

Mother Nettie, sister Marnie

1905

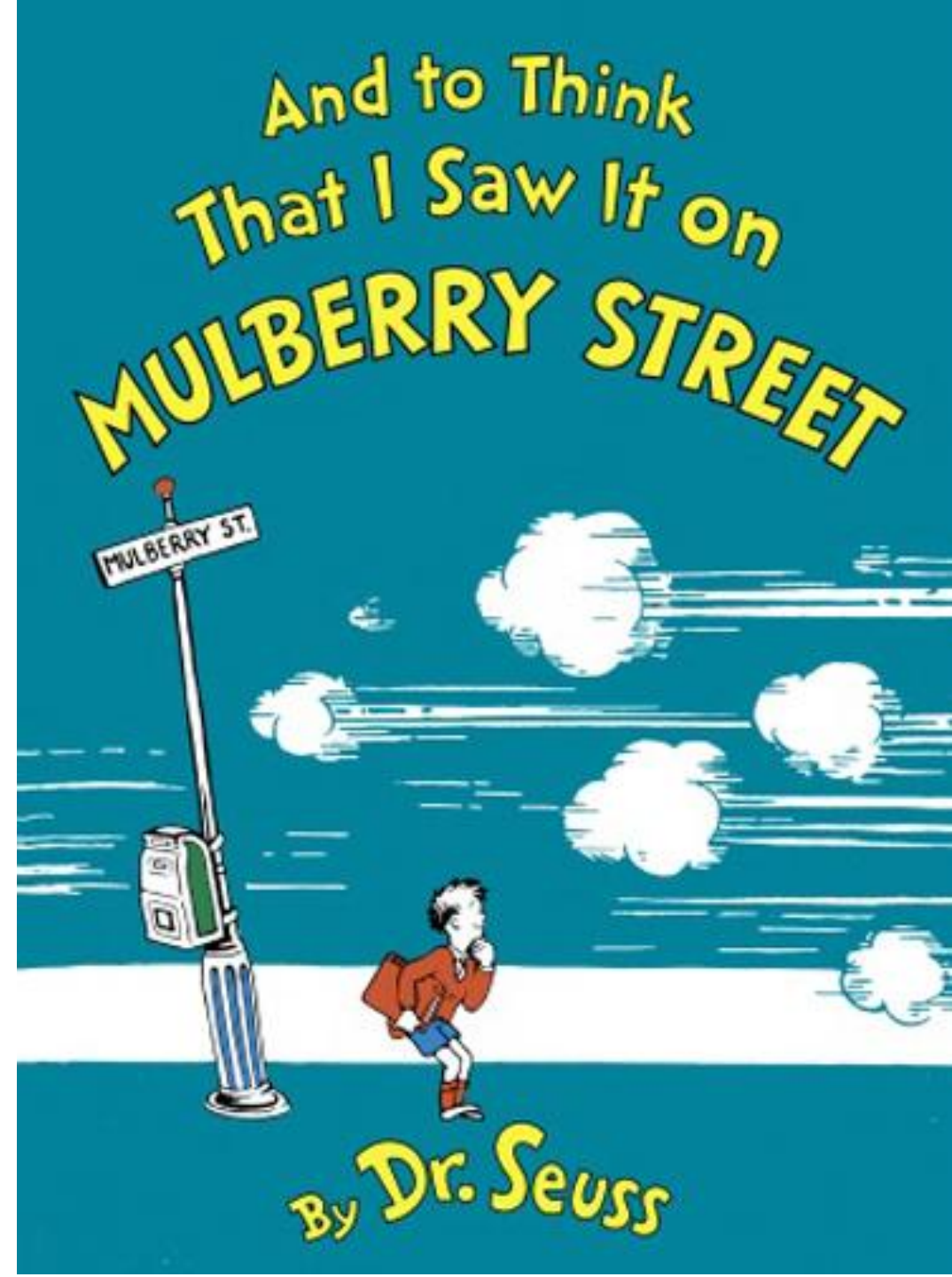
Ted and father Theodore



Ted Geisel (Dr. Seuss)
devoted his life to
fighting religious, racial
and social injustice.

1937

Geisel's first book was rejected 27 times. He bumped into a friend on the street and he directed him to a different publisher.



1940



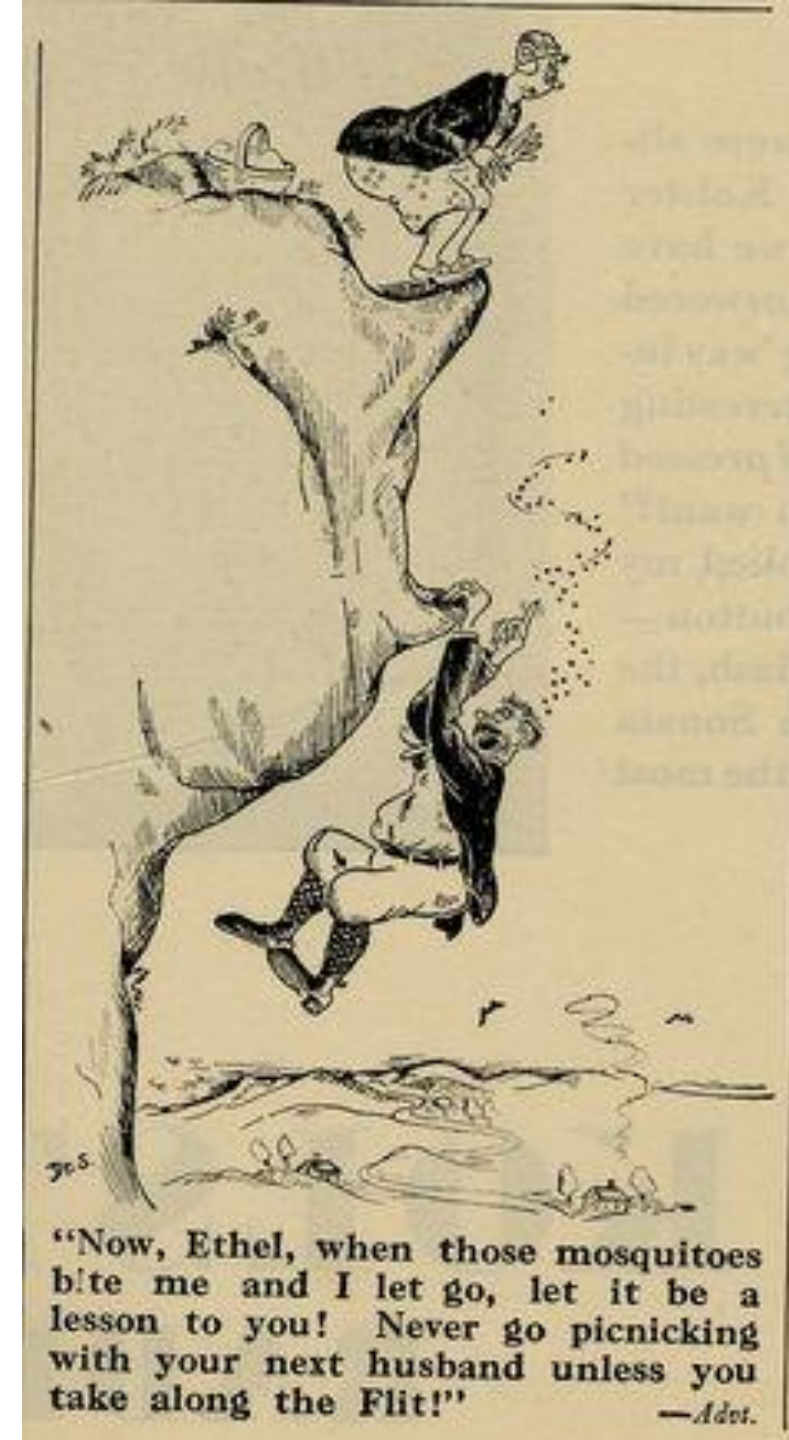
“An elephant’s faithful **one hundred percent**”

“I meant what I said and I said what I meant: an elephant’s
faithful 100 percent.”

Story about being faithful in
adversity, about courage and
loyalty!

We must take care of each
other.

During the 1940s and 50s, Ted Geisel's main source of income came from drawing and writing advertisements for FLIT insecticide in magazines and newspapers. He also drew a great many political cartoons about Hitler, WWII and the treatment of the Japanese – Americans in the States.



