

By Dr. Seuss
illustrated by James Stevenson



"You can try with dogs and roosters. You can try with goats and geese. But I'm going to go on snoozing. You can bring in the police."

A warm bed and a soft pillow is all it takes to convince the slumbering hero of this story that he is not going to get up today. Funny verse and lively illustrations make every child's dream of sleeping away the day come true in this appealing, easy-to-read fantasy.

The simplicity of the text, illustrations, and concepts makes this a perfect book for very beginning readers.

Children will want to read it again and again—and they really can, all by themselves.



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NOT to Going Today!







Please let me be.
Please go away.

I am NOT going to get up today!





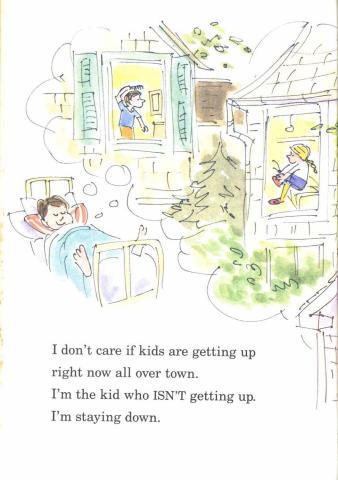
The alarm can ring.

The birds can peep.

My bed is warm.

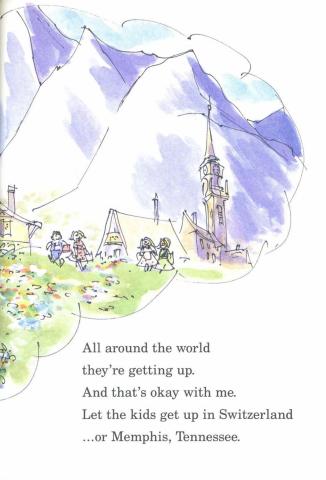
My pillow's deep.

Today's the day I'm going to sleep.









Let the kids get up in Alaska



...and in China.



Let the kids get up in Italy.

Let the kids get up in Spain.

Let them get up in Massachusetts and Connecticut and Maine.

Let the kids get up in London and in Paris and Berlin.

Let them get up all they want to.

But not me.

I'm sleeping in.



I've never been so sleepy since I can't remember when.



You can take away my breakfast. Give my egg back to the hen.



Nobody's going to get me up, no matter what he does.



Today's my day for
WOOZY-SNOOZY
ZIZZ-ZIZZ
ZIZZ
ZAZZ
ZUZZ.



You can tickle my feet. You can shake my bed.



You can pour cold water on my head. But you're wasting your time. So go away! I am NOT going to get up today!



In bed is where I'm going to stay.

And I don't care what the neighbors say!

I never liked them anyway.







Let them try to wake me.

Let them scream and yowl and yelp.

They can yelp from now till Christmas

but it isn't going to help.

My bed is warm.

My pillow's deep.

Today's the day I'm going to sleep.

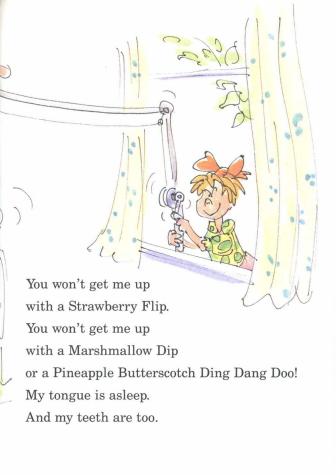




I don't choose to be up walking. I don't choose to be up talking. The only thing I'm choosing is to lie here woozy-snoozing.

So won't you kindly go away. I am NOT going to get up today!

