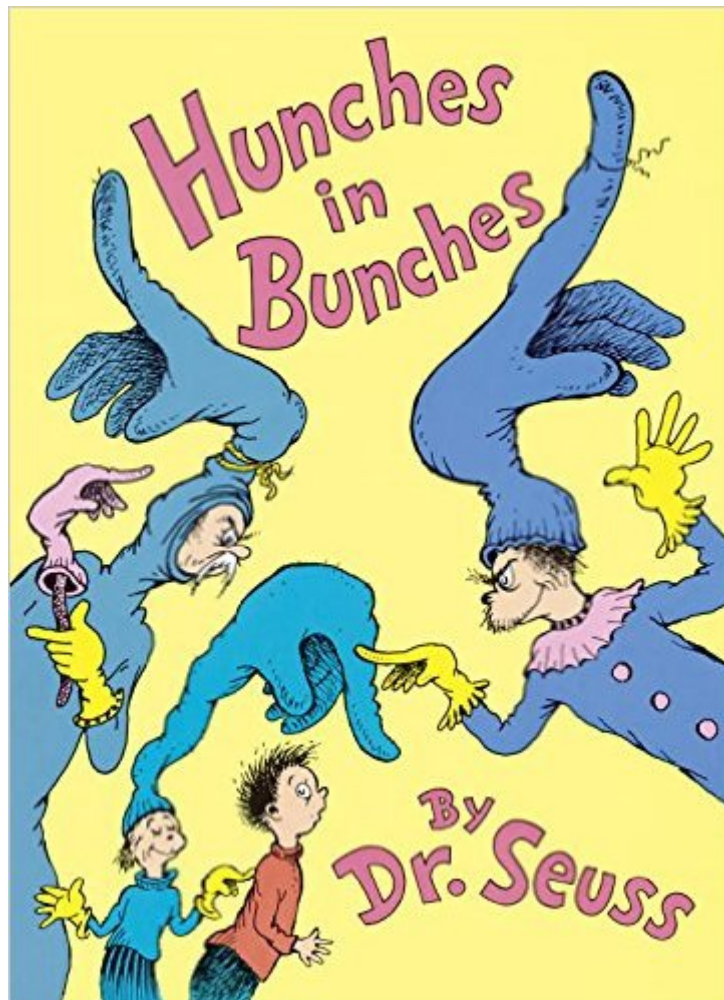


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# Hunches In Bunches (Classic Seuss)



## Synopsis

Whatâ™s a person to do when there is so much to do? Dr. Seuss adds his signature spin to the age-old dilemma of indecisiveness in his rhyming picture-book classic *Hunches in Bunches*. Go outside, play video games, eat a pizza, do homework? Whether you have a âœfour-way hunch,â• a âœnowhere hunch,â• or an âœup hunch,â• Dr. Seuss and his unmistakable one-of-a-kind advice will ensure that readers of all ages wonâ™t get âœga-fluppted.â•

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

## Customer Reviews

I ADORE Dr. Seuss. In fact, I'm pretty sure that his work is the source of a sizeable chunk of my love for language in general, and for poetry. In fact, I think my love for Shakespeare started as a child, with Dr. Suess. This stuff was really profound for me. But I have to say, if Geisel really did write this one, he was NOT in top form. The music of his language is missing - some of the verses are downright clunky, and the usual depth is lost in horrific lines like "... together we'll trot to some real cool spot and play a few video games." Maybe he was trying to be contemporary. And some of the illustrations here really ARE wonderful, but I have to say, this Seuss lover (who now spends as much as an hour and a half a day reading the stuff to his own daughter, who love it) finds this one

way off the mark.

Children usually do not realize that the internal dialogue in the mind is a source of confusion and distraction for almost everyone. The great strength of this book is to make that psychological reality tangible and to address ways to deal with it. You also give the parent a chance to share her or his perspective on internal voices. The book's key point is that you should consider all the perspectives that occur to you, compare them, and choose a good one to pursue."Do you ever sit and fidget when you don't know what to do . . . ?""My trouble was I had a mind. But I couldn't make it up.""Oh, you get so many hunches . . . ."In the story, the hunches include one to do homework, another to go play video games, yet another to fix the rusting bicycle, while another suggests a bathroom break. As the hunches build, the decision gets harder. Thinking about it just adds more hunches. The key point is: "Make your mind up! . . . Only you can make your mind up!" The suggested method is to split yourself into several people and to decide what to do by letting each one represent a hunch. To me, that's a variation on the Benjamin Franklin method of putting each choice down on a piece of paper with a list of the pros and cons for each. Then compare the lists. If everyone learned that method at a young age, it would be wonderful! A lot of adults still need to learn this lesson, so don't limit your gift giving of this book to youngsters! After you finish this book, I suggest that you encourage your child to verbalize his or her urges. Then talk to her or him about how he or she is sorting it all out. Take the best choice, rather than the most impulsive one!

Love this book! Some great Seussian rhymes and images. Honestly, I feel like I'm reading about my indecisive, anxious brain. My kids love it -- they always picked it off of the Seuss app I have on my iPad and so I knew I needed to buy a hard copy of it. Great addition to our Seuss collection!

As a more or less collector of Dr. Seuss books, I have to say this is without a doubt the strangest book he has ever written to my knowledge. The first thing you'll notice is that it's practically nonexistent in bookstores.... nor has it been included in any collection, or online in a PDF. Yet it's part of the list printed on the backside of practically every Seuss book. The only place you can get this that I know of is hardcover, online. Unlike trademark Seuss here's no moral or lesson of any kind I can figure out, nor is there an obvious point being made. It's basically a story about a troubled boy who can't decide what to do, and finds himself pretty rudely taunted and insulted by creatures wearing gloved hats (apparently to smack him with?). I've never seen any other book of his where the main character was berated in this manner. In the end he decides to split into multiple copies of

himself and argue it out- something of course any normal kid can't possibly do. Finally he resolves to do nothing, ignore all his responsibilities and go eat six hot dogs- and call it a day. The book ends there, rather abruptly. The artwork is Seussical but something seems lacking there also- it almost looks as if someone else did the illustrations. They're slightly cruder. And the published book I got has no list of books on the back either, which is a first. Is it possible this book was done by someone else? Or was something else afoot. Was he having some trouble at this time in his life, or angry with himself for some kind of indecision? That is my suspicion, but the good doctor has passed and we'll likely never know.

When my son was an infant/young toddler, he would refuse to go to bed unless I read him Hunches in Bunches. Well, over time and subsequent sibs, we needed a new copy . Dr. Seuss is so important for the rhythmic phrasing that help children become successful readers, both silent and oral. My now 9 year old still loves it. Great, although lesser known, Dr. Seuss book.

I mean, it's okay... but when compared to almost any other Dr. Seuss book, it is sub par. I picked this book up at the library for my 3 1/2 year old because I had never seen this particular Dr. Seuss book before. I realized right away that this was one of his more modern books (he even mentions video games!). My son loves it-- he had me read it over and over again. The main problem I see in this book are certain phrases that I really don't want him to start repeating, namely "stupid schlopp" and "dumb a dunce." After my husband read the book to him, he actually called him a stupid schlopp, not realizing that it was bad, so we had to have a conversation with him about certain words not being polite. Other than that, the book really isn't as magical as some of the other ones. I don't think it makes much sense. Sure, we all get "hunches" about what we should do and sometimes it's hard to make up our mind, but the hunches that the little boy experiences aren't the best examples. I don't really understand what up and down hunches are. Sigh. I don't know. It's definitely not one that I need in our children's book collection, and I'll be relieved to return it to the library.

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