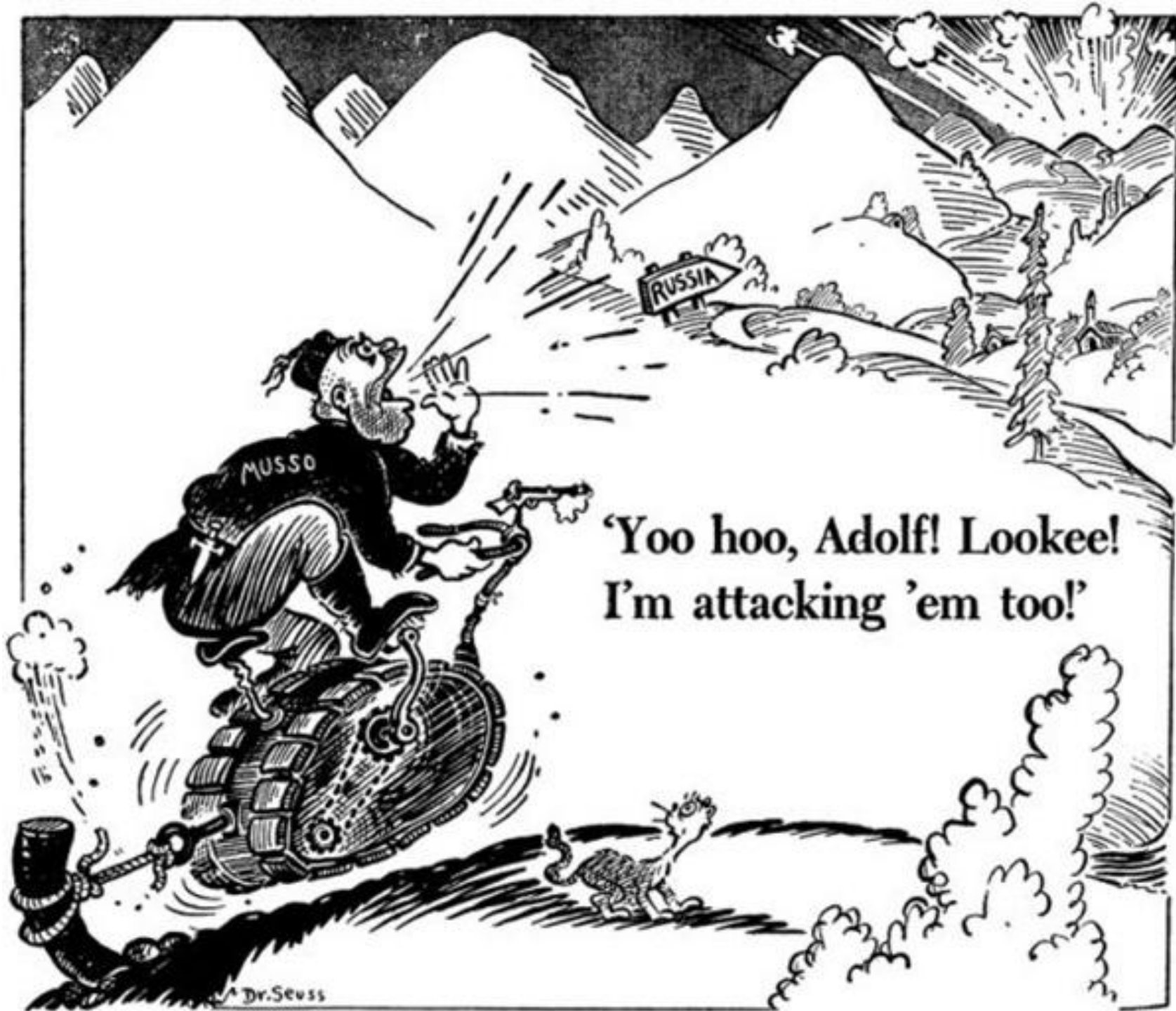
"Now, Ethel, when those mosquitoes bite me and I let go, let it be a lesson to you! Never go picnicking with your next husband unless you take along the Flit!"
—Advt.



"Ho hum! When he's finished pecking down that last tree he'll quite likely be tired."

... and the Wolf chewed up the children and spit out their bones ...
But those were Foreign Children and it really didn't matter."





'Yoo hoo, Adolf! Lookee!
I'm attacking 'em too!'



"You can keep your American eagle. I got a bird all my own!"

Dr. Seuss

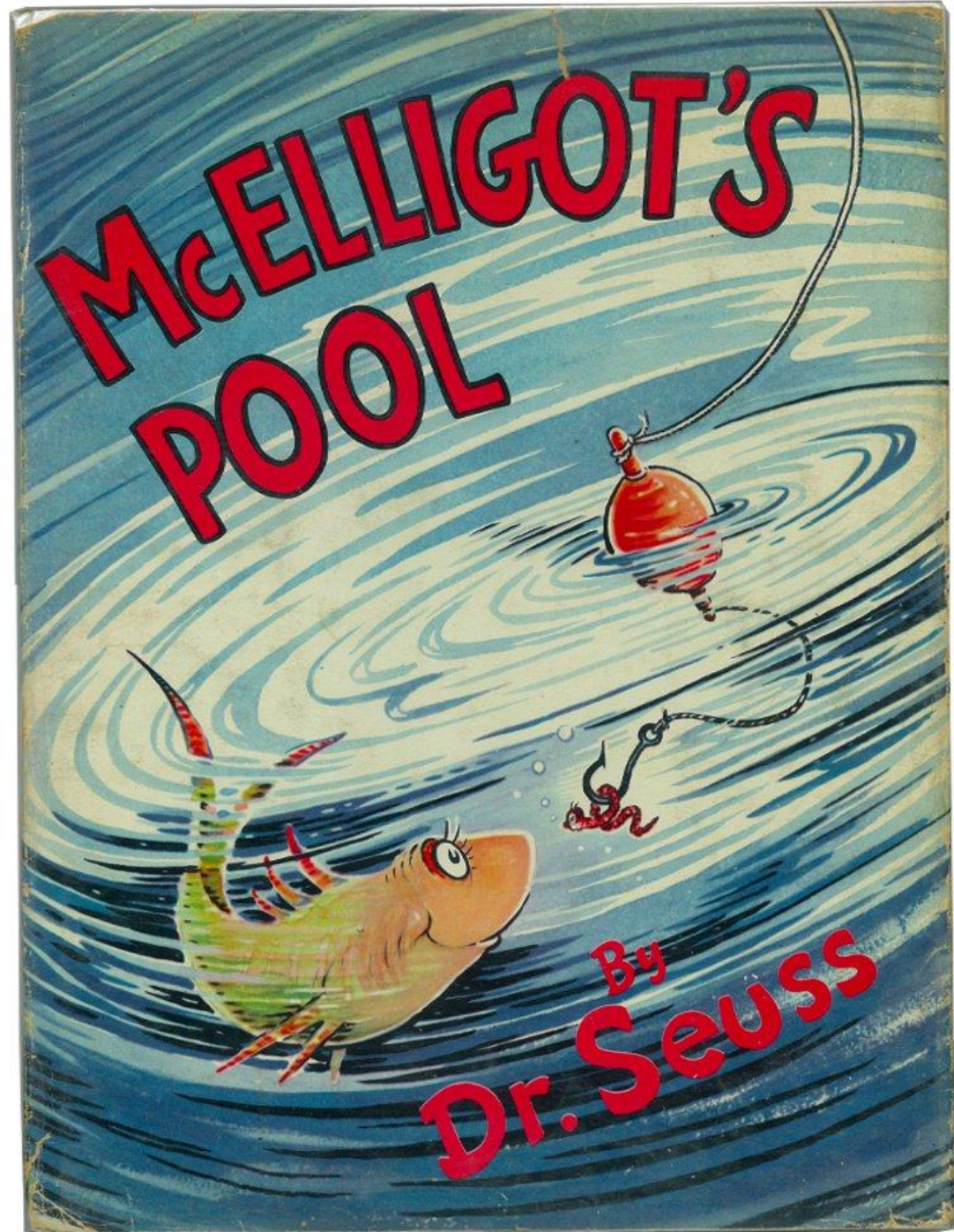
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On Life's Mysteries

'Cause you never can tell
What goes on down
below!

This pool *might* be bigger
Than you or I
know!

