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The Cat in the Hat returns for more out-of-control fun in this wintry Beginner Book by Dr. Seuss. It's a snowy day and Dick and Sally are stuck shoveling . . . until the Cat in the Hat arrives to liven things up (to say the least!). Featuring the Cat's helpers Little Cat A, Little Cat B, and so on, and ending with a gigantic Voom, *The Cat in the Hat Comes Back* is a riotous, fun-filled follow-up to Dr. Seuss's classic *The Cat in the Hat*.

Originally created by Dr. Seuss, Beginner Books encourage children to read all by themselves, with simple words and illustrations that give clues to their meaning.

## **The Cat in the Hat Comes Back Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Cat in the Hat Comes Back for online ebook**

### **Erik Graff says**

Not as powerful as the original Cat in the Hat, but with all the inexorable poignancy of a repetition compulsion, The Cat in the Hat Comes Back draws the marrow from the bourgeois skeletons broken by his original foray into suburban America. Is this crisis or has it now become commentary?--or, more insidiously, is it both?

Subliminally compelling. The reason we lost China and Southeast Asia.

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### **Ana Rînceanu says**

Yes, one should definitely shoot the spots. Get the cats to do it!

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### **Michael Finocchiaro says**

As much as I and my kids adored the original The Cat in the Hat, this followup (and I believe there were actually two or three others as well) paled in comparison to the original. That is not to say that it is not entertaining, but I'd rather go for Green Eggs and Ham or Horton Hears a Who than this one given the choice.

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### **Pooja says**

I read it because I had to practice before I read it to Archit.

This book is way more fun than the Cat in the Hat. I want more of The Cat in The Hat with different seasons and different problems!!

I want Sally and her brother's Mom to go out more so they can have Cat in the Hat more with them. IS it too much to ask??

P.S. Archit, we are not so having the cat in the hat in our home!

Whenever we are out, we'll make sure that THIS cat doesn't come to our house, no matter what problems our children will be in! Because The cat in the hat is a problem himself!!!

I can't wait to read it to you.

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## **Tim says**

Inevitably, this book will be compared to its predecessor. Yet I am pleased to say that I have always liked this sequel better.

The idea of the story being centered around removing a pink ring in the bathtub is quite fun. Of course Dr. Seuss finds ways to educate the reader about household items in the alphabet in the process.

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## **James says**

'Dr Seuss' being the pen name under which Theodor Seuss Geisel wrote (taking his middle name and making full use of his Oxford University PhD in English literature) was the American born grandson of German immigrants to the US.

Beginning his career in the late 1920's as an illustrator and cartoonist, it wasn't until nearly 30 years later that Seuss produced his classic series of children's books that so many of us know and love.

Never having the benefit of the books of Dr Seuss when I was a child, it was with great pleasure that I discovered his work many years later when reading them to my own children.

For anyone who has not yet discovered Seuss's classic children's books – now is the time to do so! What Seuss has created using such imagination, with a particularly dynamic (both flamboyant but simple) and unique style of illustration, coupled with his verse rhythms and the use of repetitive but building and twisting phrases – all in an extremely and deliberately accessible way, is a series of works which are a fantastic visual and verbal feast, captivating both children and adults alike.

For me the most memorable examples of Seuss's work are:

'The Cat in the Hat' (along with its sequel 'The Cat in the Hat Comes Back') – For the wonderful creation of mischief that is the 'Cat in the Hat'

'Fox in Socks' – For the tremendously bizarre tongue-twisters

'Green Eggs and Ham' – For the ever building and dynamic nature of the verse.

All of them of course have Seuss's trademark fantastic illustrations and rhythmic verses throughout.

It is that unique combination of:

Attractive illustrations and exciting verse – both very dynamic, always moving always going somewhere new; both very strange, silly and bizarre – all in an extremely accessible, engaging and compelling (and let's not forget educational) way – which creates Dr Seuss's fantastically immersive world.

A timeless world of the imagination, of amazing words, pictures, rhymes, stories, learning, but above all else – FUN

Not just for children, but for the child in all of us.

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## Steph Lomas says

The Cat in the Hat Comes Back tells the story of the mischievous cat who returns to the house of Sally and her brother on a wintry, snowy day. The story begins when Sally's mother goes to town and gives Sally and her brother the task of shovelling the snow. However, it is not long until the cat in the hat turns up and lets himself into their house. The book explains the journey Sally and her brother go through to remove the trace of the cat in the hat from their house before their mother returns. When the cat offers to clean up his mess, more and more problems arise. Can Sally and her brother get the house clean and shovel the snow or will the cat in the hat continue to make more mess?

Dr Seuss is a brilliant author and this book is ideal for children in Key Stage 1 who are just beginning to read on their own. Throughout the book, Dr Seuss uses a variety of language techniques such as rhyme, rhythm and repetition to help the child to read and build their confidence. He also introduces children to onomatopoeias such as 'CRACK' and 'POP' to help them visualise what is happening at that point in the story.

As well as the above features, Dr Seuss builds on knowledge the child may already have. When the cleaning task becomes too much for the cat in the hat, he lifts off his hat and reveals a little cat in the hat called A. A then goes on to remove his hat to reveal little cat B and so on until little cat Z is revealed. Naming the cats in the order of the alphabet is a clever technique Dr Seuss uses and this can be used to reiterate the alphabet to the children. Secondly, when the cat in the hat uses Sally's Dad's shoes to clean the pink stain off the wall, Sally's brother responds by saying that it is 'very bad news', that he is using his Dad's £7 shoes. This is introducing children to the concept of money and numbers and could be used as a discussion point within the lesson.

