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## Happy Birthday

by Sarah Jones, Director

"Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You." – Dr. Seuss, "Happy Birthday to You!" "Don't give up. I believe in you all. A person's a person. No matter how small." –Dr. Seuss "Horton Hears a Who!" I'm sure you have heard these two quotes before and probably even read the books. Dr. Seuss wrote more than 60 children's books. Born Theodor Seuss Geisel on March 2, 1904, this date has been designated Read Across America Day and "Dr. Seuss Day". It is celebrated nationwide to honor the author's timeless and uplifting work.

He was a storyteller in the grandest sense of the word. Not only did he tell fantastical tales of far-away places but he also gave us a unique visual language that carried his stories to new heights of artistic expression. Not only did he write the stories he also created all of the artwork as well. This is part of why his work is celebrated even to this day.

In 2010 Life Books published 100 People Who Changed the World, describing their efforts as "a fascinating look at a group of crucial individuals, as well as a history of how we got from the very distant and often unknowable past, to the here and now." Dr. Seuss was singled out as a "cultural icon." Life said of him, "Geisel entertained America's young with his rollicking rhymes, nutty narratives, and playful but artful pictures." However, he did "even more than entertain."

His intricately crafted reader, The Cat in the Hat, was a fanciful adventure that educates even as it entralls."

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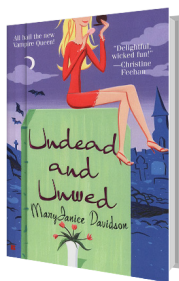


They recognized him for spending his long life "alternating between his no-rules novels, and books that grew ever more sophisticated, with word counts ever smaller to entice ever younger kids to read." And that he did so in a place of his own creation, Beginner Books, where "educational science collided with whimsy."

Dr. Seuss was the only children's author who was included in the book. Taking his place in the "cultural icon" section, he finds himself in grand company appearing alongside Michelangelo, Shakespeare, Beethoven, Dickens, Le Corbusier, Chaplin, Chanel, Picasso, and Elvis. His books are not only fun whim-

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## COMMUNITY



### PARANORMAL READS BOOK CLUB

**Mar. 11 • 5 p.m.**

Do you LOVE to read about the supernatural or paranormal? Then join us for this one-of-a-kind club! This month is *Undead and Unwed*, by MaryJane Davidson. Our next book will be *Deeplight* by Frances Hardinge.

### FAMILY STORYTIME

**Mar. 2, 9, 23 & 30 • 5 p.m.**

Join us for storytime fun for the whole family! For kids of all ages and their adults.

### DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

**Mar. 11 & 25  
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Answer the call for adventure with your favorite role-playing game. We will be hosting tables that people can use to play Dungeons and Dragons or other table top style games. Any experience level is welcome.

### SEEDS AND SPROUTS SWAP

**Mar. 11 • 9 a.m.**

Seeds, sprouts, plants, cuttings, and more are welcome in this



swap. Come see what fellow growers have to offer, and find new plants to take home and try.

### ASL SIGNING TIME

**Mar. 4 & 18 • 10 a.m. – Noon**

You are invited to join us for American Sign Language! Meet and learn from members of the deaf, hard of hearing, and alternative speech communities in Carlsbad.

### STITCHERS ANON

**Age 13 +  
Mar. 7 & 21 • 2 p.m.**

Get together with other stitchers - crochet, knit, needlepoint, embroidery, cross-stitch, and more. Bring your own supplies and join the fun.

### CAMERA CLUB

**Mar. 25 • 5 p.m.**

Southeast NM is getting it's own photography club! Shutterbugs of all levels are invited to be involved in creating our new Camera Club. Help us showcase the amazing talent in our area.

## ADULTS



### BREWS & BOOKS

**Mar. 15 • 6:30 p.m.  
Milton's Brewing**

Join us at Milton's Brewing (213 Mermod Street in Carlsbad) for a fun group book discussion about *No One Will Miss Her*, by Kat Rosenfield.



## TEENS

### TEEN LIFE SKILLS

**High School – 1 p.m. • Mar. 25**

This program is just for high schoolers to learn life skills. Each month will have a different class

to teach a life skill like making a budget, changing a tire, and health care and first aid.