-*McElligot's Pool* 1947



BARTHOLOMEW and the OOBLECK

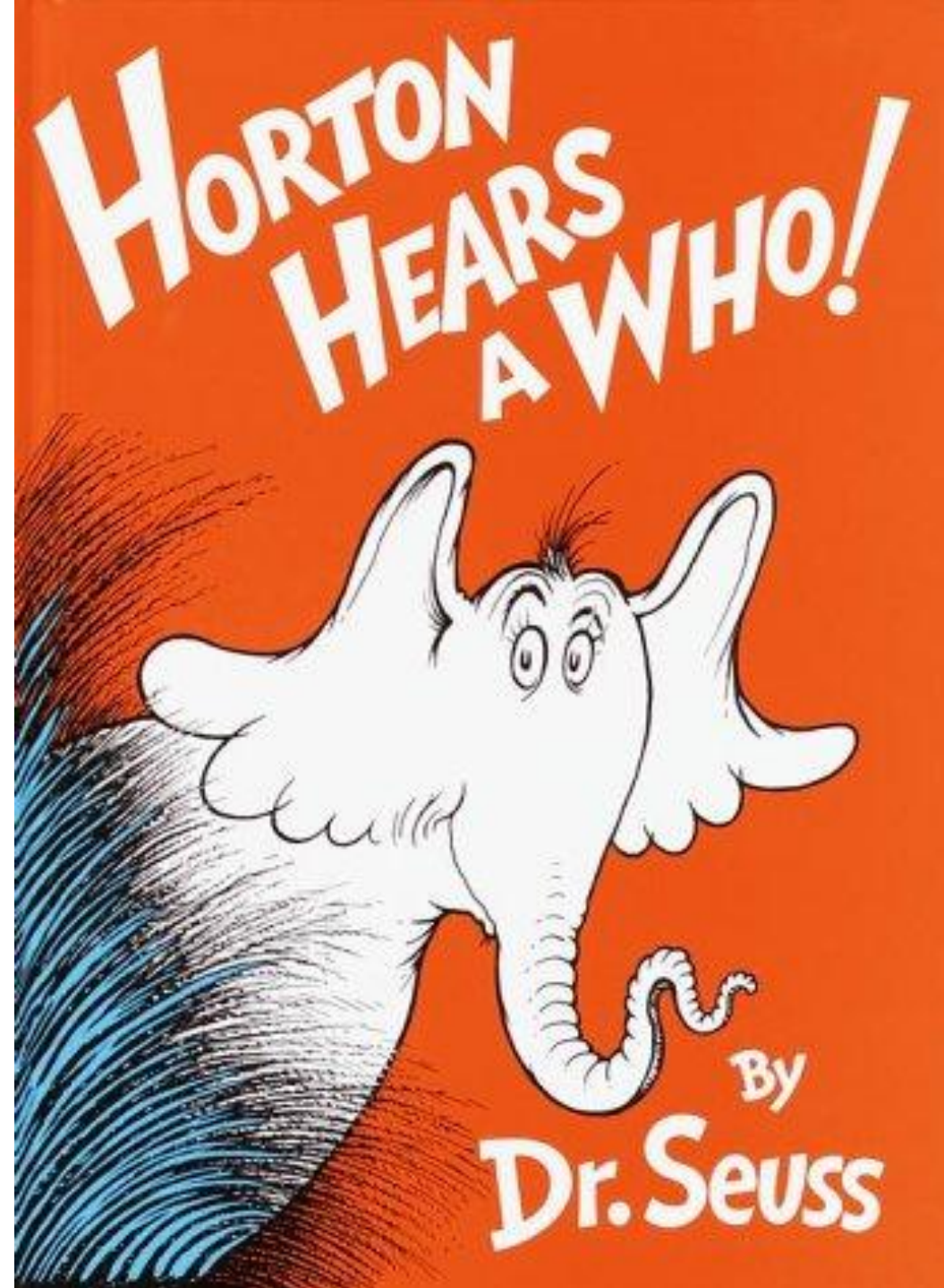
By **Dr. Seuss**



Everyone makes mistakes. Say you're
sorry. (1949)

1954

Horton contains a strong moral message, which Thomas Fensch identifies as "universal, multinational, multi-ethnic. In a word: **Equality**." Fensch also contends that the Mayor of Whoville's lines, "When the black-bottomed birdie let go and we dropped,/ We landed so hard that our clocks have all stopped" is a reference to the [atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki](#)



...A person's
a PERSON,

no matter
how
small.



