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*"The Grinch hated Christmas! The whole Christmas season!
Now, please don't ask why. No one quite knows the reason."*

Dr. Seuss's small-hearted Grinch ranks right up there with Scrooge when it comes to the crankiest, scowling holiday grumps of all time. For 53 years, the Grinch has lived in a cave on the side of a mountain, looming above the Whos in Whoville. The noisy holiday preparations and infernal singing of the happy little citizens below annoy him to no end. The Grinch decides this frivolous merriment must stop. His "wonderful, awful" idea is to don a Santa outfit, strap heavy antlers on his poor, quivering dog Max, construct a makeshift sleigh, head down to Whoville, and strip the chafingly cheerful Whos of their Yuletide glee once and for all.

Looking quite out of place and very disturbing in his makeshift Santa get-up, the Grinch slithers down chimneys with empty bags and stealing the Whos' presents, their food, even the logs from their humble Who-fires. He takes the ramshackle sleigh to Mt. Crumpit to dump it and waits to hear the sobs of the Whos when they wake up and discover the trappings of Christmas have disappeared. Imagine the Whos' dismay when they discover the evil-doings of Grinch in his anti-Santa guise. But what is that sound? It's not sobbing, but singing! Children simultaneously adore and fear this triumphant, twisted Seussian testimonial to the undaunted cheerfulness of the Whos, the transcendent nature of joy, and of course, the growth potential of a heart that's two sizes too small.

This holiday classic is perfect for reading aloud to your favorite little Whos.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas! Details

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Tamara says

Every Who down in Whoville liked Christmas a lot

But the Grinch who lived just North of Whoville did not!

The Grinch hated Christmas! The whole Christmas season!

Now, please don't ask why. No one quite knows the reason.

It could be, perhaps, that his shoes were too tight.

It could be his head wasn't screwed on just right.

But I think that the most likely reason of all

May have been that his heart was two sizes too small.

Come on, you know the story.

In Whoville, live the Whos, an almost mutated sort of munchkinlike people. All the Whos love Christmas, yet just outside of their beloved Whoville lives the Grinch. The Grinch is a nasty creature that hates Christmas, and plots to steal it away from the Whos which he equally abhors. However, things don't go according to plan.

It's a short story that teaches the values of love and community with wit, humor, and flawlessly constructed rhymes. It also shows the true spirit of Christmas .

Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before.

Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store.

Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more!

Aww.

Everyone;

Vicki says

Of course it is a five star rating. How could it be less. I can pretty much say it by heart when I read it at Christmas time. It is always brought out, just like the Night Before Christmas.

Those reading always takes center stage in our Christmas traditions. Once we read the book, we watch the original cartoon. sometimes we even watch the movie The Grinch to top off the perfectly Grinchy evening.

Anne says

So lovely and positively brilliant. Just inspiring!

My first book by Dr. Seuss, everyone!

And now onto the movie!! Gosh I love Christmas. ♥♥

Marquise says

I've just now read this classic, a long way out of Christmas season, and discovered it was a lot more amusing than the film and the cartoon adaptations, which were until today my only sources of knowledge about the plot. It's much simpler than both, more focused on children, and devoid of the superfluous romantic elements the Jim Carrey film had. Definitely better! And with a clearer message.

Christina says

" Then he got an idea. An awful idea. The grinch got a wonderful, awful idea. "

Not my first time reading it by any means, but just read it with my kids for a bedtime story. I forgot how the grinch is kinda my favorite Christmas related character :)

Alejandro says

My all-time favorite Dr. Seuss' story!

HOW THE GRINCH STOLE OUR HEARTS AND SOULS

It could be his head wasn't screwed on just right.

It could be, perhaps, that his shoes were too tight,

But I think that the most likely reason of all

May have been that his heart was too sizes too small,

Okay, people, this is it!

This is my favorite tale by Dr. Seuss, and I am quite certain that it must be the most popular and known of his works.

We are in Who-ville again and The Grinch is up to no good with mischievious plans to steal Christmas from there.

But you can't steal something that really is immaterial.

The very word "Grinch" has been added to our common talk in Christmas' season, as a true testament of the real impact of Dr. Seuss' work in our popular world culture.

One of the strongest message by Dr. Seuss remembering us that Christmas isn't in a store, it isn't something that you receive, but it's something in your heart and soul that you happily give to others.

[Shai] The Bibliophage says

Seventeen years ago, I've watched the movie adaptation of this classic children's story book. Both the movie and the book version are remarkable and excellent. I love how it shows that even those who have the heart of ice still have that soft side in them.

Archit Ojha says

Come on Grinch,

Don't be a spoilsport.

I and my wife are surely reading to our little Who's when they are born.

The undercurrent of the story presents to you a question as to not "How" but rather "Why" did the the Grinch stole the Christmas from the merry making Who people.

