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With his unique combination of hilarious stories, zany pictures and riotous rhymes, Dr Seuss has been delighting young children and helping them learn to read for over fifty years. Creator of the wonderfully anarchic 'Cat in the Hat', and ranked among the UK's top ten favourite children's authors, Dr. Seuss is a global best-seller, with nearly half a billion books sold worldwide.

As part of a major rebrand programme, HarperCollins is relaunching Dr Seuss's best-selling books. In response to consumer demand, bright new cover designs incorporate much-needed guidance on reading levels. The standard paperbacks divide into three reading strands - Blue Back Books for parents to share with young children, Green Back Books for budding readers to tackle on their own, and Yellow Back Books for older, more fluent readers to enjoy.

This is a Yellow Back book.

## **Horton Hatches the Egg Details**

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## **Mariah says**

I am currently reading a lot of Dr. Seuss books. They enjoyed this book.

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## **Kelley says**

Read to a classroom of first graders

The kids knew all about "Horton Hears a Who" but they didn't know "Horton Hatches the Egg". This is still one of my favorite Dr. Seuss books. Maisy talks Horton the Elephant into sitting on her egg because it's just too much work. Of course, Maisy flies away and doesn't intend to come back. Meanwhile, Horton sits on her egg for 51 weeks because, "I meant what I said and I said what I meant, an elephant's faithful 100 percent". The kids love that no matter what happens, Horton doesn't leave his egg. They also got really angry when Maisy tried to take the egg back as it began to hatch! In the end, faithfulness and honoring one's word wins the day!

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## **Lorraine Ryan says**

This is an exciting book to capture a child's imagination and is written by the great Dr. Seuss. I would recommend it for children aged 4-7 years as it would teach them in a fun way, the importance of keeping your word and looking out for people who are in need. Mayzie, a very lazy bird persuades Horton, an elephant, to sit on her egg to help her hatch it, while she takes a well earned rest . But what Horton doesn't know is she is headed for a very long break to the Palm Springs. I loved the fact that Dr. Seuss makes the reader believe that elephants can climb trees, a nest can hold an elephants weight and an egg won't break when they sit on it!! As he finds himself on a series of adventures; a sea voyage and a travelling circus, Horton refuses to leave the egg unattended. He claims to stick by his word "I meant what I said and I said what I meant, And an elephant's faithful, one hundred per cent!". Horton grows very attached to this precious egg but then finds himself face to face with Mayzie, who wants her egg back , however when the egg hatches out comes an elephant bird. Who will keep this strange creature??Get reading to find out! A book with excellent verses you will enjoy reading out.

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## **Muriel says**

On the eve of the 8th month since my father's death, my partner read this book aloud to our 12-week-old daughter. He didn't know this, perhaps, but I did. I remember every month and the day goes by very slowly.

I can still recite the intro to this book as I did with my dad when I was a kid. He would prompt me with the first line, and off I would go - "I'm tired and I'm bored, and I've got kinks in my legs!" We would do this until I thought I was too old, too cool, too annoyed by my father.

Now, I just wish he could read it aloud to his granddaughter, just once. So I could hear him again, just once more.

But, so far, our daughter seems intrigued by this story. She will stare at the pages, or our faces, as we read and maybe one day, she'll recite it back to me when I prompt her. We'll laugh and laugh, until she's too cool for us too.

## Pooja says

In Horton Hatches the Egg, this lazy bird has got nothing to think about except how to plan and enjoy the vacations and holidays!

So she finds someone who can do hatching for her, and then our immense, mighty, kind and faithful elephant, Horton comes into picture and agrees to help her go on holidays, by sitting on her egg on the top of a tree.

He bears all the hateful comments and mockery of other animals. Hunters try to take him down the tree and all the other tormenting things happen to him.

But will his hardship serve him the best? Will he hatch the eggs as the title says?

*That we we will find out Archit, on our next read. :\**

## Ahmad Sharabiani says

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## **Gerry says**

How can one not like Dr Seuss?

In this typically zany tale, Horton the elephant agrees to look after lazy Mayzie's egg and once Horton has committed to a task, he sticks to it - come what may.

Once Mayzie has persuaded Horton to sit on the egg in the nest at the top of the tree, she departs for a holiday in Palm Beach where she is pictured soaking up the sun, having a wonderful rest and determined never to go back to her nest.

So that leaves Horton trying to overcome all obstacles, including some hunters who wish to shoot him down. But eventually he, the tree and the nest are commandeered for a travelling circus in which he becomes the star attraction. New York, Boston, Kalamazoo, Washington too and plenty of other places are visited. And then the show lands in Palm Beach.

When settled at Palm Beach the circus is espied by Mayzie who zooms down to have a close look. She spots Horton, recognises him and ironically, while with him, the egg begins to hatch. Horton shouts, 'My egg, why, it's hatching!' But Mayzie suddenly becomes parental again and exclaims that it is her egg.

Then the surprise occurs, the egg hatches and the baby is a spit image of Horton, which prompts the spectators to shout, 'My word, it's an elephant-bird!' So Horton was sent home, very proudly and became a happy parent. What happened to Mayzie, we will never know!

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## **Hirdesh says**

"Wow, What a cute poem  
with intense meaning.  
I loved it, I loved it.  
Great to be reading."

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## **[Shai] The Bibliophage says**

This is my favorite story of Dr. Seuss because it teaches young readers and reminds adults to be true to one's word. A very simple lesson to learn or to keep in mind, but the impact of not remembering is tremendous.