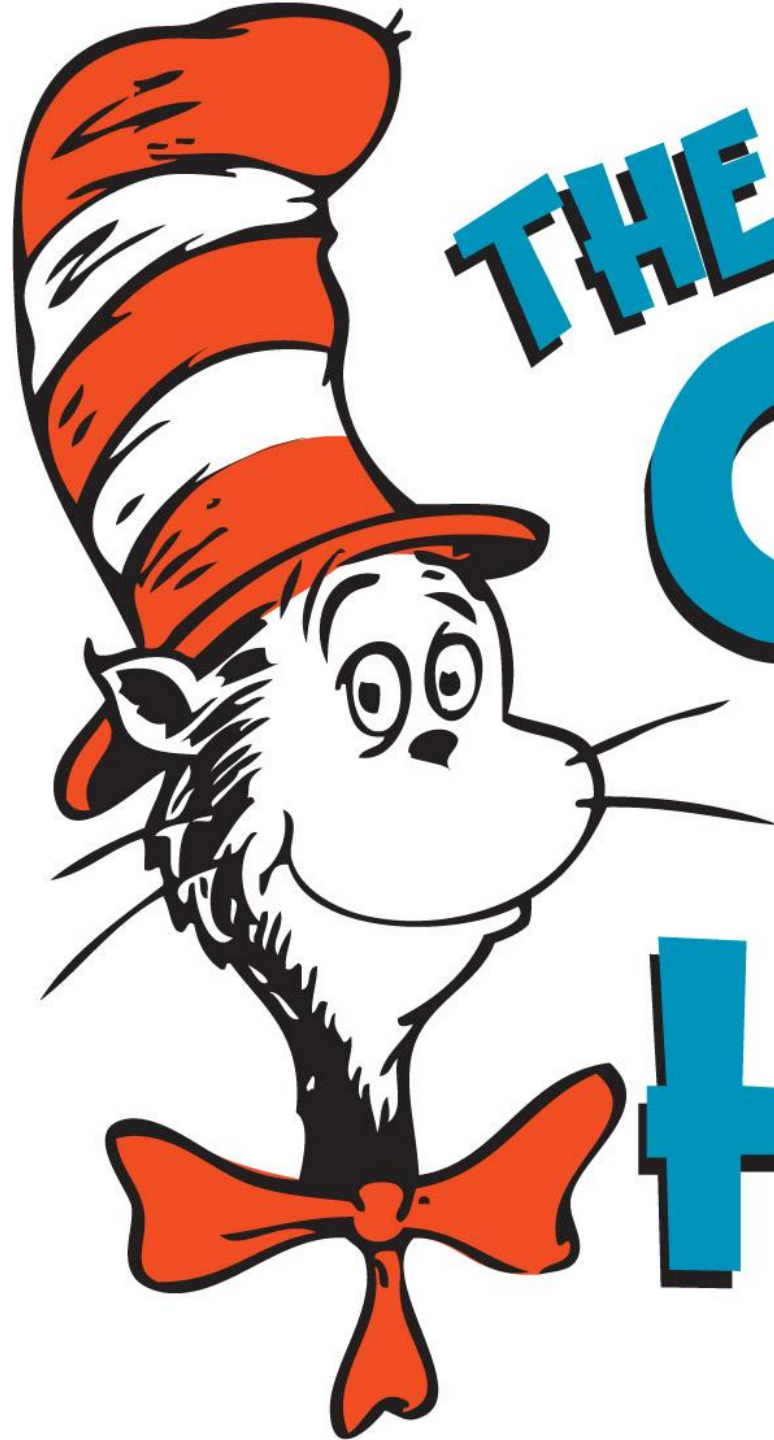
Horton Hears A Who! by Dr. Seuss

Dr. Seuss

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1957



**THE
CAT
IN THE
HAT**

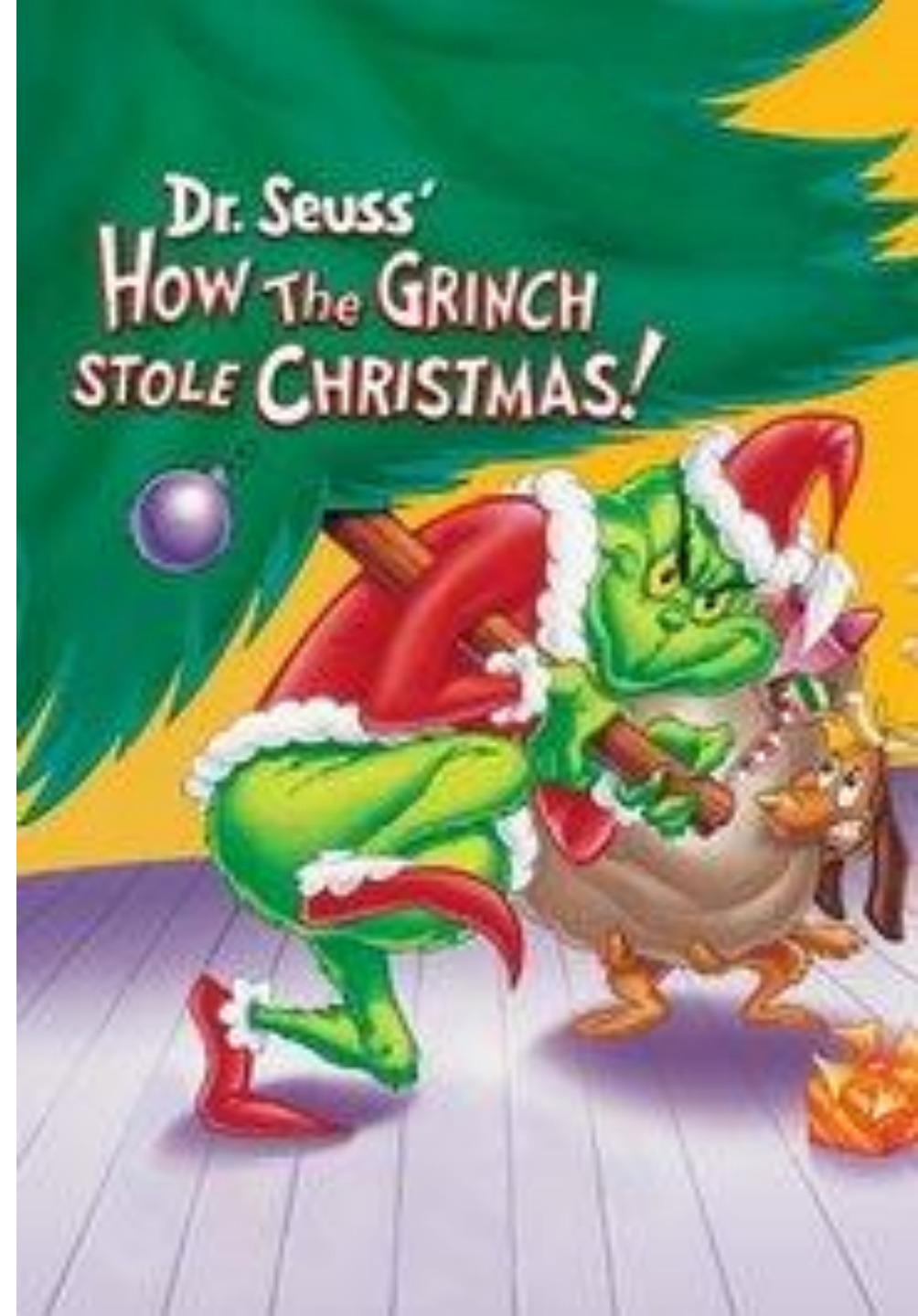
Dr. Seuss wrote *The Cat in the Hat* because he thought the famous *Dick and Jane* primers were insanely boring. Because kids weren't interested in the material, they weren't exactly compelled to use it repeatedly in their efforts to learn to read. So, *The Cat in the Hat* was born. (There are 225 words in it.) "I have great pride in taking *Dick and Jane* out of most school libraries," he said. "That is my greatest satisfaction."

1957

Perhaps his most well-known book
after the Cat in the Hat.

Christmas is so much more than
consumerism!

Even a “Grinch” can learn from
well-adjusted, happy people.



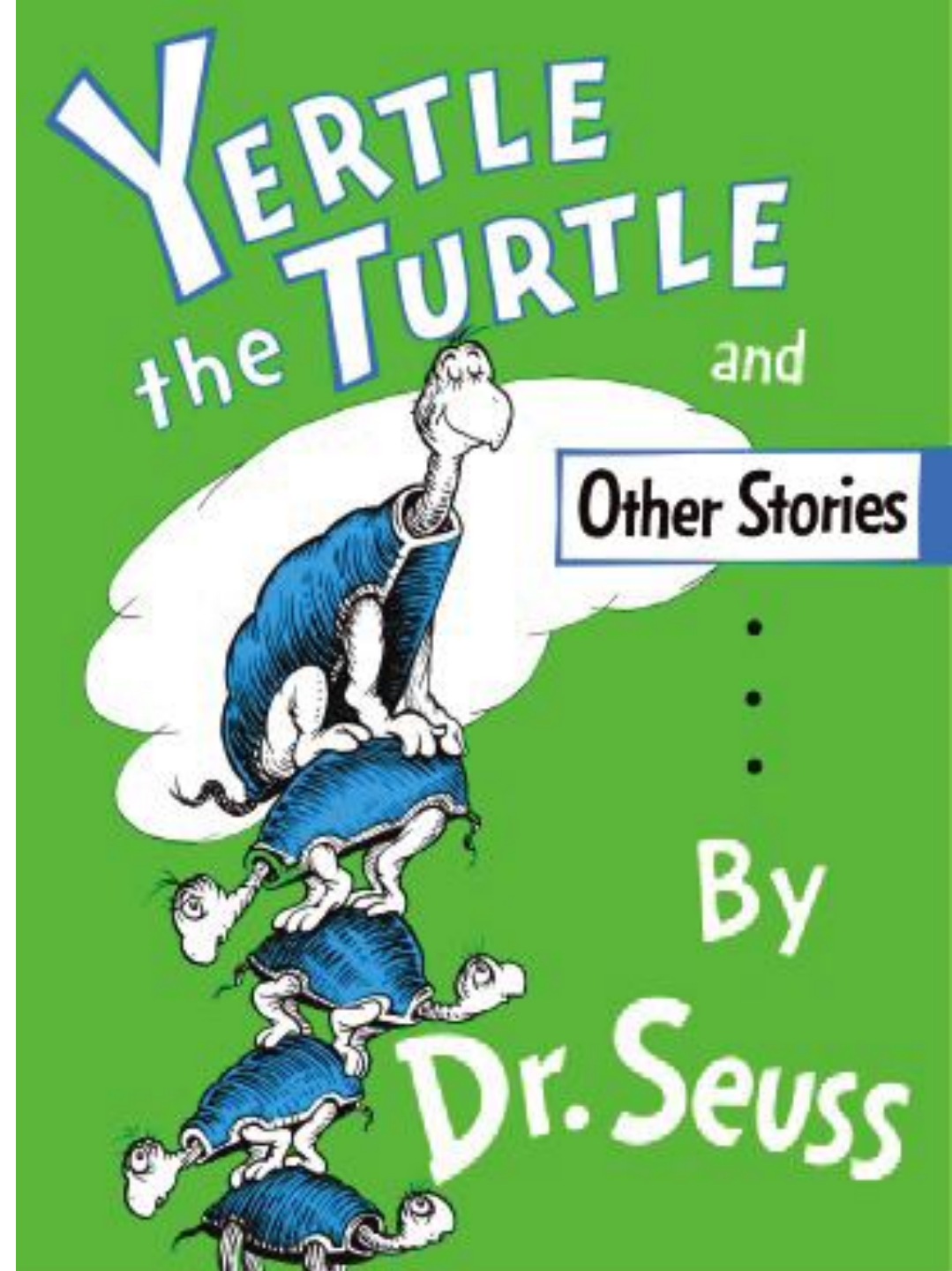
1958

On Equality and Justice

I know, up on top
you are seeing great sights,

But down at the bottom
we, too, should have rights.

(The character of the king was
based on Hitler.)



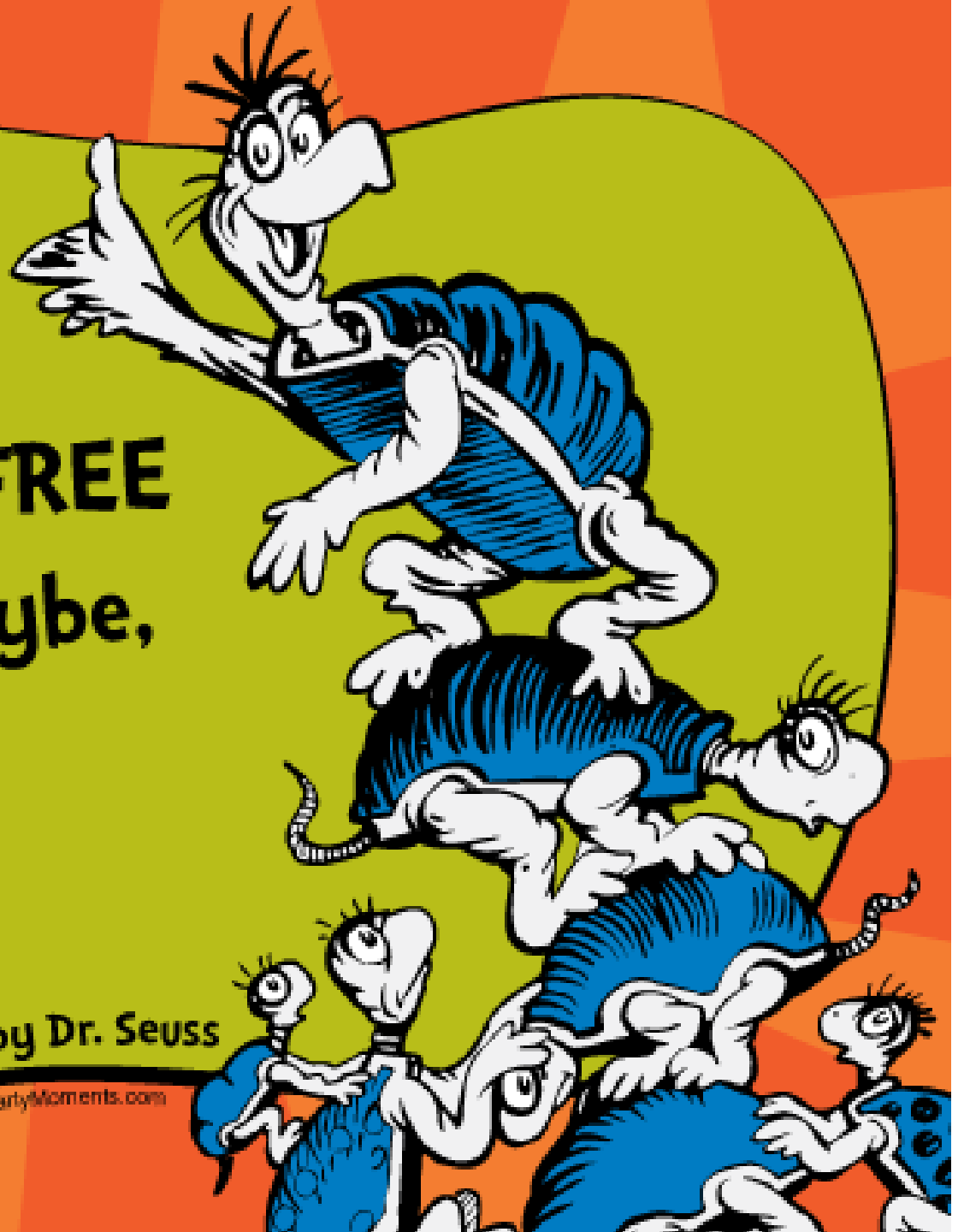
And the turtles,
of course...
all the turtles are **FREE**
As turtles and, maybe,
ALL creatures
should be.