## TEEN AFTER HOURS

**High School Students ONLY**

**Mar. 18 • 6 p.m.**

Come to an after-hours lock-in at the library and join us for Kindergarten Night. Take a moment to de-stress from finals and enjoy some milk & cookies, cartoons, finger paints and games.



### TWEEN BOOK CLUB

**Ages 8–11  
Mar. 8 • 4 p.m.**

Join your peers in reading and discussing new exciting, and interesting and books. This month we're discussing *The Real Boy*, by Ann Ursu. Next month will be *Allergic*, by Megan Wagner Lloyd.

### TEEN BOOK CLUB

**Ages 12–18  
Apr. 4 • 1 p.m.**

Join your peers in reading and discussing new exciting, and interesting and books in this club designed just for Teens. Next month pick your favorite book about 'Death' to discuss with the group.

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## TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)

**Mar. 18 • 1 p.m.**

The teen advisory group offers an opportunity for students in grades 6 – 12 to have a voice in the library!

## TEEN ANIME CLUB

**Grades 6 – 12**

**Mar. 11 • 1 p.m.**

Come to watch anime, eat snacks, and socialize with friends. This month we're watching Your Name.



## KIDS

## MUSIC & MOVEMENT

**Mar. 11 & 25 • 9:30 a.m.**

Enjoy a fun way to develop Early Literacy skills in young children with music, dancing, singing, stories and exploration of simple musical concepts.

## BABY TIME

**Ages 0 – 15 mo.**

**Mar. 7, 21 & 28 • 10 a.m.**

This class focuses on the interaction between baby and care-giver. Adults will learn a variety of bounces, songs, rhymes, finger plays, movement, and sign language to use at home to develop a baby's early literacy skills.

## TODDLER TIME

**Ages 16 mo. – 35 mo.**

**Mar. 2, 9, 23 & 30 • 10 a.m.**

This class introduces toddlers

to the love of books, songs, rhymes, finger plays, movement, and sign language. Toddlers must come with an adult who takes care of them.

## PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

**Ages 3 – 5 years**

**Mar. 1, 8, 22, & 29 • 10 a.m.**

This storytime session and facilitated play encourages the development of young pre-reading skills through stories, songs, rhymes, and narrative.

## STEM CLUB

**1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

This club is designed to stimulate young minds and open the world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Each month we feature a different STEM project kit that participating students will get to keep. Be sure to signup for our February meeting!

## LEGO TIME

**All Ages**

**Mar. 1, 8, 15, & 22 • 2 p.m.**

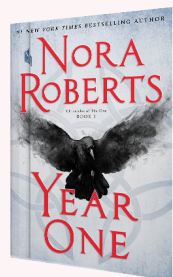
Everyone is invited to attend this exciting come-and-go program. All LEGO bricks and supplies will be provided for self-directed play.

## STEAM AFTER SCHOOL

**K – 12**

**Mar. 7, 21 & 28 • 4 p.m.**

Students can participate in a variety of fun, educational and hands-on activities, including building challenges, science experiments and fun with various STEM toys. ♦



# Paranormal Review

**Year One by Nora Roberts**

One thing about book groups, members don't always agree with each other or the "official" book reviews from organizations

such as Library Journal, Booklist, or Publisher's weekly. This is what makes book groups entertaining. Discussing a book with other people tends to open one's eyes to different perspectives.

Nora Roberts is a veteran writer so she's been around the block a time or two. She's one of the most prolific authors in the industry today with novels under four different names. She has devoted fans worldwide. She was the first author to be inducted into the Romance Writers of America Hall of Fame. So people tend to sit up and take notice when she does something different. Year One was that something different when it emerged in 2017.

This book is not a romance though it has romantic relationships within it. It's a dystopian and post-apocalyptic fantasy. Year One is not your mother's Nora Roberts in any sense. It has graphic scenes of horror and violence but those ultimately aren't what the book is about. It's a story about human resilience and the importance of family, friends, and community when caught up in a larger-than-life war between good and evil. It came out to rave reviews.

