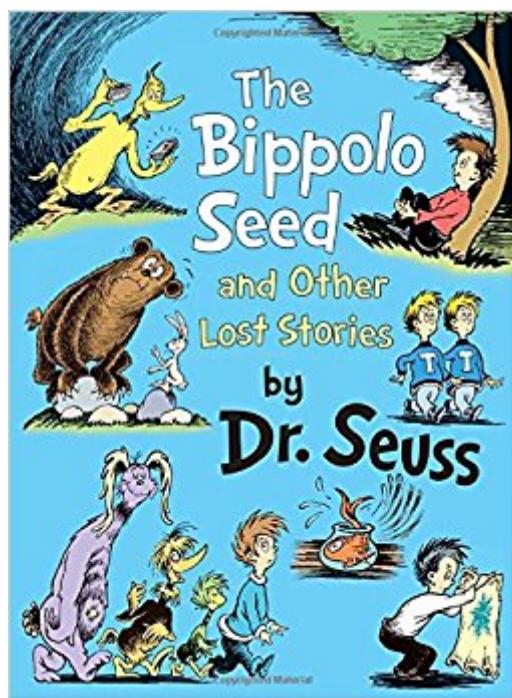


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# The Bippolo Seed And Other Lost Stories (Classic Seuss)



## Synopsis

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## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

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Seven stories in a single book for the price of a single story book. Previously unpublished in book form. Previously published in magazines, and magazine in size, the stories beyond beginner level. I loved 'The Strange Shirt Spot,' which reminded me of my own childhood misadventures. 'The Great Henry McBride,' reminded me of the childlike sense of what I would do when I grew up. I never did go into space, although some might argue that point. The Rabbit, The Bear and the Zinniga Zanniga is just the type of story a child loves to read or listen to, about a clever rabbit who uses an eyelash when faced with a bear. The Bippolo seed tells of a young duck named McKluck, who had a wonderful piece of good luck. We have the twins Tadd and Todd, and the adventure of Gustav the Goldfish, and Steak for Supper, wisdom for a kid. Previously I have bought the Dr. Seuss's Beginner Book Collection (Cat in the Hat, One Fish Two Fish, Green Eggs and Ham, Hop on Pop,

Fox in Socks) collection as a gift to pass on, five stories in separate books in a boxed set, which I mention here because it's incredible value compared to buying those books separately. If you're like me I think you will love these books, whether it's five stories in separate books boxed, or seven lost adventure stories in a single book for the price of a single story book. I think it's well worth it for how much you can get, and for how little you have to pay to get it. I know you will enjoy these wonderful stories, and I hope this review was helpful.

I've ordered several books from and most were packaged well for shipping (wrapped in plastic, placed in an appropriately sized stiff box and securely padded.) This was a rare exception. The three Dr. Seuss books I purchased, including The Bippolo Seed and Other Lost Stories, arrived in a flimsy fold-over cardboard package that did not protect the book corners from becoming bent and crumpled, and the package itself was open at two of the corners, leaving the books vulnerable to moisture and dirt. Because these three books will be handled by young children and probably become bent and dirtied in time anyway, I decided not to request a replacement. However, needs to show more care when they send out hardcover books, as First Editions, etc. lose a lot of their value to collectors if they exhibit damage to their corners, spines or page edges. That disappointment aside, we're already enjoying these newest editions to our library of classic Dr. Seuss stories. I hadn't read The Bippolo Seed before and was delighted to find it while browsing for new titles for my grandson. I remember reading Dr. Seuss as a child, then sharing them with younger siblings, and passing them on to our son when he became old enough. Now I get to watch a whole new generation of readers discover the fun these books provide.

I loved this book! This collection of stories is packaged together perfectly, making for a pleasurable read. The masterful art, full of wondrous color, invoke the imagination of its reader and listener, as the unique words of ridiculousness bring about laughter and smiles. The Bippolo Seed and Other Lost Stories is a classic from its publication date and should be a mainstay for building children's vocabulary. The extensive amount of pages in this book (72 pages) allow for a fun, exciting, and adventurous time with plenty of reread appeal. The seven stories in this collection had been lost for decades, and it is invigorating to get the chance to read some of the lost art from Dr. Seuss. "The Bippolo Seed" and "Gustav, the Goldfish" and "The Strange Shirt Spot" are my favorite stories in this collection. The pacing of the words and the use of language make each of these stories top-notch, and in the reader cannot help but smile or laugh. There are more words in each story than that of a "normal" Seuss book, with just a few pictures for each story. With this said,

the words are not overbearing, but rather engaging and thought provoking. Additionally, the art included in the stories are extensively detailed, so the limited use of them in the form of quantity is not a drawback in the least. REMEMBER, Quality trumps quantity, as I would rather have a small number of detailed pictures than a large number of pictures with less detail. Dr. Seuss never gets old, and his literature, with this piece included, get the minds of children going. This quality hardcover book is definitely worth the buy, and Seuss readers should keep an eye out on future books to come from new-found literature of the past, such as *What Pet Should I Get?*, which will be coming out on July 28, 2015.

GREAT Dr Seuss stories!!! My 4 year old and I have read them over and over!

These are wonderful Seuss stories rarely heard. The Bippolo Seed is a moral tale about the consequences of greed, told in his usual comical way with no finger wagging. Am sure our 2 yr old grandtwins will properly fall in love with Seuss with these stories. I bet I have them mostly memorized within a year.

Such a sweet book and a great story.

This collection of Dr. Seuss books contains some stories that I have not been able to find elsewhere. The stories have positive values and character building lessons. The bold images are attention-catching for my young son, and the silly rhymes keep his interest.

Not my personal favorite, but my kids love for me to read these stories to them. These are not as simple to read as 'general' Dr. Seuss stories (think "Cat in a Hat"). Each page has a LOT of text and one picture per page, but the stories are still fun!

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