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## **Sandra Baši? says**

Cute story in rhyme, how Horton the elephant sit on the egg :)

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## **Ronyell says**

"Horton Hatches the Egg" is one of Dr. Seuss' most memorable classics as it stars everyone's favorite elephant, Horton! This time, Horton has his hands full as he tries his best to take care of a lazy bird named Mayzie's egg while she goes off to take a vacation. Unfortunately, hunters come in the jungle and they got Horton trapped! Will Horton get out of this dangerous predicament and still protect Mayzie's egg? Read the story to find out!

Dr. Seuss had done a great job at both illustrating and writing this book. What was so unique about this book were the illustrations. The main colors used for the images were blue, black, white and red, which makes the book extremely creative as few books use only three or four colors to color the images. Horton the elephant always wore a smile on his face, despite his horrendous situation, making him a truly innocent and friendly animal. A great trait that this book has shown is how loyal and determine Horton is as he was willing to take care of Mayzie's egg and he refused to let anyone tease him about taking care of the egg since he wanted to follow on his word that he will take good care of the egg.

The only problem this book has, in terms of if it is appropriate for children, is that Mayzie was being selfish around Horton and she refused to take responsibility for taking care of her egg at the expense of Horton. But, don't worry, Mayzie's irresponsible actions are shown in a negative light and the story strongly encourages children to be more responsible and to not follow Mayzie's example of irresponsibility.

"Horton Hatches the Egg" is truly a memorable classic about the importance of being loyal and keeping your promise to people and this book will easily be an instant hit for children everywhere. I would recommend this book to children ages four and up since there is nothing inappropriate in this book unless you count Mayzie's irresponsible behavior being unsuitable for children to learn from.

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## **Cynthia says**

I love this book. It is an all time favorite for me. This book conveys the importance of integrity if the face of adversity. This book shows that different isn't bad and despite the challenge of being or doing something that is outside the realms of what is expected that the result of doing this with integrity and diligence should result in the new beginnings of acceptance. It should be...It should be..... It should be like that....but it is classified as a children's story.

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## **Virginia Messina says**

One of Dr Seuss's earliest books, and for me, his all-time best. I adore Horton! His determined goodness and those wonderful expressions on his dear face. I still read this several times a year and never fail to be pleased that things work out well for Horton in the end. And clearly Dr Seuss was ahead of his time; as it turns out, research into their lives in the wild reveals that elephants are indeed faithful (one hundred percent).

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## **Kara Roberts says**

Poor Horton. Dr. Seuss's kindly elephant is persuaded to sit on an egg while its mother, the good-for-nothing bird lazy Maysie, takes a break. Little does Horton know that Maysie is setting off for a permanent vacation in Palm Springs. He waits, and waits, never leaving his precarious branch, even through a freezing winter and a spring that's punctuated by the insults of his friends. ("They taunted. They teased him. They yelled 'How Absurd! Old Horton the Elephant thinks he's a bird!'"") Further indignities await, but Horton has the patience of Job--from whose story this one clearly derives--and he is rewarded in the end by the surprise birth of... an elephant-bird. Horton Hatches the Egg contains some of Theodor Geisel's most inspired verse and some of his best-ever illustrations, the dated style of which only accentuates their power and charm. A book no childhood should be without.

I will use this book in my classroom when we talk about poetry, Dr. Seuss, and many vocabulary words. When talking about poetry and rhyme I will discuss about the patterns that Dr. Seuss's use, ex. ababa,cdcd. This will give students an example of what they should try to do when assigned a poetry assignment. Dr. Seuss's birthday is nationally celebrated and it will be exciting to read many of his books during this month. This one will be a very funny, cute, and interesting book to read in class. One vocabulary word that I would like to talk about in this book would be 'faithful'. I believe that Horton shows the read exactly what that word means. I think kids would like to be taught vocabulary with a book like this. When learning is fun it is worth the work. I will use this book in my classroom.

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## **Kate says**

A fun and quirky typical Dr. Seuss book, focusing on themes of determination and sticking to one's word.

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## **Archit Ojha says**

They say an elephant's word is the most trustworthy word in the world.

Horton, our gigantic animal, agrees to hatch the lazy bird's egg. Zany it might seem but he manages to prop himself up and come what may, does not leave the fort.

Not until the bird will return.

Only that the bird does not return until very long. Until it's too late and a new mutated being is born.

*Dr. Seuss and his imaginations run at a berserk pace.*

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## E says

It's impossible for me to have a favorite Dr. Seuss book, but this one gives some stiff competition. Whenever I read it to my nursery school English classes, I ask the kids to whom the egg ultimately belongs right before the baby hatches. The younger kids in the class (2 to 3 years old) almost always say the egg belongs to the bird because eggs belong with birds. The older kids (4 to 5) say the egg belongs to the elephant because he took care of it. An interesting revelation as to how kids approach the world at different stages as they try to make sense of it.

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## Glire says

Muchas reseñas hablan mal de Mayzie por haber abandonado su huevo ("*es egoísta, irresponsable*"), pero **NADIE menciona a los tres humanos que apuntaron a Horton con escopetas**, cortaron el árbol donde se encontraba, lo encerraron en una jaula, lo sometieron a semanas de navegación y luego lo vendieron a un circo... por diversión!!! ¿Dónde está el reproche de estas acciones? ¿Dónde están las consecuencias?

Lindas rimas y dibujos, pero me molesta que el mensaje refleje que está mal renunciar a una responsabilidad pero que no importa dañar *intencionalmente* a otro ser vivo.

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## Rachel Maniacup says

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## monica ? says

Cute and beautiful story that will teach the children to be a faithful person, just like Horton. Love it ♥

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