a "thing on a string" that "would bump, bump into the wall!" A repeated spread depicts four potential pets holding up a banner that reads, "MAKE UP YOUR MIND." There's an ambiguous ending, and readers are left to wonder what pet the siblings finally bring home. Though the discovered manuscript included only black-and-white sketches, this finished work features the deep aqua, sunshine yellow, and vibrant red that were hallmarks of Seuss illustrations of the time period. Random House's Cathy Goldsmith, who was the designer and art director for many of Geisel's titles, worked to capture just the right palette; the good doctor would have been pleased. A note from the publisher reveals a bit of the anxiety associated with publishing a text written more than 50 years ago, "when it was common for people to simply buy dogs, cats, and other animals at pet stores. Today animal advocates encourage us to adopt." Additional back matter includes anecdotes about a young Ted Geisel and his love of dogs, candid photos, and the story behind the discovery of this volume.

VERDICT More nostalgia-inducing than groundbreaking, this picture book offers Seuss fans many familiar touchstones: jaunty rhymes, nonsense words, and the signature artwork beloved by generations of new and emerging readers.

—Kiera Parrott, School Library Journal

THEODOR SEUSS GEISEL —aka Dr. Seuss—is one of the most beloved children's book authors of all time. From *The Cat in the Hat* to *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*, his iconic characters, stories, and art style have been a lasting influence on generations of children and adults. The books he wrote and illustrated under the name Dr. Seuss (and others that he wrote but did not illustrate, including some under the pseudonyms Theo. LeSieg and Rosetta Stone) have been translated into thirty languages. Hundreds of millions of copies have found their way into homes and hearts around the world. Dr. Seuss's long list of awards includes Caldecott Honors for *McElligot's Pool*, *If I Ran the Zoo*, and *Bartholomew and the Oobleck*, the Pulitzer Prize, and eight honorary doctorates. Works based on his original stories have won three Oscars, three Emmys, three Grammys, and a Peabody.

My daughter is infatuated with this book. I read a neg review and I disagree, this might not be Dr.

Seuss' best work BUT as an adult I enjoy reading it to my kids. I think it's a great book!

This is a great book! We bought it and it immediately made it into the "bedtime books" list. We read it nightly for several months and still read it quite often. The language in the book is easy and keeps my almost 3 year old entertained. There are even a few parts that he has memorized and enjoys "reading" along with me.

So disappointed dont buy this book if you use kindle device - it comes with such small font you need a magnifying glass to read. It also does not want to switch to vertical view - I was hoping in this layout font will be bigger but does not work!. I bought several Dr Seuss books for my son to read and now I wish I could return them and buy paper over. But no - its a digital order no returns. Guess will never buy kids books on kindle again! Completely unacceptable!

Cute book for the collection, talks about lots of kinds of pets and makes it very interesting for young kids. Great before bed time read but you have to remember you can only choose one!

How fun to discover classic Dr. Seuss after 28 years. I bought one for each of my new greatgrandchildren and one for myself to add to my Dr. Seuss collection. This book teaches a lesson along the way and there are points of discussion to have with your child at the end. Kind of a cool addition.

Book is adorable! Read it to my 3 1/2 years old grandtwins. They listened intently but I honestly feel as if they were a little older....they might have enjoyed more. On the other hand, maybe it wasn't exciting enough for them!!!! They never asked to have it read to them again while I was visiting.....

Love this book! Great doctor Seuss book for writing prompts, predicting and inferring.

Good book!! Love Dr. Seuss!

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