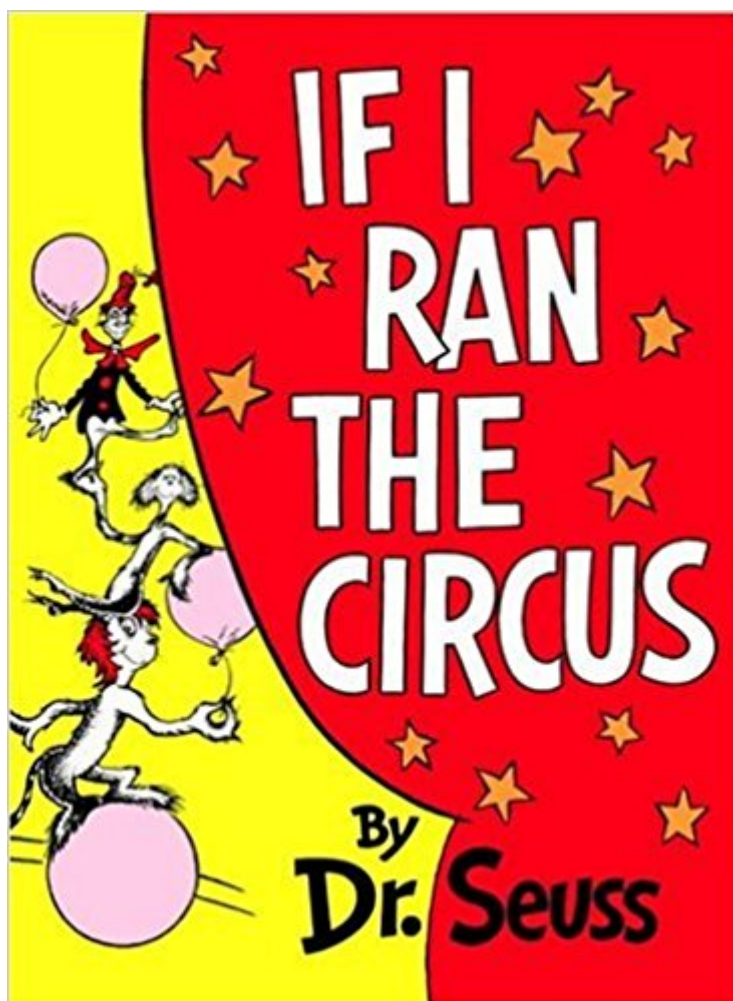


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# If I Ran The Circus (Classic Seuss)



## Synopsis

Step right up for Dr. Seuss's classic rhyming picture-book tale of young Morris McGurk's big circus dreams. This circus has more than a mere lion tamer and trapeze artist! At the Circus McGurkus, you'll be intrigued by the wink-hooded Hoodwink, terrified by the Spotted Atrocious, and amazed by the daring feats of the great Sneelock. And these are just a few of the astonishing things you'll find under this big top. Told with the humor and originality that are synonymous with Dr. Seuss, *If I Ran the Circus* is a crowd-pleasing showstopper!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 9 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 4

## Customer Reviews

*If I Ran the Circus* is a grand rhyming Seussian hymn to every child's grandest and wildest plans. Behind Mr. Sneelock's ramshackle store, there's an empty lot. Little Morris McGurk is convinced that if he could just clear out the rusty cans, the dead tree, and the old cars, he would have no further obstacles to using the lot for the amazing, the world-beating, Circus McGurkus. The more elaborate Morris's dreams about the circus become, the more they depend on sleepy-looking, innocent Mr. Sneelock, who stands outside his ramshackle store sucking on a pipe, oblivious to the fate that awaits him in the depths of Morris's imagination. He doesn't yet know that he'll have to

dispense 500 gallons of lemonade, be lassoed by a Wily Walloo, wrestle a Grizzly-Ghastly, and ski down a slope dotted with giant cacti. But if his performance is up to McGurkian expectations, then "why, ladies and gentlemen, youngsters and oldsters, your heads will quite likely spin right off your shouldsters!" Welcome to the big top. (Ages 4 to 8) --Richard Farr

Illus. in color. Young Morris McGurk lets his imagination run wild with his circus McGurkus. "Fun for the entire family."--"Children's Book Center.

This book doesn't disappoint, after all, it is a Seuss tale. We love Dr. Seuss in our house and every one gets read aloud to my sons with different voices, expressions, grimaces, and hand gestures. This one is one of the more fun ones to read with exciting detail. I'm hoping these moments are just as memorable to my very young children as they are to me as I don't think any childhood can be called complete without vivid memories of such colorful wacky stories. This one wasn't in our collection until we threw my son a vintage circus themed 1st birthday party. We bought this to have the guests sign with well wishes instead of bringing gifts and cards. Then, we brought it into the home library and read it with great delight. It's definitely a must have for all families!

When our friends became grandparents, I immediately thought of a gift for the baby - my own (now grown) kid's very favorite: If I Ran The Circus. I read it so many times to them that I could recite long stretches by memory. This edition has great color (my original is now quite faded) and I am sure will be treasured by the newbie, as well as his parents. What a Classic!

Dr Seuss never disappoints! It's long and a bit of a tongue twister at times but adorable story that my 5 year old loves.

This book is nice but too long for my preschoolers. Better for older children.

Dr. Seuss never disappoints, he has such a way to make us use our imaginations more out of the box.

One of the Dr. Seuss books I did not already own. Fast shipping and a great price.

way longer than I expected, even for a Dr. Seuss which tend to go on with their rhyming, this is just

too much

Great read for Dr. Seuss's birthday! Very lengthy though so I'd recommend the book for 2nd graders and up.

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