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Dr. Seuss: Helping Kids Learn to Read

Dr. Seuss was born on March 2, 1904. He was an American cartoonist and writer. His real name was Theodor Seuss Geisel. He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Dr. Seuss liked to draw and write, even as a child. The first book that Dr. Seuss wrote was titled, *And To Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street*. He wrote it while on an ocean voyage, returning from a trip to Europe. The rhythm of the ship's engine gave him the feeling for the poetry rhythm in the story!

Dr. Seuss was not a real doctor. He added the "Dr." to his name to honor his dad, who wanted Theodor to finish his doctoral degree. Even though he never became a real doctor, he did write books that helped millions of kids learn to read. Dr. Seuss had also used other names, or "pen names," to write books. These names include Theophrastus Seuss, Theo LeSieg (which is his real name spelled backwards), and Rosetta Stone.



Dr. Seuss wrote more than 60 children's books, including some which have been made into movies, such as *The Cat in the Hat*, *Horton Hears a Who*, and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*.

Dr. Seuss wrote lots of books for children, even though he and his wife never had children of their own. He died at age 87, in San Diego, California.

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