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Mortisha Cassavetes says

What an amazing book. It follows a Turtle King that was written from Hitler but honestly I think this cruel Turtle King could be many people in power. Standing on people regardless of their pains. I highly recommend this book to kids of all ages. In fact, adults could take more from these stories.

Jason says

Enjoyed this collection of three stories, the theme this time seems to be about ego.

Yertle is a turtle that is the king of all he sees, one day he realises that if he was higher up he would see more and because of that he would rule over more land. so he makes a throne out of turtles and like all good leaders he abuses those at the bottom.

the next story is about some bird with a rubbish tail and who is jealous of another bird who has a pretty tail. so she hatches a plan to get a better tail with disastrous consequences.

The final story is a rabbit and a bear fighting each over bragging rights for who is the best, little do they know that I am in fact the best.

Good fun stuff and another Dr Seuss book crossed off the list as read.

Dolly says

Great stories by Dr. Seuss that are relevant to adults as well as children. The concepts of not making yourself better at the expense of others and the idea that you are not necessarily better than someone else or that you should be happy with who you are are fundamental lessons everyone should take to heart.

Overall, it's an engaging read that really has adult themes while still being appropriate for children. Love, love, love Dr. Seuss! We really enjoyed reading this book together. It's not our girls' favorite of his stories, but it is one of mine.

This book was featured as one of the selections for the March 2015 Dr. Seuss reads for the Picture-Book Club in the Children's Books Group here at Goodreads.

Travis says

Nice collection of short stories from the good Doctor. Each has a little moral, but so entertaining it never feels preachy.

Alejandro says

A really good titular story!

COWABUNGA, DR. SEUSS!

And the turtles, of course... all turtles are free.

As turtles and, maybe, all creatures should be,

It's said that Yertle the Turtle exemplifies Hitler, and while I have no doubt of that,...

...I think that he could be King Nimrod (from Tower of Babel's story) as well, but again,...

...I think that Yertle the Turtle exemplifies all tyrants, cruel to their own people; and fools, wanting to be higher than anybody else.

Yertle the Turtle was king of all that he can see, but that wasn't enough for him, and started an absurd "tower" made with their fellow turtles, not caring if they weren't able to sustain such kind of pointless endeavor.

An important lesson: Tyrants keep their power as long as their people remain silent.

Michael Finocchiaro says

This one probably requires a five year old to fully grasp the lessons about pride that are inherent in the mile-high Yurtle, the far-sighted worm and that silly long-tailed bird. But it is still fun to read and one day will probably help me to explain a lesson...

Matthew says

When it comes to short stories, I am not an expert on how to rate the book because sometimes there are stories that you fall in love with the characters and the plot whereas others feel like nails on the chalkboard. I do not have wide range of favorite short stories so you can imagine I was a bit apprehensive when reading this book especially since this is a children's book. Rest to be sure I really enjoyed this book and it feature real-life animals which isn't typical Dr. Seuss to showcase especially since his imagination has no limits. I will be rating this book by the individual stories.

Yertle the Turtle: 5 Stars

I really loved this story because it showcases the story that people can relate to in real life especially very selfish people. Yertle the Turtle is the King of this miniature pond and he doesn't that theres barely any area to rule as King so he decides to make his throne bigger by stacking turtles on top of each other and for him to sit at the top. When he does that he gets a bigger view of the world around him and definitely wants a bigger view. So he keeps adding turtles without considering others and one of turtles name Mack tells the King that everyone is exhausted and that their shells are bound to crack.

Yertle tells him to shut up and obey orders until Mack has enough. He burps and makes the King tumble down where he is now King of the mud while the other turtles laugh at him. For me the message that I discover is that you are not the center of everyones world. If you ask for help do not take advantage of those who are helping you and be thankful with what you have in your life.

Gertrude McFuzz: 4.5 Stars

I enjoyed this short story but the reason why I didn't love it like the others is because the plot is typical and has been used so many times in our history. Gertrude McFuzz is a bird who has one short feather and everything was completely fine until another bird name Lolla-Lee-Lou who has two very long beautiful feathers. Gertrude McFuzz gets jealous and wants to grow longer and more hair to make Lolla jealous. Gertrude succeeds the mission of growing more feathers but the consequence is she became excessive about growing them.

She discovered this pill-berry vine and each time you eat a pill, you grow more feathers and longer and unfortunately she took too much of the pill and feather became so long and heavy that she was unable to fly. In the end the other birds help her fly back home where they remove everything except the original feather. I honestly believe that even though each story is different, the messages are extremely similar in terms of being excessive and not knowing your limits.

The Big Brag: 5 Stars

I do not know about this particular book but as I was reading this it gave me this feeling like I was reading an episode of Looney Tunes. I wouldn't be surprise if Dr. Seuss got the inspiration from Looney Tunes because every short story of this book features real life animals. We are introduce to mischievous rabbit who believes he is the best animal in the world (Does that sound familiar?) until a bear comes and challenges him. The rabbit has the ability to hear from far distance but the bear can smell farther than him.

Then amongst the battle that was erupting, a worm appeared and told them that he can see farther than both of them and wins. I love the message that no matter how talented or great someone can be there is always someone else who is more talented, stronger, better looking than you. I learn that message early on in my life especially in music and discovered that no matter how talented someone can be there is something unique inside of you that they cannot replicate or beat.