Every Who down in Whoville liked Christmas a lot

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He loathes the idea of celebration and fun. Sweets and light and everything associated with the near end of December.

Grinch is like that Grumpy old cat

Just outside the perimeters of the happy village of our little people, lives in a cave The Grinch. Old, unhappy and nasty. He plans to hijack the opportunity from the Whoville to say *Merry Christmas to each other*.

Slowly and stealthily (and yes, sometimes not so STEALTHILY) starts taking away candies, sweets, gifts and the decorations. He relishes a sadistic joy in his heart and tugs all the happiness of the festival in his dark cave.

However things do not turn out as planned.

And he realizes what's in fact true.

The moral message that it sends out - in this ever twisting, looping and cannon balling style of writing - is that the joy is not only materialistic. It's much profounder than that.

Change in heart and the mettle to accept your shortcomings along with the trademark rhyming scheme of Dr. Seuss makes it a book that you simply can't rate less than 5.

The warmth in your heart can kindle about the coldest of woods.

Sarah says

This was my first time ever reading this and I thought it was very good :)

Eirini Proikaki says

Εντ?ξει ε?πα να διαβ?σω κ?τι παιδικ? χριστουγεννι?τικο να μου περ?σει η γκρ?νια και η ακεφι? και ερωτε?τηκα! Π?σο ?μορφη,γλυκι? ιστορ?α!Σε β?ζει αμ?σως στο εορταστικ? κλ?μα και νι?θεις

σαν να βρ?σκεσαι μπροστ? στο στολισμ?νο τζ?κι ?να κρ?ο βρ?δυ και κ?ποιος σου διαβ?ζει αυτ? το υπ?ροχο παραμ?θι.

Ο Γκριντς ε?ναι στριφν?ς και μοναχικ?ς και ενοχλε?ται που οι ?λλοι χα?ρονται τα Χριστο?γεννα αγαπημ?νοι και χαρο?μενοι. ?τσι αποφασ?ζει να σταματ?σει τη γιορτ? κλ?βοντας τα στολ?δια, τα δ?ρα, τα φωτ?κια, το φαγητ? και οτιδ?ποτε θυμ?ζει γιορτ?ς. Ανακαλ?πτει ?μως οτι τα υλικ? αγαθ? δεν ε?ναι απαρα?τητα και οτι οι Who του Whoville μπορο?ν να γιορτ?σουν και χωρ?ς αυτ? αφο? η φιλ?α, η αγ?πη, η οικογ?νεια και η καλ? δι?θεση αρκο?ν. ?τσι η μικρ? καρδι? του μεγαλ?νει δυο νο?μερα και πα?ρνει μ?ρος στη γιορτ? φ?ρνοντας π?σω και ?σα ?κλεψε. ?να σημαντικ? μ?θημα για τα μικρ? παιδι? αλλ? και για μας τους μεγ?λους που καμι? φορ? μπερδε?ουμε τις προτεραι?τητες μας και ξεχν?με τι ε?ναι πραγματικ? σημαντικ? στη ζω? και αρχ?ζουμε τη γκρ?νια και γιν?μαστε λ?γο Γκριντς.

Sam Quixote says

“All the windows were dark
No one knew he was here
All the Who's were all dreaming
Sweet dreams without care...”

I've always been aware of The Grinch for as long as I can remember but I've never actually read Dr Seuss's classic, How The Grinch Stole Christmas. Well, what better time to rectify that than in December, eh? I'm glad I now finally have but I found it a bit underwhelming.

You probably know the story already but for those who don't: a grumpy monster called The Grinch decides to steal all the presents and trimmings out of the homes in Whoville on Christmas eve in an attempt to ruin his most hated holiday. Though, of course, it ends happily and sappily with The Grinch learning a valuable lesson about the true meaning of Christmas.

I loved seeing Dr Seuss's art again. His unique, imaginative, loopy, almost haunting in a weird way, visual style took me right back to my childhood. The Grinch is a great character too, from his name to his design, and a wonderful addition to Christmas as a whole – I can't argue with his appeal and cultural impact.

But this book doesn't have Dr Seuss's best rhymes. He rhymes “noise” with “noise”, “feast” with “feast”, “sing” with “sing”, and so on – unlike his other books, the couplets aren't very clever or imaginative. The ending is very abrupt too – almost jarring – in how suddenly it wraps things up.