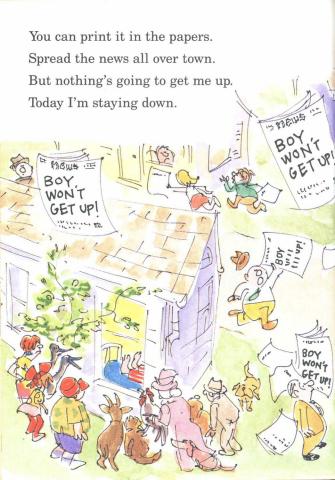






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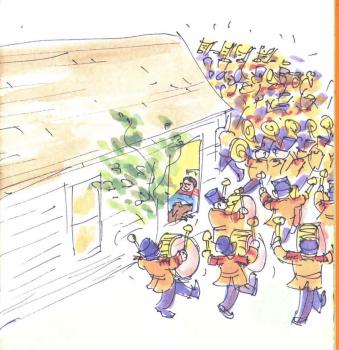
You can shoot at me with peas and beans! You can bring in the United States Marines!



You can put the whole thing on TV. But I won't get up today!

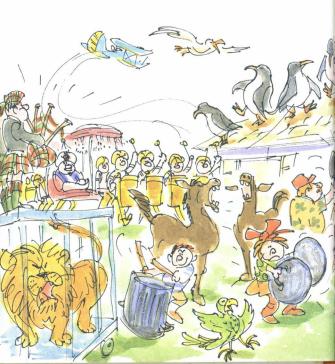




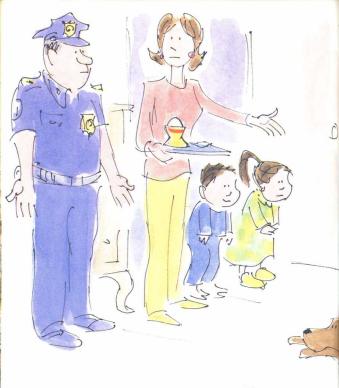


Nothing's going to get me up. Why can't you understand! You'll only waste your money if you hire a big brass band.

That's why I say,
"Please go away!
I am NOT going to get up today!"

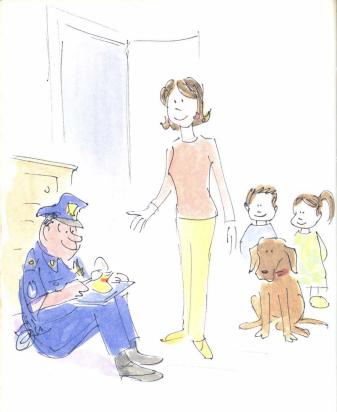




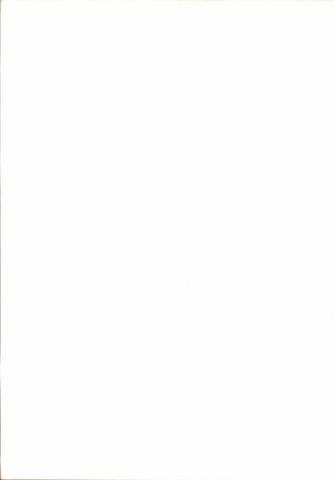


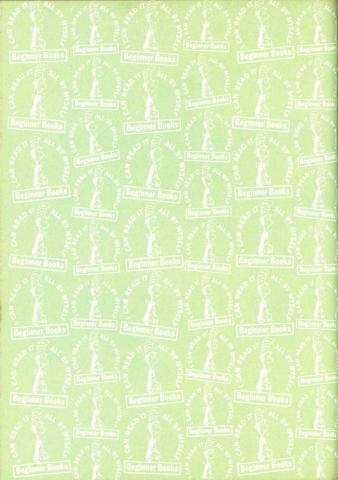
I guess he really means it.





So you can have the egg.









The Beginner Book Story

"Ten years ago, Dr. Seuss took 220 words, rhymed them, and turned out THE CAT IN THE HAT, a little volume of absurdity that worked like a karate chop on the weary little world of Dick, Jane and Spot."

—Ellen Goodman, THE DETROIT FREE PRESS, Nov. 1966

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