But it seems that it's a love-it or hate-it book. The Paranormal Reads crew had some definite criticisms. The biggest is that the book is chaotic and jumps around. This may just reflect what is happening. Any apocalypse is chaotic. Order tends to want to keep things the same, not destroy the entire system. It is hard to follow because most of the book is the coming together of two groups of people who eventually form a community. This means that the perspective jumps around quite a bit. A few readers felt a bit tricked at the beginning because some of those characters that were instrumental in bringing about the apocalypse died in the apocalypse. Just a word of caution, don't get emotionally invested in the characters until later in the book. There are chunks of time that go missing because of the routine of life but

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# KID'S CORNER



## DIY Birdhouse

by Emily Stones, [craftcreatecook.com](http://craftcreatecook.com)



### SUPPLIES

- Empty cartons, washed and dried
- Acrylic paint
- Paint brush
- Water
- Paper towel
- Nail or screwdriver
- String or yarn
- Scissors
- Utility knife
- Bird seed

Kids of all ages can make these birdhouse crafts! With a little preparation on saving some old cartons of half & half from our morning coffee, to a goldfish cracker carton, we were on our way to making bird houses in no time! You'll always want to have an adult help with challenging steps like using a sharp knife to cut the sides out of the box. Remove and discard. Dry the inside of the container if it is not already. No matter how many days I leave my cartons out to dry, there's always some liquid inside.

### DIRECTIONS

#### 1. Cut Carton Sides

With help from an adult, use a utility knife to cut the sides out of a carton.

#### 2. Paint

Place the carton on a protected surface and paint with acrylic paints. Let dry

#### 3. Poke Top Holes and Thread String

Poke a hole into the top of each side of the carton with a nail or screw driver. Thread a piece of yarn or string through the carton and knot at the top to hang.

#### 4. Add Bird Seed and Find a Location

Fill with bird seed and find the perfect location outside to bird watch.

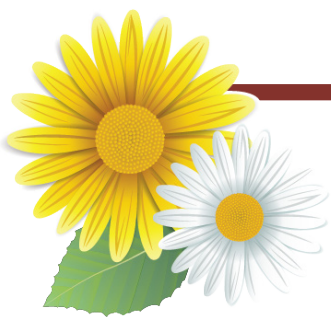
And go! Really, just GO! Let your imagination run wild! Break out a rainbow of acrylic craft paints and start creating unique colors and designs on your houses. Stripes, polka dots, stars, shapes, rainbows, or mix colors to create something completely new! And then let it set to dry.

When dry, poke a hole in the top, add a string. Fill with bird seed and hang it! ♦





[supercoloring.com](http://supercoloring.com)



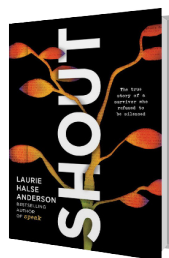
# Must Have YA Books to Read This Spring



## ***Lovely War*, by Julie Berry.**

Four tragically beautiful star-crossed lovers whose stories are narrated by Greek gods and a tale that touches on intrigue, war, prejudice, trauma and music? It's 1917, and World War I is at its zenith when Hazel and James first catch sight of each other at a London party. She's a shy and talented pianist; he's a newly minted soldier with dreams of becoming an architect. When they fall in love, it's immediate and deep—and cut short when James is shipped off to the killing fields.

Thirty years after these lovers' fates collide, the Greek goddess Aphrodite tells their stories to her husband, Hephaestus, and her lover, Ares, in a luxe Manhattan hotel room at the height of World War II. She seeks to answer the age-old question: Why are Love and War eternally drawn to one another? But her quest for a conclusion uncovers a multi-threaded tale of prejudice, trauma, and music and reveals that War is no match for the power of Love.



