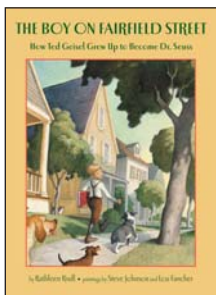


# Oh! the Places You'll Go!

## About the Book

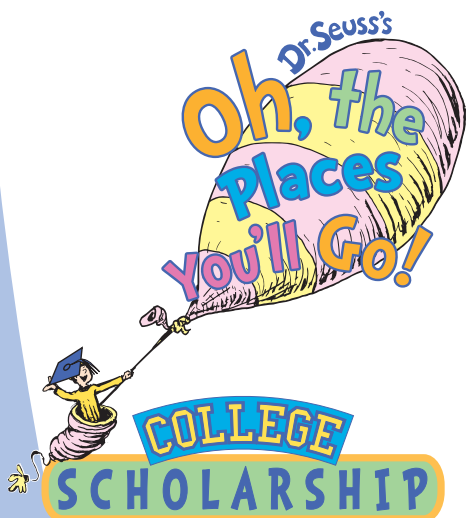
- ★ “All journeys face perils, whether from indecision, from loneliness, or worst of all, from too much waiting. Seuss’s familiar pajama-clad hero is up to the challenge, and his odyssey is captured vividly in busy two-page spreads evoking both the good times (grinning purple elephants, floating golden castles) and the bad (deep blue wells of confusion). Seuss’s message is simple but never sappy: life may be a ‘Great Balancing Act,’ but through it all ‘There’s fun to be done.’”—BOOKLIST, Starred



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## In the Classroom

- Before reading *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* aloud to the class, ask students to make predictions about what the book is about based on the cover. Have they seen the character on the cover in other Dr. Seuss books? What do they think of the color scheme?
- Ask students which places they've been to and which places they want to go to. What makes a destination likable or unlikable? Which books have they read with settings, realistic or imaginary, that they'd like to visit? Why?
- Create an *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* bulletin board. Have students cut balloon shapes out of construction paper and on their balloons draw pictures of what they want to be or where they want to go when they grow up.
- Invite parents or members of the community to your classroom to talk about their careers and the ups and downs they experienced on the path to where they are today.
- Discuss the different color schemes that Dr. Seuss used in *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* to evoke the good times and the bad. How did the author use color to suggest mood? Have students seen this technique used in other picture books or art work?
- As part of your celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday, have the class read about the author's life and mark places on a map that were important in his life. *The Boy on Fairfield Street: How Ted Geisel Grew Up to Become Dr. Seuss* is a great picture book biography to kick off Seussian author studies throughout the year.



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seniors who understand and  
value the limitless possibilities  
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a scholarship award. Share this  
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school counselors,  
and colleagues.



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and frequently do  
to people as brainy  
and footsy as you.  
And when things start to happen,  
don't worry. Don't stew.  
Just go right along. YOU'LL  
start happening too.”  
—from OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!

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