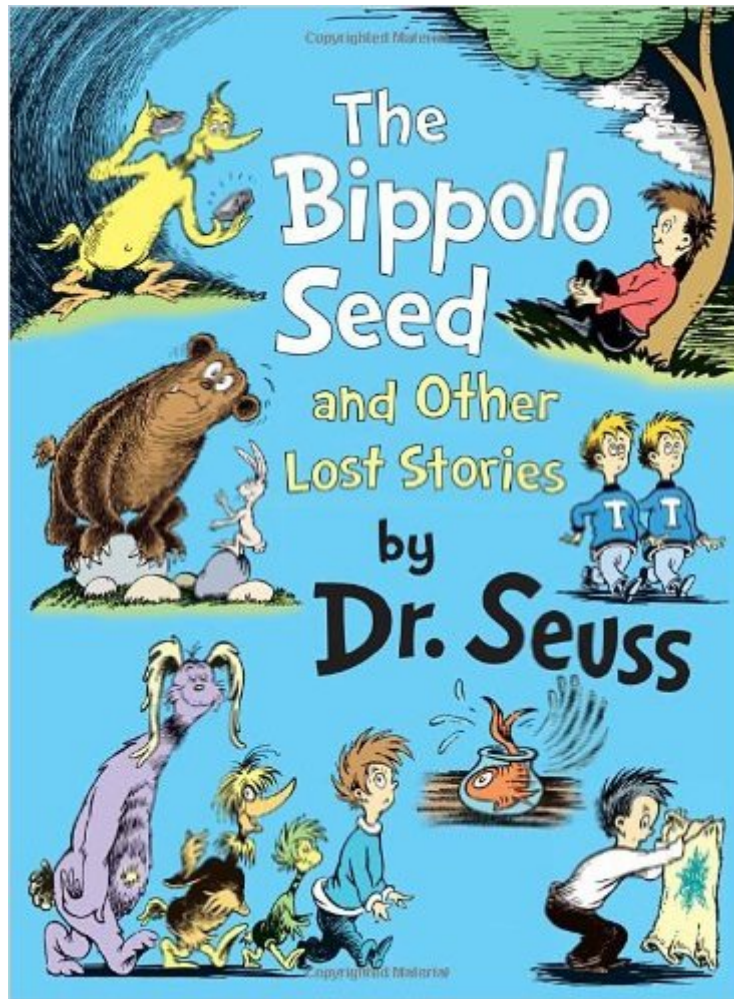


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# The Bippolo Seed And Other Lost Stories (Classic Seuss)



## Synopsis

It's the literary equivalent of buried treasure! Seuss scholar/collector Charles D. Cohen has hunted down seven rarely seen stories by Dr. Seuss. Originally published in magazines between 1948 and 1959, they include "The Bear, the Rabbit, and the Zinniga-Zanniga" (about a rabbit who is saved from a bear with a single eyelash!); "Gustav the Goldfish" (an early, rhymed version of the Beginner Book A Fish Out of Water); "Tadd and Todd" (a tale passed down via photocopy to generations of twins); "Steak for Supper" (about fantastic creatures who follow a boy home in anticipation of a steak dinner); "The Bippolo Seed" (in which a scheming feline leads an innocent duck to make a bad decision); "The Strange Shirt Spot" (the inspiration for the bathtub-ring scene in The Cat in the Hat Comes Back); and "The Great Henry McBride" (about a boy whose far-flung career fantasies are only bested by those of the real Dr. Seuss himself). In an introduction to the collection, Cohen traces the history of these stories, which demonstrate an intentional and significant change that led to the writing style we associate with Dr. Seuss today. Cohen also explores these stories' themes that recur in better-known Seuss stories (like the importance of the imagination, or the perils of greed). With a color palette that has been enhanced beyond the limitations of the original magazines in which they appeared, this is a collection of stories that no Seuss fan (whether scholar or second-grader) will want to miss!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Seven stories in a single book for the price of a single story book. Previously unpublished in book form. Previously published in magazines, and magazine in size, the stories beyond beginner level. I loved 'The Strange Shirt Spot,' which reminded me of my own childhood misadventures. 'The Great Henry Mc Bride,' reminded me of the childlike sense of what I would do when I grew up. I never did go into space, although some might argue that point. The Rabbit, The Bear and the Zinniga Zanniga is just the type of story a child loves to read or listen to, about a clever rabbit who uses an eyelash when faced with a bear. The Bippolo seed tells of a young duck named McKluck, who had a wonderful piece of good luck. We have the twins Tadd and Todd, and the adventure of Gustav the Goldfish, and Steak for Supper, wisdom for a kid. Previously I have bought the Dr. Seuss's Beginner Book Collection (Cat in the Hat, One Fish Two Fish, Green Eggs and Ham, Hop on Pop, Fox in Socks) collection as a gift to pass on, five stories in separate books in a boxed set, which I mention here because it's incredible value compared to buying those books separately. If you're like me I think you will love these books, whether it's five stories in separate books boxed, or seven lost adventure stories in a single book for the price of a single story book. I think it's well worth it for how much you can get, and for how little you have to pay to get it. I know you will enjoy these wonderful stories, and I hope this review was helpful.