## ***Shout*, by Laurie Halse**

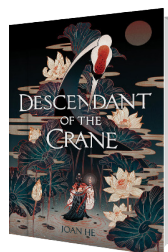
**Anderson.** The courageous, brilliant, and critically acclaimed author of *Speak*, which celebrates its twentieth anniversary this year, has penned an equally important body of work, but this time, it's even more personal. *Shout* is a memoir written in verse, as hyper-vulnerable as it is a call-to-arms that's been a long time coming. Laurie has always been at the forefront of speaking up for the necessity of having these critical conversations, and after reading *Shout* you will feel both chilled and whole, and more awakened to the world and whose voices we need to put front and center.



## ***Internment*, by Samira**

**Ahmed.** History informs every facet of present-day life, which can be good (we print books now because of the invention of printing presses!) and bad (the literal enslavement, colonization and deaths of millions of

innocent lives.) And unless we take the proper actions and precautions, history has a way of repeating itself, sometimes for the worst. *Internment* follows a Muslim-American teenager as she enters a fictional America that sends its Muslim citizens to internment camps, much like America really did send Japanese-Americans to internment camps after World War II. Samira's book is all about resistance against the coils of injustice and hatred, and the necessity of fighting to ensure the future is brighter than the past—for everyone.



## ***Descendant of the Crane*, by**

**Joan He.** We've been looking forward to this one since, oh, forever. A magical Chinese-inspired fantasy with expertly developed characters, impeccable writing and a killer plot? And a sexy/smart/kinda-dangerous love interest we can't take our eyes off of? Need we say more??? There are SO many amazing fantasy books, but this one truly stands out.

Princess Hesina of Yan has always been eager to shirk the responsibilities of the crown, but when her beloved father is murdered, she's thrust into power, suddenly

the queen of an unstable kingdom. Determined to find her father's killer, Hesina does something desperate: she engages the aid of a soothsayer—a treasonous act, punishable by death... because in Yan, magic was outlawed centuries ago.



## ***Love From A to Z*, by S.K. Ali.**

We don't need much more than meet-cute flirty eyes in an airport (swoon), an interracial romance, and a Muslim love story front and center to have major heart eyes. And with two main characters who are trying their best to be certain things to certain people, but realize it's only with each other they can be themselves ... we know we're not the only ones ~flying high~ over this one!



## ***Her Royal Highness*, by**

**Rachel Hawkins.** We'd do anything to relive a day in the life/era of *The Princess Diaries*. Luckily, we have a brand new

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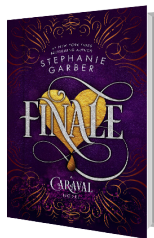
princess tale to immerse ourselves in! In this story, we're headed to Scotland, and we're ready for all the beautiful scenery (and royal drama) that's sure to follow. Because you know that with a cover and premise like this, it's gonna be a wild journey.



***These Witches Don't Burn*, by Isabel Sterling.** We love all things witchy, witchy, and witchy. Did we say witchy? And a brand-new story following four witches in Salem, MA who are just trying to deal with normal high school drama (and some juicy love triangles and mishaps) with a supernatural crisis on the loose? Witch, please. You already know we're there.

Hannah's a witch, but not the kind you're thinking of. She's the real deal, an Elemental with the power to control fire, earth, water, and air. But even though she lives in Salem, Massachusetts, her magic is a secret she has to keep to herself. Hannah spends most of her time avoiding her ex-girlfriend (and fellow Elemental Witch) Veronica, hanging out with her best friend, and working at the Fly by Night Cauldron selling candles and crystals to tourists, goths, and local Wiccans. But dealing with her ex is the least of Hannah's

concerns when a terrifying blood ritual interrupts the end-of-school-year bonfire. Evidence of dark magic begins to appear all over Salem, and Hannah's sure it's the work of a deadly Blood Witch. The issue is, her coven is less than convinced, forcing Hannah to team up with the last person she wants to see: Veronica.



***Finale*, by Stephanie Garber.** When we left off in *Legendary*, we were already counting the days until *Finale* came out, but now that we're here...we have to admit this is super bittersweet. While we cannot wait to see how this tricky and magical series wraps up, we're just not ready for the greatest circus of all time to be over.