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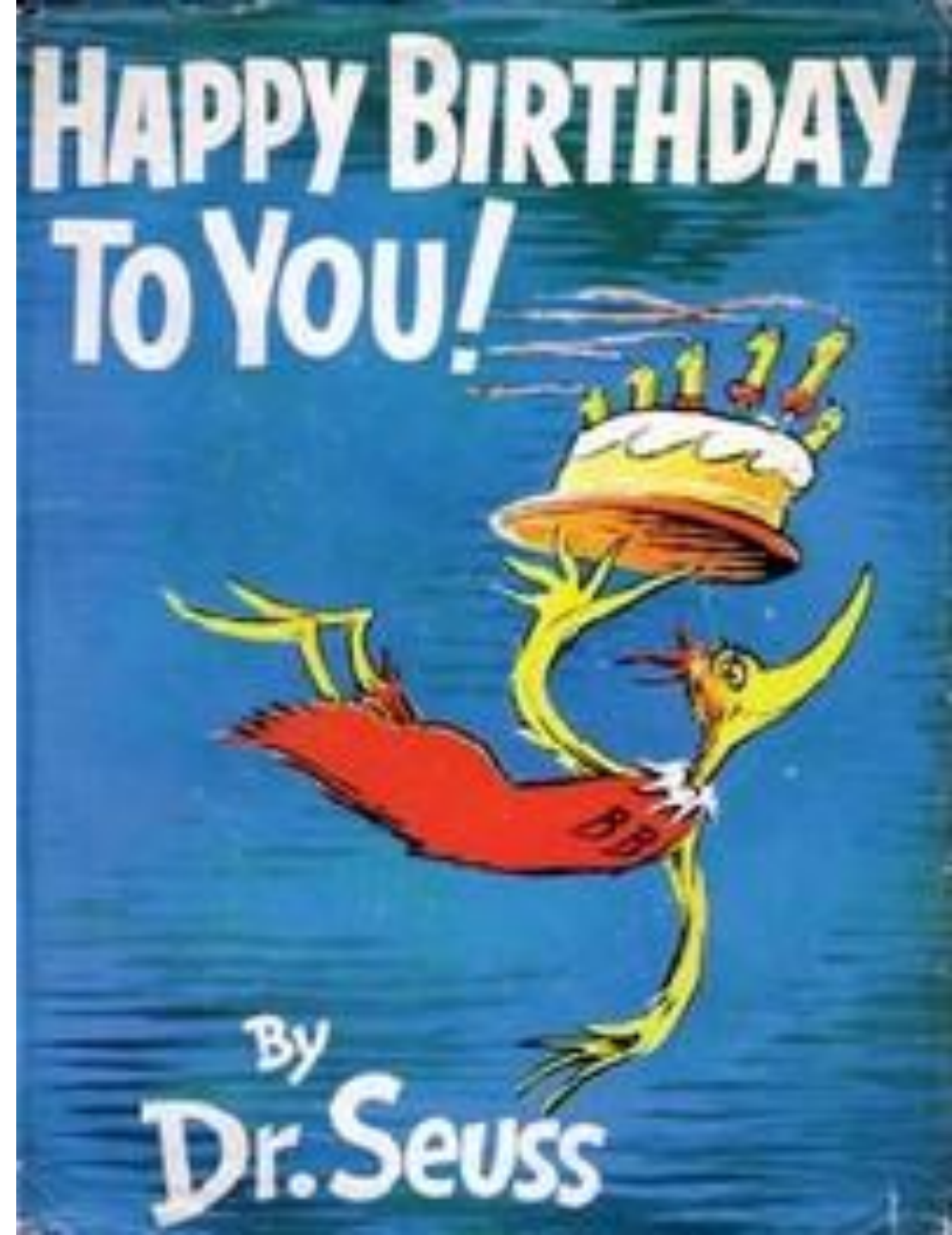
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1959

Deals with a fantastic land, called Katroo, where the Birthday Bird throws everyone an amazing party on their special day.



1959

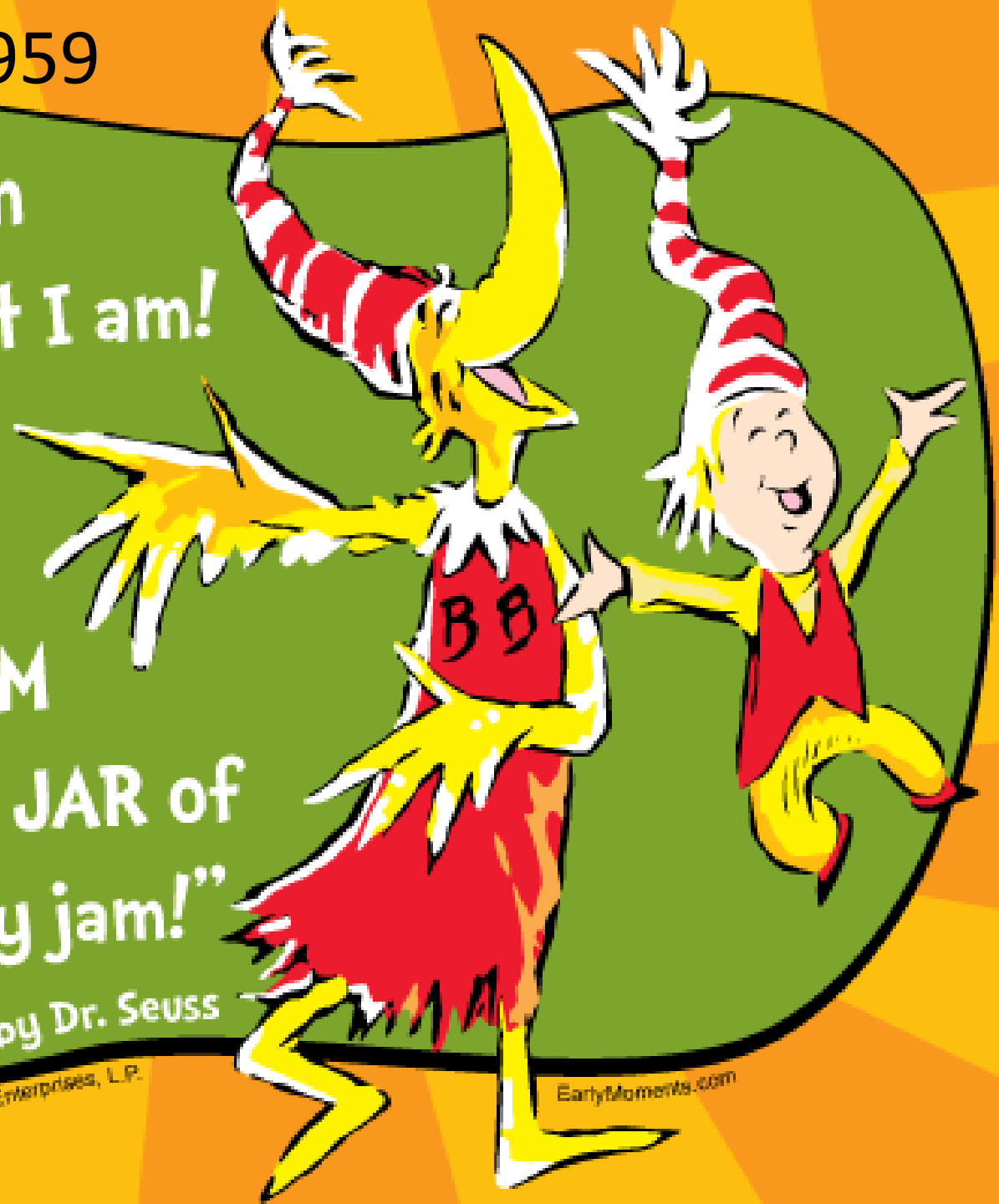
Shout loud, "I am
LUCKY to be what I am!
Thank goodness
I'm not just a
CLAM or a HAM
Or a dusty old JAR of
sour gooseberry jam!"