Billy says

This was my favorite book when I was a child. I read it over and over again, memorizing every line, and taking in every lesson about vanity that Dr Seuss was teaching. As an adult I found a whole new appreciation

for the book, as I learned that the character of Yertle was based on Adolph Hitler. Seuss used Yertle to demonstrate the rise of fascism in Europe, and show his distaste for it. In the final lines of the story Seuss's true intent comes out as he proclaims that all turtles and every creature should be free.

That's quite a bit of political theory for a children's book, don't you think? The other two stories have similar themes, mocking competitions of vanity and jealousy.

Seuss was no stranger to morals and references to real-world issues. The former political cartoonist took on the Cold War in *The Butter Battle Book*, Richard Nixon in *Marvin K. Mooney Will You Please Go Now!*, and the environment in *The Lorax*.

In my opinion Yertle is his best work, and one that I hope lives on with future generations.

I spent all this space on Yertle the Turtle and I have yet to mention the "Turtles all the way down" theory of astronomy. Well, that's not really in here, but it sure would be cool if it was.

Samantha Penrose says

Be kind to others.

Be happy with yourself just the way you are. Don't try to be someone you are not. Don't be greedy.

Be humble.

I just LOVELOVELOVE this one! I can't believe that I don't own a copy!

Mohammed Al-Garawi says

This is a children's book. I repeat, a children's book. Again, It. Is. A. Children's book. However, Dr. Seuss embodies Adolf Hitler's invasion of Europe using a turtle and a pond.

I KNOW!!! BRILLIANT!!! T_T

And it's poetic too!

Here's a part of an article from Wikipedia about the book:

"Seuss has stated that the titular character Yertle represented Adolf Hitler, with Yertle's despotic rule of the pond and takeover of the surrounding area parallel to Hitler's regime in Germany and invasion of various parts of Europe."

This is a YouTube link for the story with narration:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gqjEst...>

Hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

Philip says

Huzzah! Huzzah! Huzzah!

I love it when Dr. Seuss gets preachy.

Now, I know my fair share of Dr. Seuss books, but for some reason I'd never heard of Yertle the Turtle until a colleague of mine said I should read it when I teach governments next year.

To that colleague: thanks a lot. I just might do that. In fact, I might do that this year as a little review.

Yertle is the absolute monarch defined. It's his power becoming absolute and corrupting. It's his greed. It's his fall from the top.

He can be happy that the proletariat didn't send him to the guillotine. ...Of course, I'm not sure that *that* particular method would work for turtles since they would just pull their head back into their shell.

Firing squad. Sorry Yertle. If it were up to me, I'd have you sent to The Hague.

The other stories were fun as well. Vanity and boastfulness - not admirable characteristics according to Mr. Geisel.

Brenda Kahn says

We got a jump on Dr. Seuss' birthday in period Kahn today, reading The Lorax and Yertle the Turtle.

Anisha A says

My brother got this book from a book giveaway at his school. It was a very funny and good book.

Krissy says

****Rated by my son****

Ronyell says

I had read many Dr. Seuss books over the years, since I am a huge fan of his work! Now, I had finally come back to one of my childhood favorite stories of all time, "Yertle the Turtle and Other Stories" and I still

enjoy it to this very day!

There are a total of three stories in this book which includes “Yertle the Turtle,” “Gertrude McFuzz” and “The Big Brag.”

Yertle the Turtle

In this tale, Yertle the King of all the Turtles, wanted to have a throne where he could see everything from high above. So he decided to have the rest of the turtles climb up on each other so he could sit on them to make a throne that would reach up high into the sky. But once Yertle the Turtle became too unbearable, will the other turtles defy him in the end?

Gertrude McFuzz

In this tale, a young bird named Gertrude McFuzz wanted to have a beautiful tail like Lolla-Lee-Lou. So, she decided to visit her uncle Dake and he tells her that in order to grow a beautiful tail like Lolla-Lee-Lou, she has to eat a pill that grows on the pill-berry vine on the top of the hill. But, will Gertrude go too far once she decides to eat all of the pills on the pill-berry vine?

The Big Brag

In this story, a rabbit and a bear were both arguing amongst themselves about who is the best animal in the world and they try to outdo each other with their sense. But when a worm comes by, will he set both the rabbit and the bear straight?

Dr. Seuss has once again created a truly brilliant and engaging book where each story details the consequences of letting too much pride cloud your good judgment. I enjoyed all of the stories in this book as each story shows a different take on characters becoming too self-absorbed into themselves in certain situations, such as “Yertle the Turtle” showing the consequences of letting the power go to your head, “Gertrude McFuzz” which shows that you should just be yourself and “The Big Brag” which shows that there are better things to do than just bragging. Probably the story I enjoyed the most was “Yertle the Turtle” since I loved the solution to the problem of Yertle making all the other turtles stand on each other to build a throne that can reach the sky (it is a pretty funny solution)! Dr. Seuss’ illustrations are as usual creative and humorous to look at as it is mainly done in black and white colorings with green and blue being the only other colors in this book, which gives the illustrations a distinctive feel.

Overall, “Yertle the Turtle and Other Stories” is a truly fantastic collection of stories that can be used to teach children about the importance of being humble in your actions and to not become too self-absorbed in yourself. I would recommend this book to children ages four and up since there is nothing inappropriate in this book and the format would be easy for smaller children to understand.

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