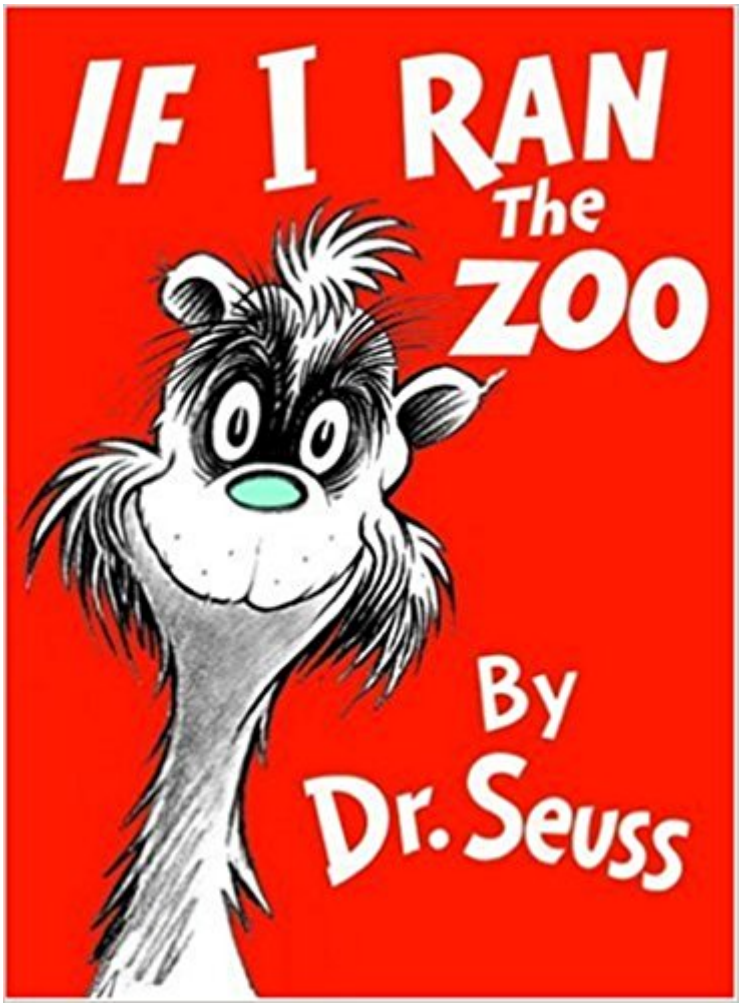
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If I Ran The Zoo (Classic Seuss)



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Synopsis

Animals abound in Dr. SeussÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Caldecott HonorÃ¢â ¬â œwinning picture book If I Ran the Zoo. Gerald McGrew imagines the myriad of animals heÃ¢â ¬â„¢d have in his very own zoo, and the adventures heÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll have to go on in order to gather them all. Featuring everything from a lion with ten feet to a Fizza-ma-Wizza-ma-Dill, this is a classic Seussian crowd-pleaser. In fact, one of GeraldÃ¢â ¬â„¢s creatures has even become a part of the language: the Nerd!

Book Information

Lexile Measure: AD1000L (What's this?)

Series: Classic Seuss

Hardcover: 64 pages

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers; n edition (October 12, 1950)

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Best Sellers Rank: #8,086 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #12 inÃ Â Books > Children's Books > Animals > Zoos #24 inÃ Â Books > Children's Books > Literature & Fiction > Poetry > Dr. Seuss #44 inÃ Â Books > Literature & Fiction > Poetry > Regional & Cultural > United States

Age Range: 5 - 9 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 4

Customer Reviews

"It's a pretty good zoo," said young Gerald McGrew, "and the fellow who runs it seems proud of it, too." But if Gerald ran the zoo, the New Zoo, McGrew Zoo, he'd see to making a change or two: "So I'd open each cage. I'd unlock every pen, let the animals go, and start over again." And that's just what Gerald imagines, as he travels the world in this playfully illustrated Dr. Seuss classic (first published back in 1950), collecting all sorts of beasts "that you don't see every day." From the mountains of Zomba-ma-Tant to the blistering sands of the Desert of Zind, Gerald hunts down every animal imaginable ("I'll catch 'em in countries no one can spell, like the country of Motta-fa-Potta-fa-Pell"). Whether it's a scraggle-foot Mulligatawny or a wild-haired Iota (from "the far western part of south-east North Dakota"), Gerald amazes the world with his new and improved zoo:

"This Zoo Keeper, New Keeper's simply astounding! He travels so far that you think he would drop! When do you suppose this young fellow will stop?" But Gerald's weird and wonderful globe-trotting safari doesn't end a moment too soon: "young McGrew's made his mark. He's built a zoo better than Noah's whole Ark!" Some of the text and illustrations--imaginative as they are--are obviously dated, such as the following passage: "I'll hunt in the mountains of Zomba-ma-Tant/ With helpers who all wear their eyes at a slant,/ And capture a fine fluffy bird called the Bustard/ Who only eats custard with sauce made of mustard." And your children may be the first to recognize that attitudes have changed since the xenophobic '50s. But that doesn't mean this tale need be discarded; instead, it should be discussed. Ironically, Seuss was trying here--in his wild, explosive, and sometimes careless manner--to celebrate the joys of unconventionality and the bliss of liberation! (Ages 4 to 8)

"[Dr. Seuss] has...instilled a lifelong love of books, learning and reading [in children]" - The Telegraph "Dr. Seuss ignites a child's imagination with his mischievous characters and zany verses" - The Express "The magic of Dr. Seuss, with his hilarious rhymes, belongs on the family bookshelf" - Sunday Times Magazine "The author... has filled many a childhood with unforgettable characters, stunning illustrations, and of course, glorious rhyme" - The Guardian "Dr. Seuss ignites a child's imagination with his mischievous characters and zany verses." - The Express --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Kids love it.

I have ordered many Dr. Seuss books and this one is right up there with the rest of them. It is not a title you often see. I now look on for other interesting Dr. Seuss books.

I remember this book mostly from my mother reading it to my younger brother. It is a wonderful cartoon of the Doctor's view of the world. I read "eyes at a slat" as "hats at a slant" now, as that line is dated, but the rest of the book is still good;.

Awesome thank you!

My Niece loved it.

Top Shelf

Very fun book...my son was so excited and surprised.

My four year old grand daughter loves this book...as do I, although all of Dr. Seuss is a tongue twister for me when reading out loud...but then, that's half the fun. I would recommend it for most toddlers.

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