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Today you are **YOU!**
That is truer than **TRUE!**
There is no one alive
that is you-er
than
YOU!



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1960



One fish

By **Dr. Seuss**



two fish



red fish



blue fish

From there to here,
from here to there,
FUNNY things are
EVERYWHERE.

To THERE

To HERE

NEAR

FAR



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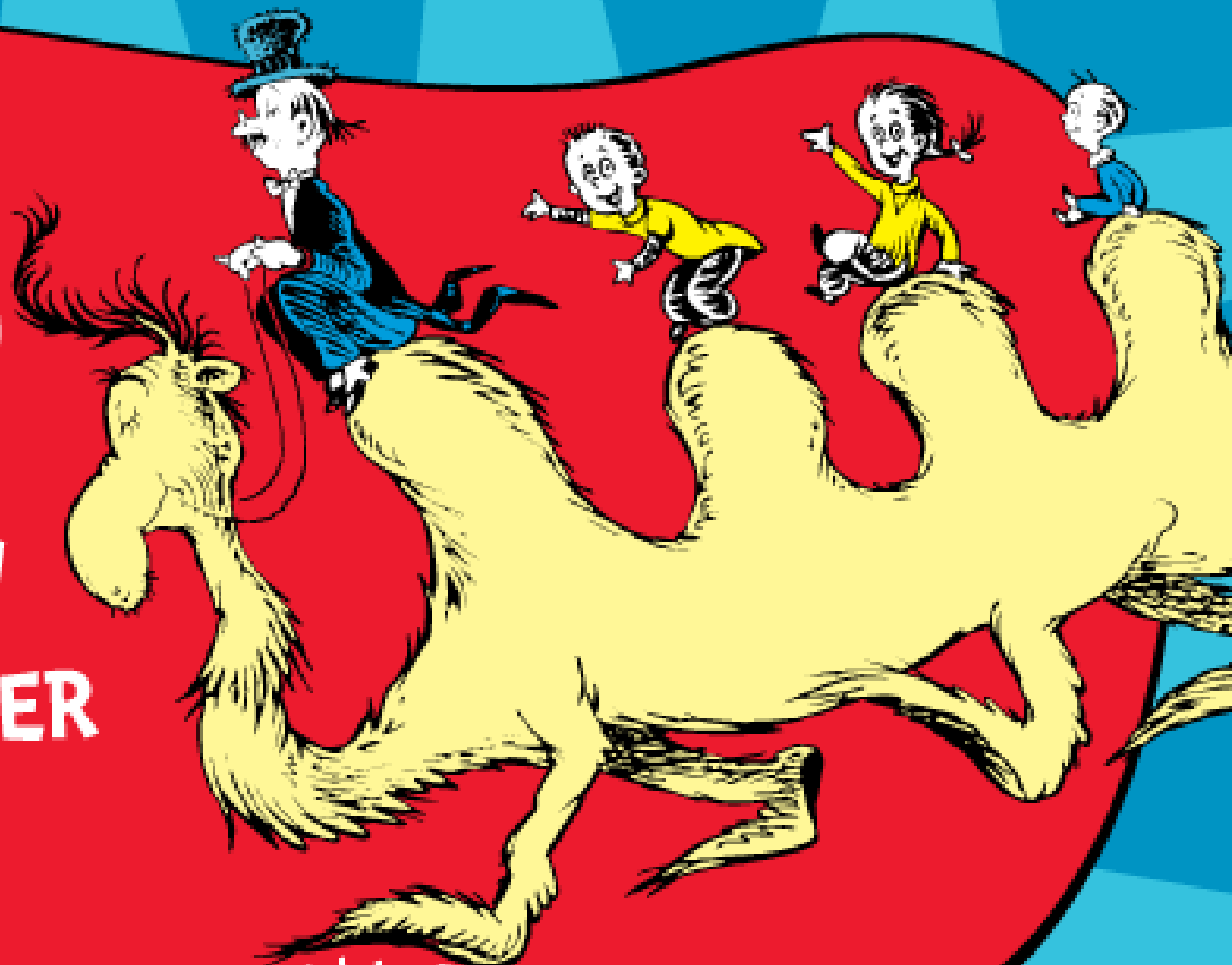
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1960

A story
about
the joy
one can
find in
diversity

Today was
good. Today
was FUN.
TOMORROW
is ANOTHER
ONE.



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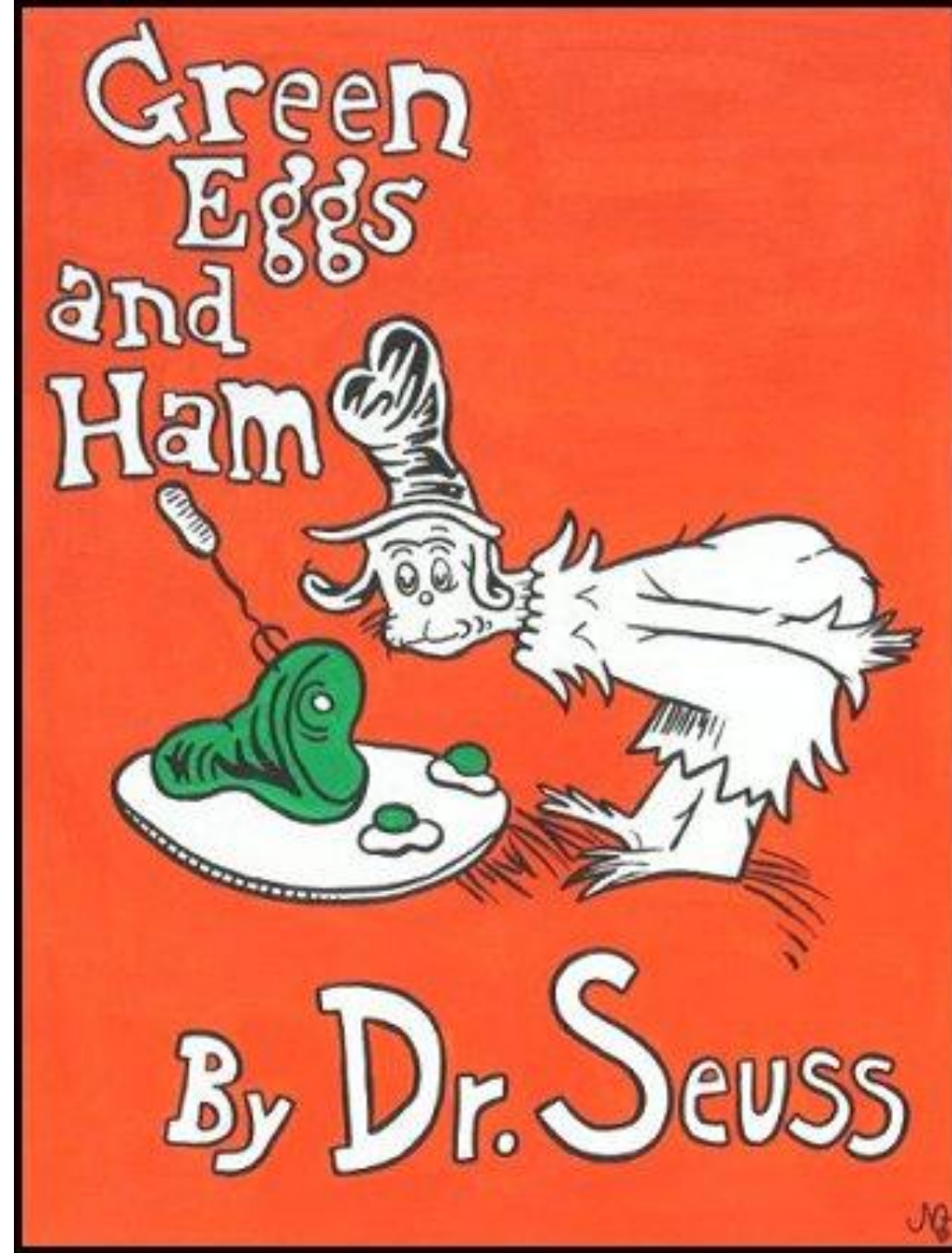
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1960

Publisher Bennett Cerf bet Geisel \$50 he couldn't write a book with fewer than 50 words and make six-year olds want to learn to read all by themselves.

Cerf was happy to pay up. The book's lesson is that we need to try new things before we make judgements about them.



