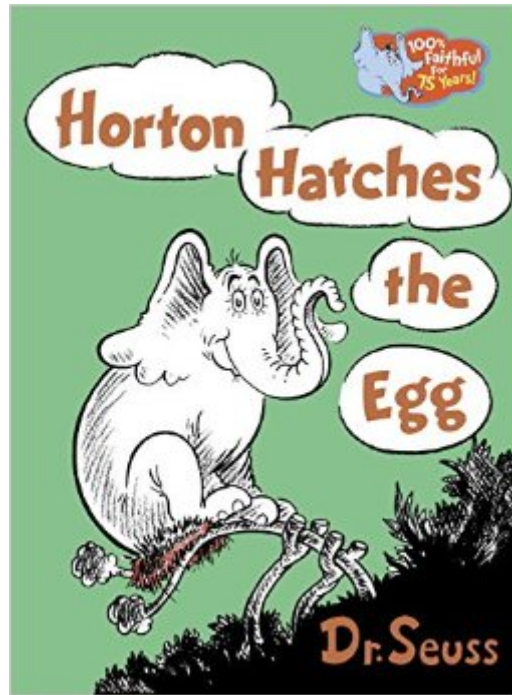


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# Horton Hatches The Egg



## Synopsis

Meet Horton the elephant, one of the most commendable heroes in children's books. "I meant what I said, and I said what I meant. . . . An elephant's faithful, one hundred per cent!" Horton is kind and trustworthy, but unfortunately, the lazy bird Mayzie takes advantage of his good nature when she leaves Horton to watch her unhatched egg. Told with Dr. Seuss's signature rhymes and trademark illustrations, this is a tale that will be enjoyed over and over, by reader and listener alike. And don't miss another delightful tale about this beloved pachyderm: Horton Hears a Who!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 9 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 4

## Customer Reviews

Horton Hatches the egg was one of my favourite books when I was a child and it is lovely to be able to read it to my children and it has become one of their favourite too. I certainly prefer this one to many of the Seuss books available (I have never been a huge fan of Cat in the hat or Green Eggs and Ham) This one has a hugely appealing story. Mayzie is a lazy bird and doesn't enjoy just sitting on her egg, she needs a holiday from sitting around doing nothing on the egg (a lovely ironic touch for adults here, I think this is one of the reasons it is so appealing!) So she convinces Horton the Elephant who is passing by to sit on her egg for her. She doesn't really care that he is 'immense'

she persuades him that he will be able to do it. So Horton props up the nest and sits on it - all through the day and night, through storms, through winter ice, through teasing from his friends because "an elephants faithful, 100%." Then one day some hunters come along, but instead of shooting him they capture him on the nest and drag him over the hills and onto a boat (where an elephant is seasick, 100%) and back to New York to sell him to the circus. There he sits on the egg being dragged around the country until one day they go to Florida where Mayzie the lazy bird has been lying around. She has been there a year and has decided never to go back to her nest. When she sees the circus in town she flies in and sees Horton on her egg, just as it hatches. Now Mayzie gets angry and claims that it is HER egg. But the egg hatches with a new type of creature, an elephant bird.

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