



CENSORSHIP: DR. SEUSS

Consider this case study about Dr. Seuss.

In 2017, the National Education Association (NEA), which sponsors Read Across America, announced its shift in focus toward promoting diverse children's books and away from the connection to Dr. Seuss.



In 2021, Dr. Seuss Enterprises then announced its decision to cease publication and licensing of several titles, including *And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street*, *If I Ran the Zoo*, *McElligot's Pool*, *On Beyond Zebra!*, *Scrambled Eggs Super!*, and *The Cat's Quizzer*.

The organization noted that these books portray people in ways that are racist.



Accusations of “cancel culture” were made with regards to these decisions; however, Dr. Seuss Enterprises was not suggesting bans on these six titles.


Regardless of content, the decision to stop publishing books actually happens to thousands of books every year based on sales numbers.

For many, regardless of politics, there is a disconnect between books that feel nostalgic and familiar from their childhood and accusations that they could be offensive or hurtful.

The ongoing re-evaluation of these classic works is part of the larger debate about the lack of representation in children's literature and its creators.

EPL owns over 30 titles by Dr. Seuss, including the now out-of-print *If I Ran the Zoo*, *And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street*, and *On Beyond Zebra!*, and these titles are subject to the same [Collection Management Policy](#) as all other materials at EPL.

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