My biggest criticism though is telling kids that Christmas isn't about material presents but about something more substantial, meaningful and profound like community, friends and family. A laudable sentiment from an adult's perspective, and understandable coming from a childless man like Dr Seuss was; except, for kids, Christmas IS about material presents – that's the whole point! That goes away when you grow up – nowadays for me, I look forward to the break from work, sleeping in, the food, the drink; I couldn't give a fig for the presents! And snow? Bah! An annoying seasonal inconvenience! – but I remember how excited I got about opening the presents on Christmas Day and playing in the snow when I were a whippersnapper. The message in this book, attempting to take that joy away from kids, is an almost Grinch-like sentiment! Let kids be kids - let them enjoy the superficiality and the presents, and guilt them into charity, etc. after they've grown up and lost interest in that aspect of Christmas.

I'll probably be accused of being too Grinch-y myself in being in any way critical of this beloved children's

classic, and it's a fine story if a bit too plain and unremarkable, but How The Grinch Stole Christmas definitely isn't among Dr Seuss's best books. A good side effect of reading this book though was reminding me of Aimee Mann and Grant-Lee Phillips' immensely catchy cover of You're A Mean One, Mr Grinch which I highly recommend listening to and which I quoted from at the top of the review.

madamereadsalot says

I didn't only read this to fill up my reading challenge. Nope. Not at all.

But no seriously: The Grinch is one of my favourite Christmas movies. A secret you probably never knew: I'm the inspiration for the Grinch.

Ok, just kidding, BUT: I love the illustrations & though I like the movie a bit more, it was still a cute little read, bringing closer the true meaning of christmas, for me, coming together as a family, being grateful for what we have & giving something back to others, no matter in what form. It isn't about consumerism and materialism at all. For me, it's truly only about my family & the only thing I wish for is for them and my cats to be healthy and happy....

Gio says

WoW! I Am Not A Christmas Person

Maybe Not Quite A Grinch

Christmas To Me Is What Newman From Seinfeld Is To Jerry LOL

We Never Figure Out Why He Hates Newman

This Book Has Always Made Me Smile And Will Melt Anyone's Grinch Heart

The Movie!! My One And Only Christmas Tradition

midnightfaerie says

How can anyone not love Dr. Seuss or the Grinch? I grew up on the Christmas animated cartoon that always

showed on T.V. and the book was just an added bonus to a wonderful story. I can still sing that song. A wonderful story and a great book to pass down through generations and a great way to start a family tradition of reading a story at Christmas time. Who says it always has to be the Night Before Christmas?

Mayke (thecozyfort)?? says

Really enjoyed this book! The illustrations are really fun and I enjoyed the rhyme of the story. Overall a fun book. Reading this for the first time as an adult probably made it 4 instead of 5 stars. Still a very nice little Christmas read.

Kelli says

I cannot begin to guess how many times I have seen the 1966 animated television special to date, but when I was little, it was a once a year celebration. Something completely lost to this generation is the glory of anticipation...looking in the TV Guide to see when your holiday favorites would be on and then waiting seemingly FOREVER for the day to come, then asking your mom 10,000 times how much more time until 8 PM. This was gold, and after waiting all that time, you were all in. ALL IN!

The tv special is exactly the same as the book and it is pure magic. I say all this simply to explain that it's impossible for me to not read this book in my very best Boris Karloff...not just the voice, but the intonation, cadence and theatrical pauses. Thankfully, my children wouldn't have it any other way. A 5 Star Christmas favorite.

Yulia says

Whenever someone asks me if I celebrate Christmas and I'm about to be catty and say that I don't because I'm not a Christian, I wish an alert would sound in my ear and warn me not to be like Grinch. "Don't steal Christmas, Yulia. Don't do it!"

Calista says

The perfect book. My nephew wanted to read this tonight. It's his favorite Christmas book. You can't beat it. The art is so creative and distinctive. The movies just use his art right out of the book.

I'm glad this is still as popular as ever. It has a wonderful message also.

James says

Book Review

4+ stars to How the Grinch Stole Christmas!, a children's picture book, written in 1957 by Dr. Seuss. I

adored this favorite as a child, and I still watch the cartoon ever year at Christmas. I've also seen the Jim Carrey movie and will watch that one, too. It's such a wonderful take of love and revenge...

Most folks who celebrate Christmas must have read or seen some version of this story at some point in their lives. If not, it's basically a grinch that wants to stop Christmas because he has no heart... but when he sees the heartache he causes on all the children who no longer have presents under the tree (because he stole them), his heart grows bigger... and he returns everything ten-fold.

It's a feel-good kinda story, when you are down and need something to make you feel better. But it has rhymes and beautiful pictures as well as moral lessons.

Every version brings something new to my eyes and mind and ears. I love this story and would watch it All the "who" people and the way the town celebrates Christmas... it's May and all I can think about is watching it right now!

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Michael Finocchiaro says

I probably watched this show about a million times and read the book as a kid at least as many and it was immensely pleasurable to share it with my kids. A wonderful story about the real spirit of giving and love. It might be my very favorite xmas story of all. An absolute must.