Welcome, welcome to Caraval...all games must come to an end. It's been two months since the last Caraval concluded, two months since the Fates have been freed from an enchanted deck of cards, two months since Tella has seen Legend, and two months since Legend claimed the empire's throne as his own. Now, Legend is preparing for his official coronation and Tella is determined to stop it. She believes her own mother, who still remains in an enchanted sleep, is the rightful heir to the throne. ♦

## 15 Surprising Dr. Seuss Facts



- Dr. Seuss real name is Theodor Seuss Geisel.
- Dr. Seuss is not a real doctor... of any kind. He added the "Dr." to his name to appease his father who wanted him to become a doctor.
- He also wrote under the pen name Theo LeSieg, which is Geisel spelled backwards.
- Dr. Seuss' mother made up rhymes for him when he was a child. This later inspired his writing style.
- And To Think I Saw It On Mulberry Street was the first book published by Dr. Seuss in 1937.
- His first book was rejected 27 times before being published!
- It reportedly took Dr. Seuss three months just to come up with an ending to *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*.
- Dr. Seuss and his first wife never had children, so he would dedicate his books to imaginary kids including an imaginary daughter he named "Chrysanthemum Pearl."
- Dr. Seuss was credited with inventing the word "nerd"!
- The author wrote *Green Eggs and Ham* on a bet! The bet was to write a book with only 50 words for \$50.
- He drove a car with a license plate that read, "GRINCH." (Great fun fact to include in the Grinch lesson plan!)
- Dr. Seuss said that the book *Yertle the Turtle* is "a deliberate parable of the life of Hitler."
- The last book he wrote was *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*
- *What Pet Should I Get?* was released after the author's death. His wife found the story and sketches after he died.
- Dr. Seuss authored over 60 children's books!



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sical places to take young readers on an adventure they have incredible morals. The Lorax taught us to stand up for what we believe in. "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better, It's not." In Horton Hears a Who he taught us that every voice counts, and a person is a person no matter how small. The Grinch showed us that love should be in our heart and Christmas means a little bit more than the food and the presents.

To celebrate his books, art, and life we are throw him a birthday party on Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Be sure to join us next year for cupcakes, crafts, fun, and of course live readings of our favorite Dr. Seuss stories! There is always fun for the whole family at the Carlsbad Library. Help us share the joy of Dr. Seuss with the next generation. ♦



# Q & A Dr. Seuss

## What is Dr Seuss Day?

Dr. Seuss Day not only celebrates the author Theodor Seuss Geisel, but it's also a reading celebration for Read Across America that encourages children to read more and have fun with reading theme events.

## What day is Dr Seuss Day?

Dr. Seuss Day is always celebrated on March 2, which is Dr. Seuss birthday.

## What day is Green Eggs and Ham Day?

Dr. Seuss Day is sometimes referred to as Green Eggs and Ham Day, which is March 2nd. Many schools and educators fill the entire week with Dr Seuss week activities!

## Why We Celebrate Dr Seuss Day

March 2nd is the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, so we celebrate Dr. Seuss Day as a way to honor him. Additionally, it's Read Across America Day, which is a day to celebrate reading and encourage kids to read, including favorite Dr. Seuss books!

## What is Read Across America Week?

It's actually Read Across America Day (but some schools, businesses, and organizations make it an entire week of fun Dr. Seuss activities). Read Across America Day is celebrated on March 2nd, which is Dr. Seuss' birthday. It was created by the NEA (National Education Association) in 1997 to get kids excited about reading and to encourage reading more books.



## When did Dr. Seuss die?

Dr. Seuss died on September 24, 1991, of cancer. He was 87 years old.

## What do you wear to Dr. Seuss Day?

Need fun dress up ideas for Dr Seuss week? Try these costume ideas.

1. Be a Cat in the Hat (or wear other crazy hats).
2. Wear crazy hair like in Whoville from The Grinch Who Stole Christmas.
3. Sport some wacky socks to celebrate Fox in Socks.
4. Wear a shirt from a place you've visited for Oh! The Places You'll Go!
5. Have pajama day and read Dr. Seuss's Sleep Book.
6. Wear your favorite pet ears, tail, or pet mask and read What Pet Should I Get?
7. Create and wear big, funny mustaches to celebrate The Lorax (or, give these out. The kids will be thrilled!). ♦

# Who was Dr. Seuss?

Are you feeling Susical this month? Take a read through some interesting books about all about Dr. Suess.

