

An ABC for Dr. Seuss

Q: What is this about March 2nd?

A: March 2nd is Dr. Seuss's birthday. It is Read Across America day, and a day to celebrate children's literature. Dr. Seuss (born Theodor Geisel) wrote more than 50 children's books during his 87 years. I thought that an alphabet song featuring some of his titles would be fun, and poetic. I have borrowed the tune from an alphabet song written by loving parents which I heard long ago on the radio show, "A Prairie Home Companion." I think Dr. Seuss would approve.

A is for authors who write us the books.
B is for Babar, the elephant who cooks.
C Charlotte's Web and The Cat in the Hat.
D Dr. Seuss's ABC, fancy that.

E is for Eloise who lives in the Plaza.
F Frog and Toad, and young Francis the Badger.
G is for Green Eggs and Ham; Good Night Moon.
H Horton Hatches the Egg, none too soon.

I I Can Lick 30 Tigers Today.
J is for Journey Cake, Ho, and away.
K is for Kitten's First Moon, and King's Equal.
L for The Lorax. I wish there were a sequel.

M is for Mother Goose and Many Moons.
N is for Narnia, with witches and goons.
O for One Fish Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish.
P is for Polar Express with its wish.

Q is The Quicksand Book by Tomie dePaola.
R for Rapunzel and also Ramona.
S for Sylvester and the Magic Pebble.
T the Three Pegs with the wolf as a rebel.

U is for Under the (Old) Hawthorne Tree
V Very Hungry Caterpillar, you see.
W Where the Wild Things Are, Winnie the Pooh.
X is too hard, we will leave it to you.

Y is for Yertle the Turtle, a Seuss star.
Z is for Zephir, who is friends with Babar.
That is the end of the alphabet song.
I hope now you know it, you can sing along.

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Extra information:

Refrain, if your children require even more:
So merry, so merry, so merry are we.
No family in town is as happy as we.
With the number of books and of authors we know,
There are books for all children to help them all grow.

List of authors and books:

The Story of Babar, by Jean de Brunoff
Charlotte's Web, by E.B. White
The Cat in the Hat, by Dr. Seuss
Dr. Seuss's ABC, by Dr. Seuss
Eloise, by Day Thompson
Frog and Toad, by Arnold Lobel
Best Friends for Francis, by Russell Hoban
Green Eggs and Ham, by Dr. Seuss
Good Night Moon, by Margaret Wise Brown
Horton Hatches the Egg, by Dr. Seuss
I Can Lick 30 Tigers Today, by Dr. Seuss
Journey Cake Ho! By Ruth Sawyer
Kitten's First Full Moon, by Kevin Henkes
The King's Equal, by Katherine Patterson
The Lorax, by Dr. Seuss
Mother Goose, many websites
The Lion , the Witch and the Wardrobe (in the land of Narnia), by C. S. Lewis
One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish, by Dr. Seuss
The Polar Express, by Chris Van Allsburg
The Quicksand Book, by Tomie dePaola
Rapunzel, by Paul Zelinsky
Ramona Quimby, Age Eight, by Beverly Cleary
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble, by William Steig
Under the Hawthorne Tree, by Marita Conlon-McKenna
The Very Hungry Caterpillar, by Eric Carle
Where the Wild Things Are, by Maurice Sendak
Yertle the Turtle, by Dr. Seuss
Babar and Zephir, by Jean de Brunoff

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