I read this book to 2 usually wiggly seven-year-old females at story time and our usual time is a 30 minute stretch. At the end of 30 minutes I asked if they were ready for snack and they said "read more." So when I finished up the book at 50 minutes they had about 3 minutes of wiggling and were definitely ready for their snack. But I was amazed at how well this book captivated them. I wish I had a hundred more books just like it. It held them completely. Love you Dr. Seuss!

Lost? More like misplaced, and thanks to Charles Cohen these Seuss stories are where they should be-on our kids' bookshelves. The messages are there, as are the crazy characters, the rhyming patterns we all grew up with, and the beautiful artwork. Let's hope there are even more in the future.

As a super huge fan of ANYTHING Dr. Seuss, I must say this book is more than excellent! Illustrations look original, vintage and the stories are amazing. I've already ordered another rare find from the Doc. By the way, I'm 57 yrs. of age. I will be reading him if I live to be 100...

This is a quick, enjoyable book to read. Very glad they've assembled some of his old stories from magazines into one book. All the stories share Seuss characteristics of fun reading, lopsided language, great colorful drawings and lessons learned within the text. These are not among his best, however. Still a worthwhile read and very close to his usual talent, just not quite up to par. Your Favorite Seuss: A Baker's Dozen by the One and Only Dr. Seuss is filled with his best works.

I've ordered several books from and most were packaged well for shipping (wrapped in plastic, placed in an appropriately sized stiff box and securely padded.) This was a rare exception. The three Dr. Seuss books I purchased, including *The Bippolo Seed and Other Lost Stories*, arrived in a flimsy fold-over cardboard package that did not protect the book corners from becoming bent and crumpled, and the package itself was open at two of the corners, leaving the books vulnerable to moisture and dirt. Because these three books will be handled by young children and probably become bent and dirtied in time anyway, I decided not to request a replacement. However, needs to show more care when they send out hardcover books, as First Editions, etc. lose a lot of their value to collectors if they exhibit damage to their corners, spines or page edges. That disappointment aside, we're already enjoying these newest editions to our library of classic Dr. Seuss stories. I hadn't read *The Bippolo Seed* before and was delighted to find it while browsing for new titles for my grandson. I remember reading Dr. Seuss as a child, then sharing them with younger siblings, and passing them on to our son when he became old enough. Now I get to watch a whole new generation of readers discover the fun these books provide.

This collection of Dr. Seuss books contains some stories that I have not been able to find elsewhere. The stories have positive values and character building lessons. The bold images are attention-catching for my young son, and the silly rhymes keep his interest.

I am a very serious reader but I still love Dr. Seuss, so I was delighted to find out that they had rediscovered seven stories of his. I had planned to read a book a day to make it last and savor every last glorious word, but I simply couldn't, and read it in a single sitting. In this book you see another adventure on Mulberry street, a new slew of animals, and his classic genius rhyme. He is one of my personal favorites and I read everything from Harry Potter to Shakespeare who isn't as good of a poet. For anyone who loves the good Doctor I would recommend buying it as fast as you can.

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