## THE PARABLES OF DR. SEUSS

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This breezy and engaging book will delight the Dr. Seuss fan in all of us. Robert Short looks at spirituality in the stories of children's book author and illustrator Theodore "Dr. Seuss" Geisel, arguing that Geisel was "a first-class Christian thinker." The book explores *Green Eggs and Ham*, *Horton Hears a Who*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, and others.

Short writes in the introduction, "When I first became acquainted with his books and was struck by the many parallels I saw between his work and what is said in the Bible and by Christian faith, I considered these similarities to be merely 'happy accidents.' Today I still see these parallels as 'happy,' but I'm now convinced that they are not merely 'accidents.'

## WHO WAS DR. SEUSS?

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Ted Geisel loved to doodle from the time he was a kid. He had an offbeat, fun-loving personality. He often threw dinner parties where guests wore outrageous hats! And he donned quirky hats when thinking up ideas for books--like his classic *The Cat in the Hat*. This biography, with black-and-

white illustrations throughout, brings an amazingly gifted author/illustrator to life.

## IMAGINE THAT!: HOW DR. SEUSS WROTE THE CAT IN THE HAT

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Have you ever wondered how the great Dr. Seuss wrote his most famous book? Did you know that for *The Cat in the Hat*, he wasn't allowed to make up the fun words he was known for--like OOBLECK and IT-KUTCH and HIPPO-NO-HUNGUS? He was only allowed to use words from a very strict list!

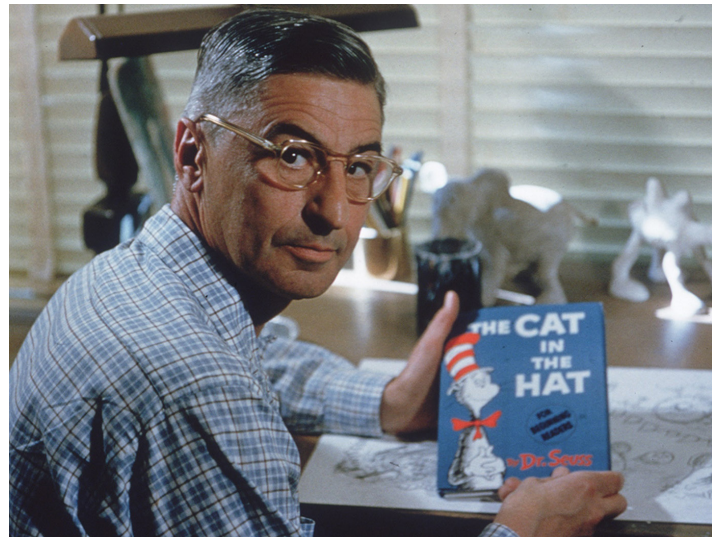
This bouncy account of the early career of Dr. Seuss (a.k.a. Ted Geisel) proves that sometimes limitations can be the best inspiration of all.

Kid-friendly prose (with Seussian rhyme for Ted's dialogue) and whimsical illustrations by award winner Kevin Hawkes recall the work of Dr. Seuss himself. Writing tips from Dr. Seuss and exclusive letters from the author and illustrator, detailing how they created this book, are included!

## THE SEUSS, THE WHOLE SEUSS, AND NOTHING BUT THE SEUSS: A VISUAL BIOGRAPHY OF THEODOR SEUSS GEISEL

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Theodor Seuss Geisel, creator of *Horton the Elephant*, the *Grinch*, the *Cat in the Hat*, and a madcap



American author and illustrator Dr. Seuss sits at his drafting table in his home office in La Jolla, California, April 25, 1957. (Gene Lester/Getty Images)

menagerie of the best-loved children's characters of all time, stands alone as the preeminent figure of children's literature. But Geisel was a private man who was happier at the drawing table than he was across from any reporter or would-be biographer. Under the thoughtful scrutiny of Charles D. Cohen, Geisel's lesser known works yield valuable insights into the imaginative and creative processes of one of the 20th century's most original thinkers.

