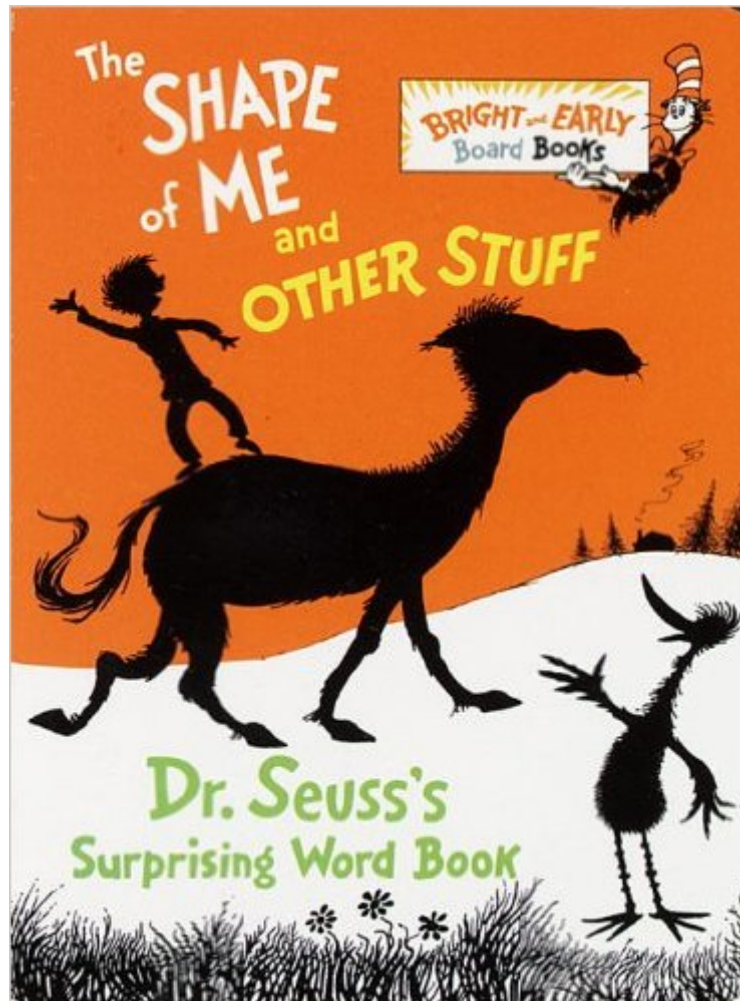


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The Shape Of Me And Other Stuff: Dr. Seuss's Surprising Word Book



Synopsis

"The shape of you, the shape of me, the shape of everything I see.." In this board book featuring bright new colors and the original whimsical text, Dr. Seuss introduces the concept of shapes to babies and toddlers.Â Â

Book Information

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Series: Bright & Early Board Books(TM)

Board book: 24 pages

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Age Range: 2 - 3 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

Customer Reviews

One of the most difficult problems that many beginning readers have is to notice those pesky little differences between letters (like b and d, and q and p). Many children don't focus that much and get a general impression of a shape when looking at a letter or a group of letters. This interesting beginning reader helps you child to "see" the benefits of studying detail more closely. The book is primarily a series of solid shapes (mostly black on white) set off with bright colors used in some shapes, as backgrounds for others, and as rectangles around words. Each one is a different item. Some of the many items silhouetted include a bug, balloon, bed, bike, beans, flowers, mice, big machines, elephants, ships, teapots, water dripping, bird cages, peanuts, pineapple, noses, grapes, glasses, scissors, the various shapes that gum can be pulled into, smoke, marshmallows, fires, mountains, roosters, horses, tires, camels, bees, back door keys, spider webs, clothes, garden hose, mug, imaginary beings (like a BLOGG), trombone, fish, whale and a frog. This is not all, but it

is more than half. As you can imagine, a young child will be able to identify very few while an older child will get almost all of them. Not all of the profiles have words associated with them in the text. As a result, this book should be read in different ways at different stages of development. For example, two year olds will identify more objects if they get a hint from you. Also, if you child likes sounds, you could make a sound like the object for your clue. For an older child, you can also work together to spell the names of the shapes that are not in the text. For someone about to graduate from the book, you could try creating some rhymes with the shapes that are not mentioned.

... this book is a terrific way to explore many more shapes in this big old world! While this book does have various colors on the pages, the focus is on shapes, and it was a great idea by Theodor Geisel to draw the items in SILHOUETTE to allow children to focus on those shapes without the distraction of facial expressions, multi colors within each item, etc. The shapes are all pretty much "normal" items, with a whimsical, Seuss-ish creation thrown in here and there. It ends with encouraging kids to appreciate the shape of their own bodies - "Of all the shapes we MIGHT have been... I say, 'HOORAY for the shapes we're in!'" The simple words and rhymes complement the art and make for enjoyable reading. It's been such a wonderful opportunity for me to babysit my two grandsons, now having the ability (and time) to share in their daily development in a more focused way than I was able to do with my own two grown sons, since I worked outside of the home. I've found myself pulling out some of my mother's old "tricks" when it comes to playtime, and this book reminded me of when she'd sit a lamp on the floor, take the lampshade off and turn out the lights, so that we could see our silhouettes on the wall and have fun making different shapes with our hands, doing silly dances or poses - everything "old" is "new" again with my grandsons! When our younger grandson's first Christmas rolled around, he was just 9 months old - since we'd already accumulated an overload of toddler toys for our older grandson that he would inherit, Grandpa & I decided to make his gifts the beginning of a complete collection of Dr. Seuss books.

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