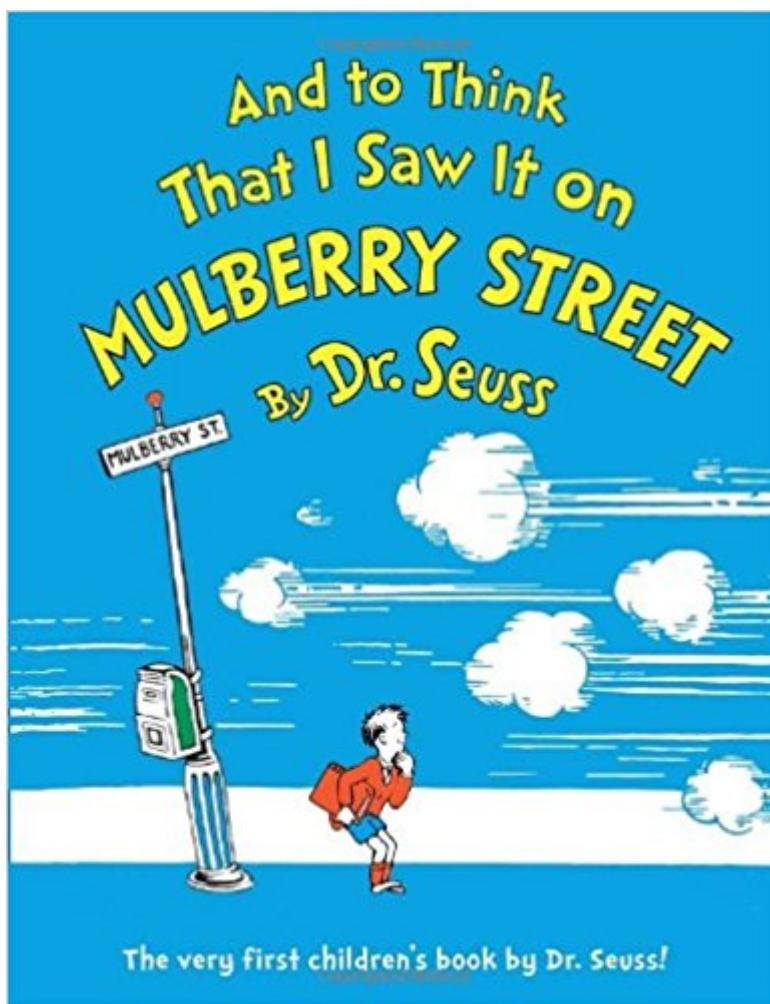


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# And To Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street



## Synopsis

Dr. Seuss's very first book for children! From a mere horse and wagon, young Marco concocts a colorful cast of characters, making Mulberry Street the most interesting location in town. Dr. Seuss's signature rhythmic text, combined with his unmistakable illustrations, will appeal to fans of all ages, who will cheer when our hero proves that a little imagination can go a very long way. (Who wouldn't cheer when an elephant-pulled sleigh raced by?) Now over seventy-five years old, this story is as timeless as ever. And Marco's singular kind of optimism is also evident in McElligot's Pool.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 9 years

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## Customer Reviews

Marco is in a pickle. His father has instructed him to keep his eyes peeled for interesting sights on the way to and from school, but all Marco has seen is a boring old horse and wagon. Imagine if he had something more to report, say, a zebra pulling the wagon. Or better yet, the zebra could be pulling a blue and gold chariot. No, wait! Maybe it should be a reindeer in that harness. Marco's story grows ever more elaborate as he reasons that a reindeer would be happier pulling a sled, then that a really unusual sight would be an elephant with a ruby-bedecked rajah enthroned on top. "Say! That makes a story that no one can beat, / When I say that I saw it on Mulberry Street." Time and again, Marco tops himself until he is positively wound up with excitement and bursts into his home

to tell his dad what he saw on Mulberry Street. Pulitzer-prize winning Dr. Seuss needs no introduction. His ode to the imagination of a child is as fresh and exquisitely outlandish today as it was when first published in 1937. This is a classic that will never fade with age. (Ages 3 to 8)

--Emilie Coulter

"A fresh, inspiring picture-story book with an appeal to the child's imagination."--Horn Book.

I was born in 1938, a year after this book was originally published, and it was definitely a family favorite. But ours wasn't written by Dr. Seuss but was by Theo Geisel. So when I grew up and had children of my own, I kept hearing about Dr. Seuss and had no idea who he was! until I started buying my children their own books, and realized that my Mulberry Street author was actually Dr. Seuss! And during my childhood and adolescence, nearly every time I came home from school or summer activities, when I saw my mother she would almost always ask "and what did you see on Mulberry Street?" I'm so glad to have a copy of this delightful book in my library again!

Don't get me wrong - the story is still the same wonderful story. I love reading it to my kids. I thought this would be a good way to carry the stories with me when I was out doing errands. However, I bought it for my Kindle DX, thinking that I could turn it to landscape view and see the pictures with the pictures on the left and the text on the right. It doesn't work that way. The way has arranged it, the pictures are on the right, and there's nothing on the left page. When it shows the text, the text is on the right and there's no picture. You either have the text or the picture, not both. That doesn't work when reading to children. The book may fit well on a Fire, but not on the black-and-white Kindle. If that's the type you have, don't buy it.

I remember asking my mom to let me take this book out of the library time after time. (This was back in the day when we used the library rather than just going out to buy the book.) Mulberry Street appealed to my active imagination and inspired me to look at the obvious in a different way. I'm surprised when I mention this book to people that they've never heard of it! It may be the first Seuss but it's also one of the best in my opinion. If you like Mulberry Street, be sure to read If I Ran the Zoo and If I Ran the Circus which have similar appeal.

I use this book to teach honest and creativity which is a great combination for kids. It is important for

them to see the difference and to be able to decide when each is appropriate. It is a story about a boy who is supposed to tell his dad what he sees on the way home from school. When what he sees isn't that impressive, he starts imagining a fantastic story (lie) that he can tell his dad. I love to flip the pages to show the kids what he really saw, and what he has imagined. In the end he tells his dad the truth but that doesn't mean he didn't have fun creating the fantasy in his mind and it doesn't mean he can't tell his dad what he wished he'd seen. This story is perfectly written, of course and a great resource for teaching character.

I was initially drawn to "And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street" because it was Dr. Seuss's first children's book, and I wanted to see the harbinger of all the classics I grew up reading. I was so delighted by this tale, I paid homage to it when I published my first book. It has everything I admire about Seuss: a playful rhyme scheme, lovable character (Marco), and a child engaging his imagination. Take a wander down Mulberry Street. In fact, stay a while, and enjoy a parade of colourful characters. Stephen J. Groak, author of *A Christmas Yve: A Kiwi Elf's Dream to Join Santa*

Bought this for my sister and her daughter and also got a copy for myself and my five-year-old, as I grew up on a Mulberry Street. I like this book and it's fun for the sentimental value, but I'm giving it 5 stars because my son LOVES it. He wants to read it every night and really relates to the idea of this little boy making up a fantastical story on his walk home that just gets more and more elaborate. We've grown up reading Dr. Seuss and he also loves "Oh the Thinks You Can Think" and really enjoys them all, but this one for whatever reason really resonates.

I've never been displeased by a Dr. Seuss ebook from ...and you CAN'T beat the price. I probably have so many Seuss books because of the price. Otherwise, I would only have the Grinch Stole Christmas (I'm frugal).

If you're a Dr. Seuss fan, each and everyone of his books would be perfect to add to your grandchildren's library's. He wrote many books for different ages!

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