## DR. SEUSS GOES TO WAR: THE WORLD WAR II EDITORIAL CARTOONS OF THEODOR SEUSS GEISEL

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For decades, readers throughout the world have enjoyed the marvelous stories and illustrations of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss. But few know Geisel's work as a political cartoonist during World War II for the New York daily newspaper *PM*. In these marvelously trenchant cartoons, Geisel captured the Zeitgeist--especially the attitudes of the New Deal

liberals who read *PM*--with a wonderful Seussian flair. *Dr. Seuss Goes to War* features handsome, large-format reproductions of more than two hundred of Geisel's cartoons from this time. Book jacket.

## BECOMING DR. SEUSS: THEODOR GEISEL AND THE MAKING OF AN AMERICAN IMAGINATION

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Dr. Seuss is a classic American icon. His work has defined our childhoods and the childhoods of our own children. More than 25 years after his death, his books continue to find new readers, now grossing over half a billion dollars in sales. His whimsical illustrations and silly, simple rhymes are timeless favourites because, quite simply, he makes us laugh. Theodor Geisel, however, led a life that goes much deeper than the prolific and beloved children's book author. In fact, the allure and fascination of Dr. Seuss

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begins with this second, more radical side. He had a successful career as a political cartoonist, and his political leanings can be felt throughout his books-remember the environmentalist of The Lorax? He was a complicated man, who introduced generations to the wonders of reading while teaching young people about empathy and how to treat others well.

### GREEN EGGS AND HAM COOKBOOK: RECIPES INSPIRED BY DR. SEUSS

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Ever wonder what green eggs and ham really taste like? They're yummy. And now everyone can whip up a batch for themselves using this fabulous cookbook. Filled with simple, scrumptious, wacky recipes for such foods as Cat in the Hat Pudding and Moose Juice and Schlopp, this unique cookbook will have the whole family hamming it up in the kitchen. Each recipe is accompanied by the original verse that inspired it, and the pages are laminated to protect against getting splatters of Sneetch Salad, Oobleck, and Solla Sollew Stew. ♦

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then, conversely, Roberts takes the time to describe pretty mundane activities which struck some group members as an issue with inconsistency in the storytelling.

Roberts nailed the reactions of humans to a public health disaster. While COVID was nowhere near the deadly enemy that the "Doom" is in the book, many of the actions resembled what actually occurred when the pandemic happened. Interesting since the book was written in 2017 and COVID emerged in China in 2019. Furthermore, it is unknown whether Nora Roberts is a fan of "The Walking Dead" but some of her scenes strongly reminded us of scenes from that popular show.

Nora Roberts admitted that the book was a challenge and difficult to write. That may have some bearing on the flaws that the Paranormal Reads members pointed out. However, in the end, readers with a less critical eye for form will find the story compelling enough to read the second and third books in the trilogy. ♦

## Learn More about the Carlsbad Caverns at Our New Storywalk Exhibit



Top: (L to R) Graphic Designer Eymard Bangcoro, Chief of Interpretation and Education Michael Larson, City of Carlsbad Mayor Dale Janway, Carlsbad Public Library Director Sarah Jones, and Superintendent Carmen Chapin. (NPS)

October 25, 2023 marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment

of Carlsbad Caverns National Park. Signed into law by President Calvin Coolidge, the park was set aside to protect its "...extraordinary proportions and...unusual beauty and variety of natural decoration..."

Yesterday, the park unveiled 20 Story Walk exhibits along the Lake Carlsbad Recreation Area in partnership with the City of Carlsbad and the Carlsbad Public Library. Mayor Dale Janway and Library Director Sarah Jones joined in the celebration. The exhibits showcase the park's history, cave formations, and plant and animals that make Carlsbad Caverns their home. The exhibits will be on display throughout the park's centennial.

To learn more about the parks centennial celebration go to: [go.nps.gov/centennialcelebration](https://go.nps.gov/centennialcelebration). ♦