I feel this book could be enjoyed by both children and adults.

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## Archit Ojha says

The mischievous cat returns.

Along with it comes the alphabetical cats in successive hats. And more of everything.

**Let me just me put is as this is the way of explaining *Inception* to 5 year olds.**

Rhyming, repetitive and recurring lines cast the spell again!

*PS* : Wait, the goldfish did not return. I KNEW the cat ate it in the first part.

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## Jason says

Well this is the last of my collection of Dr Seuss books :(

I enjoyed this one, the return of the cat in the hat. The real villain in the book is mum, she leaves her two

small children to clear all the snow whilst she saunters off into town. So the cat comes along to help, he makes a mess, he uses his usual techniques to clean up but ends up just making a mess. So he gets the cat in his hat, cat A to help who then gets cat B to help and so on up to cat Z.

The book is fun and also finds time to teach the alphabet. Only issue I have was with the illustrations, not up to usual vividness.

Gonna have to go hunting for more of his books now.

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## **Matthew says**

By the time I was in the 5th Grade, Dr. Seuss was pretty much out of my life. Sadly I hated reading when I was in Elementary School and I blame it solely on my education. When I was little we had this reading program in which you take this computer test in the beginning of the year and based on how well you do you get put into a certain level like lets say you are in 4th grade with a 6.2 score which means that you are reading on a 6th grade level and after that test you are supposedly to check out and read books on that level or higher. After every book you read you had to take a quiz based on what you remember from the book.

If you past the test your level gets a little higher and you receive points based on how long the book is. The longer the book the higher the points like if you read Harry Potter then each book was worth 25 points. If you fail then it lower your reading level score. Some teachers didn't make it a requirement but unfortunately for me my english teacher expected 25 points each grading period and I remember for the last grading period you had to get 80 points which was practically reading two books a week from the start to the end of the final quarter.

At the time I didn't like to read because no one ever recommended me great books to read and on top of it all I have to take tests, put unnecessary pressure on me, and force me to read? No Thank You! I obviously failed all that reading junk but still passed the class because on how well I performed on english tests and assignments.

Why I am telling you all this? Well, at the time the only way to go to the library was when your teacher wasn't teaching, you finished your class assignment early and I would always love going to the library because it gave me time to get out of the class and enjoy the little freedom I had and plus my school library was absolutely stunning. With a few of friends one day we went to the library and somehow I found out that if you check out the required level of reading then you can check out any children books especially Dr. Seuss without the librarian judging you.

I went scrolling just for the hell of it and out of nowhere I found "*The Cat in the Hat Comes Back*". I was confused at first because I thought the Cat in the Hat was a standalone and when I read that this was a sequel, my whole world exploded and I immediately ran to the front desk to check it out because I wasn't going to let anyone touch that book except me.

After checking out the book I waited until I had free time to devour it and I absolutely loved it. I felt like I was put back into Dick and Sally's world as they try to deal with the Cat in the Hat. Even now as I reread this book it brought back warm memories and some may say that this does not live up to the expectations of the first book but I feel like we are meeting our long time friend that we haven't seen in years.

Dick and Sally are shoveling snow from the driveway because their mother is going shopping again. They never say it is shopping but clearly there has to be a sale because no one in their right mind would leave two young children alone. Apparently the goldfish died from a heart attack after the 1st book because he doesn't appear in the sequel. While the kids are shoveling snow, the Cat in the Hat appears out of nowhere and immediately the children go into a panic attack.

Sally wants nothing to do with the cat but slyly he tells them he is only going inside the house to get warm. Once he sets his paw inside the house, all hell breaks loose again. Instead of using Thing One and Thing Two, the cat uses the equivalent of that which is Cat A, B, C. As the story progresses we meet more cats and together they spell the whole alphabet. It was a cute story and how every time they found a solution to their problem, a bigger problem erupts right afterwards. I highly recommend this book if you enjoyed the first one.

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### **Scott says**

The cat in the hat is back with twenty-six other cats in hats and a vroom, to wreak more havoc around the house before cleaning up after themselves.

A nice sequel to the original.

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### **Andrew Christou says**

Summary:

A mother has gone to town for the day, leaving her two children to clear the snow from the front garden. The narrator, an unnamed boy, and his sister Sally are working hard when the Cat In The Hat pops round for a friendly visit. Chaos ensues.

Review:

That mischievous Cat and his Hat!

There's a reason why the Cat In The Hat has become an icon of children's literature. This second instalment of the CITH series is a masterpiece. Zany through and through, it is a real joy to read.

A lot of the story's beauty lies in its simplicity, making it a book accessible to the youngest of readers. For this reason it is well suited to reception and year 1 children.

Possible uses:

- Works well for independent reading and teacher reading.
- Can be used to introduce poetry, or at least the concept of rhyme, to young children.
- Because of its basic vocabulary, it would combine well with early phonics teaching.
- The second half of the book, featuring little cats A-Z, can be used to consolidate knowledge of the alphabet for early reception children in particular.

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**Andrea Cox says**

by Andrea Renee Cox

What a cute ABC book! I hadn't read this Dr. Seuss book prior to now, surprisingly. I'm adding it to my to-purchase list, because it's very adorable and one I can imagine reading to any kids I may have down the road.

I was not compensated for my honest review.

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**Neeshma Nazar Ayyaril says**

Loved it!!!

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**Joy Gerbode says**

March 2, 2015 ... re-read in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday.

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