You do not like them.
So you say.
Try them!
Try them!
And **YOU**
MAY!

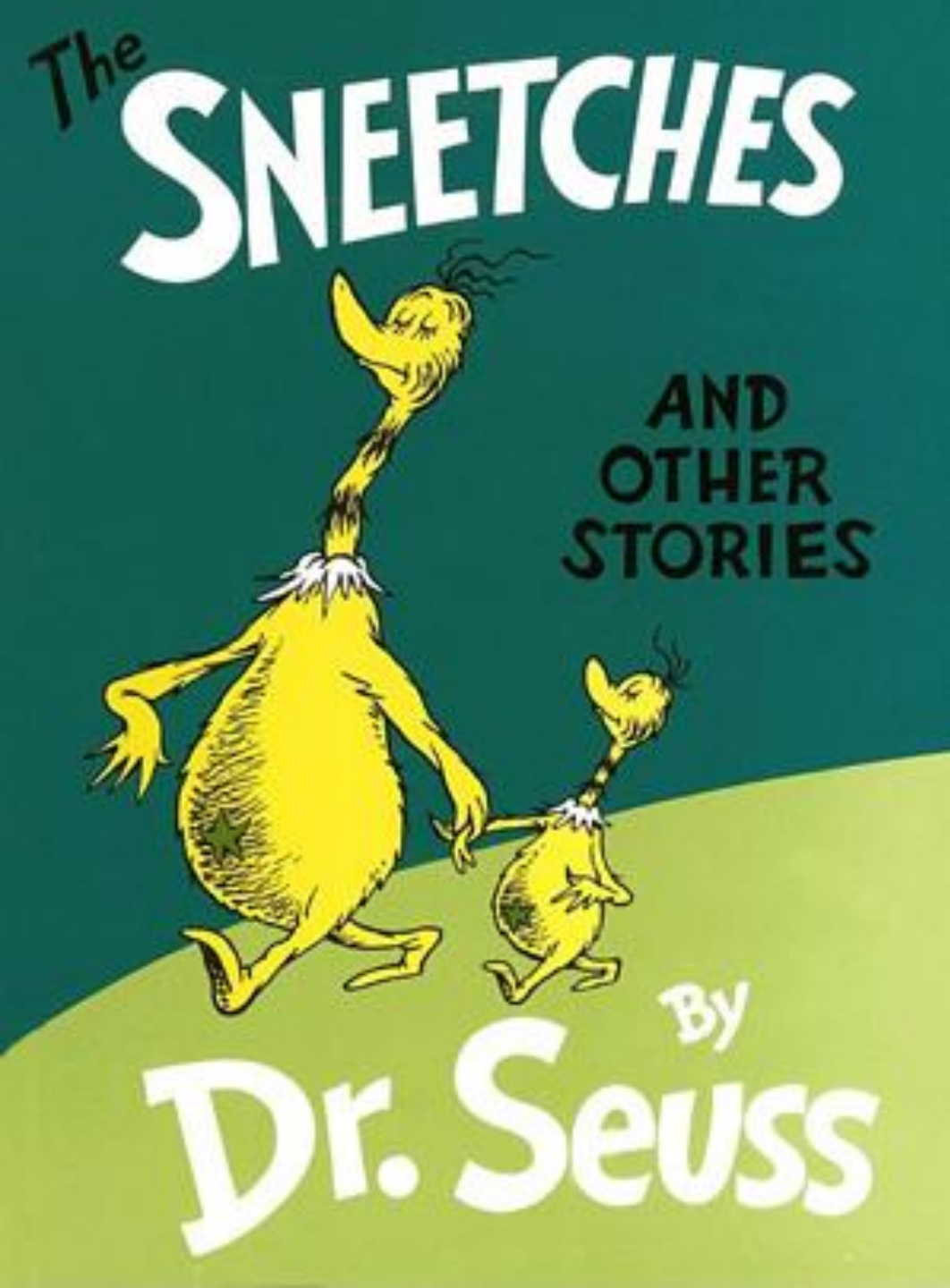


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1961

Because the star-bellied sneetches act superior toward the plain-bellied sneetches, a “fix-it-up chappie” named Sylvester McMonkey McBean appears and takes everyone’s money by adding or taking off the stars. A marvelous lesson on the futility of prejudice!

Helen Palmer who married Ted Geisel in 1927 died in 1967. She had Guillain-Barré Syndrome and cancer for 11 years before her death. She committed suicide.



In 1968, Ted married Audrey Stone. They went to Africa where Ted became aware of environmental concerns while there. This trip became the catalyst for his book *The Lorax*. The trees in the book were drawn from trees Ted saw while in Kenya.



1971

This story chronicles the plight of the environment and the Lorax who speaks for the trees against a greedy Once-ler (represented large corporations).



UNLESS someone like
YOU cares a whole
awful lot, **NOTHING**
is going to get better.
It's **NOT.**



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1972





The time has come.



The time is now.



1978

The more that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW**.
The more that you
LEARN, the
more places
you'll **GO**.



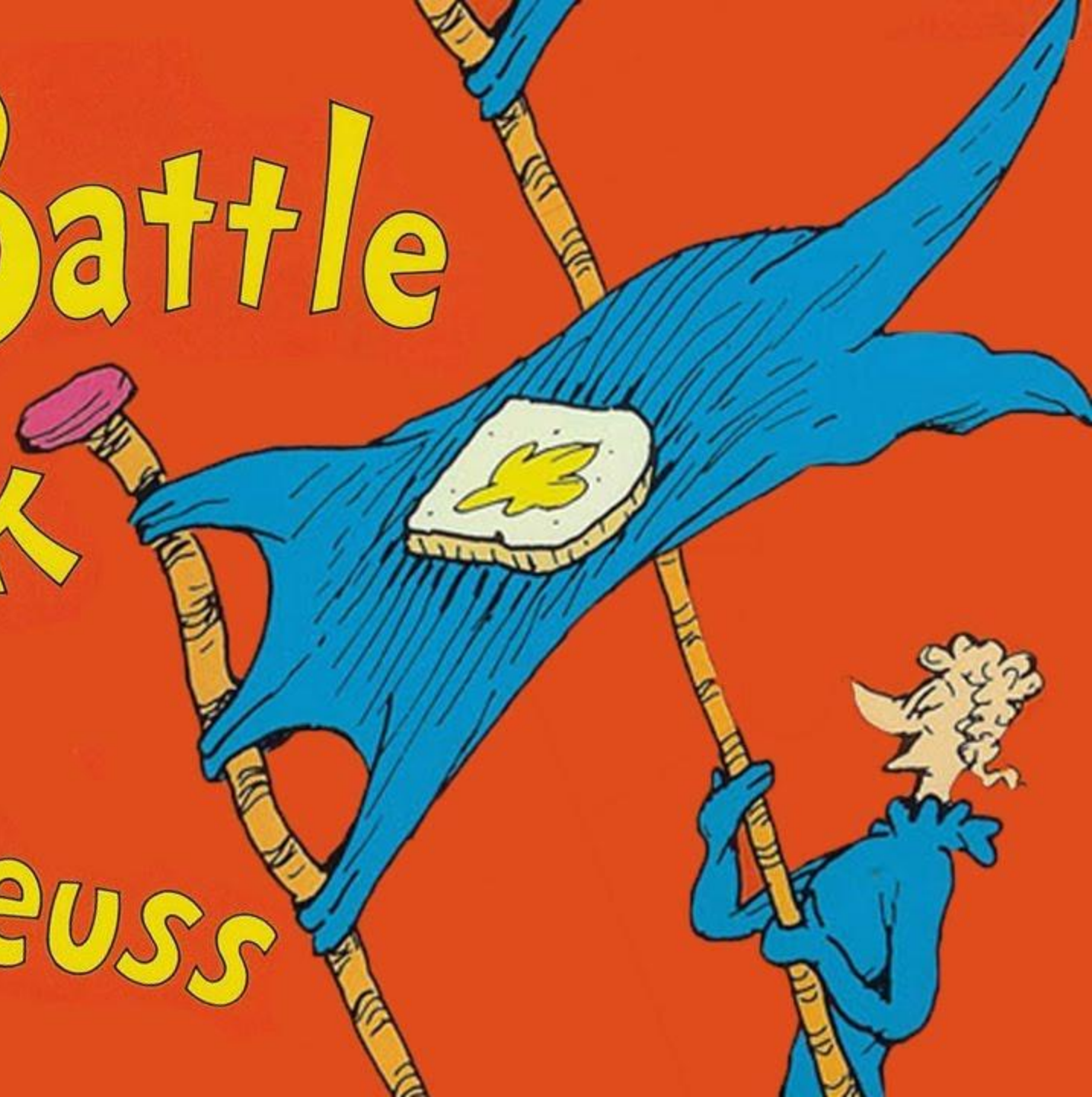
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The
Butter Battle
Book
By
Dr. Seuss



