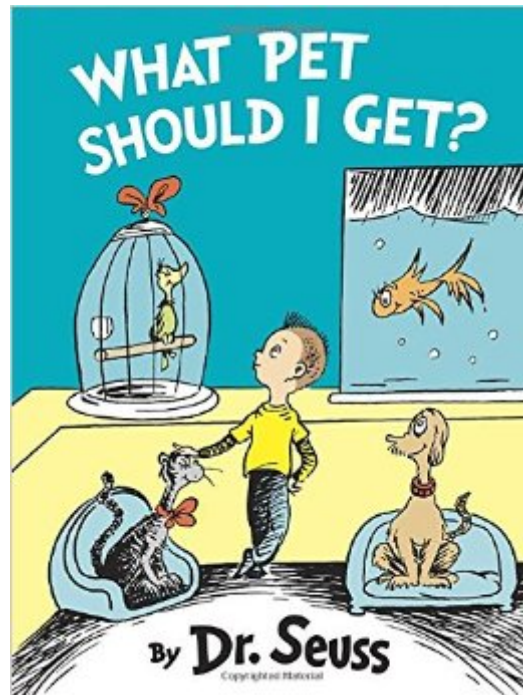


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What Pet Should I Get? (Classic Seuss)



Synopsis

A #1 New York Times bestseller! 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! 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. 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

July saw the release of new books from two beloved authors. While the focus has been on Harper Lee's new novel, I was most curious about the new Dr. Seuss book. (We can discuss what that says about my literary tastes later.) Having gotten to read *What Pet Should I Get?*, I feel fairly certain it should have stayed unpublished. It's not a bad book, but it certainly won't be remembered as one of his better books. The story follows a brother and sister who are sent to a pet

store to pick out one new pet. The brother, our narrator, immediately wants a dog, and his sister wants a cat. But the more they begin to look around, the more choices they see. What will they wind up taking home? The plot really didn't surprise me based on the title. I just wasn't sure if it was going to feature real animals or animals straight from the imagination of Dr. Seuss. The answer is yes. Eventually, the book does feature two imaginary creatures, but most of the book does focus on real pets. And that's part of the problem. Those two imaginary animals almost feel forced into the story. If Dr. Seuss was going to follow his flights of fancy, it would have been a much larger part of the book. Instead, it felt like it was just there to fill pages. The book does rhyme, but it doesn't flow like the best of Dr. Seuss's books. Some of the rhymes did feel forced, and other lines feel like they are changing the rhythm mid-book, something he never did. The illustrations are classic Dr. Seuss, however. They are the one thing that really does shine. For that reason, I suspect that kids will still enjoy this book even if it doesn't hold nearly the same appeal to adults. But let's discuss the ending. It leaves the final choice the children make open.

I can remember the excitement I felt as a youngster when word would spread that our school library had acquired a NEW Dr. Seuss book... you'd always try to be the first one to "WALK! DON'T RUN!" over to grab it! When I read an article the other day about a NEW (posthumous) Dr. Seuss book, I was whisked back to those days - couldn't wait to get it to share with our grandsons! Especially when I learned the book's illustrations were by Ted Geisel himself. No offense intended to the illustrators of the books that Mr. Geisel wrote but did not illustrate (identifiable by his pen names of "Theo. LeSieg" - Geisel spelled backward - or "Rosetta Stone"), but you simply can't top his illustrations when it comes to catching a child's eye and imagination (or a grandmother's, for that matter!) This is a darling book! Unfortunately, pets weren't a part of my childhood (I was the oldest of ten children, so I think that might've had something to do with it... Mom had a hard enough time stretching the grocery bill as it was!), so it was all the more reason to fall in love with the animals (both everyday, "normal" animals and his fanciful concoctions) in the Seuss books. This one has a brother and sister headed to the pet shop to pick out their first pet (would it be a dog or puppy?... a cat or kitten?... a bird or rabbit?... a fish or a monkey?... and then the child narrator begins to imagine a few other different pets he might find!) Throughout the book, it frequently refers to how difficult decision-making is sometimes within given parameters ("We have to pick ONE pet") and time constraints ("Mother and Dad said to be home by noon!"), and it ends in a delightful way by showing them walking out of the shop with a basket...

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