1984
About the
arms race.
Drew
criticism
from many
who thought
it was too
intense for
children

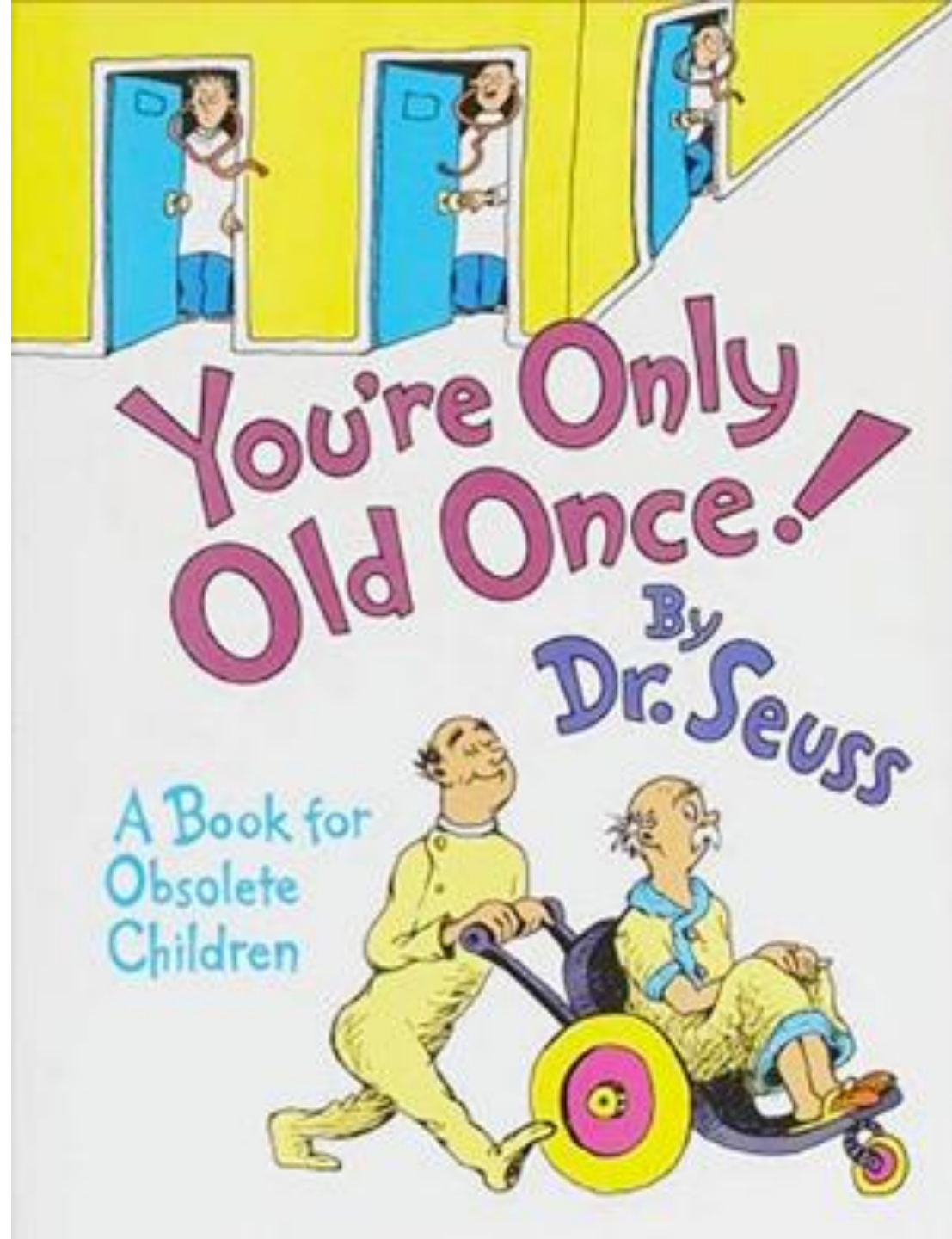


For a while that worked fine.
All the Zooks stayed away
and our country was safe.
Then one terrible day
a very rude Zook by the name of VanItch
snuck up and slingshotted my Snick-Berry Switch!

1986

He spent 4 years
(1921-1925) at
Dartmouth University
and made lifelong
friends.

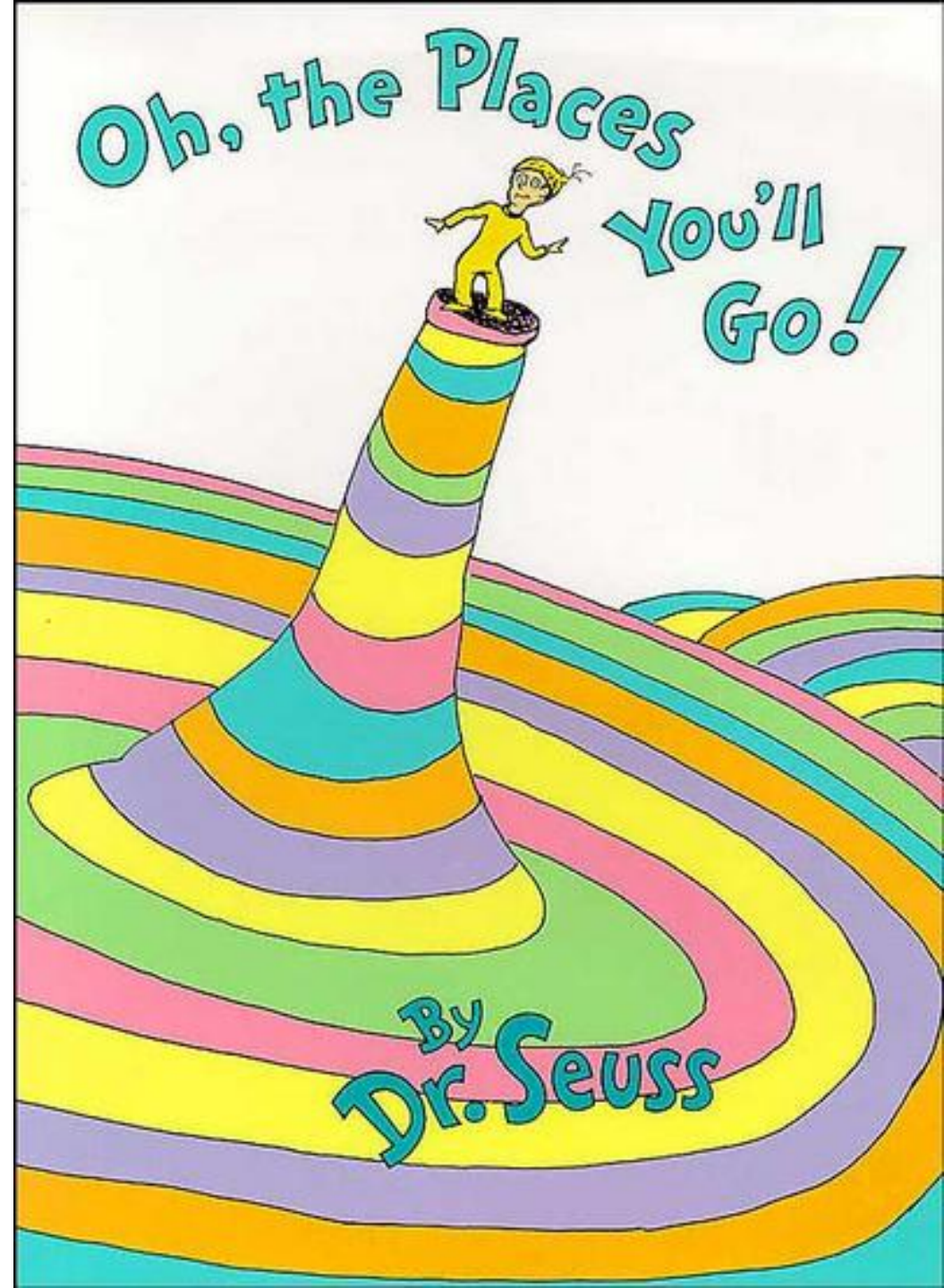
Dr. Seuss dedicated this
book, "With Affection
for and Afflictions with
the Members of the
Class of 1925"



1990

Dr. Seuss' last book
before his death in
1991.

Often given to
graduates as a gift.



Oh, the Places You'll Go!

Congratulations!
Today is your day!
You're off to great places!
You're off and away!
You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself
any direction you choose.
You're on your own.
And you know what you know.
And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go.
You'll look up and down streets.
Look them over with care.
About some you'll say
"I don't wish to go there."

With your head full of brains
and your shoes full of feet,
you're too smart to go down a not-so-good street.
And you may not find any you'll want to go down.
In that case, of course, you'll head straight out of town.
It's opener there, in the wide open air.
Out there things happen, and frequently do,
to people as brainy and footsy as you.
And when things start to happen, don't worry, don't stew.
Just go right along, you'll start happening, too!