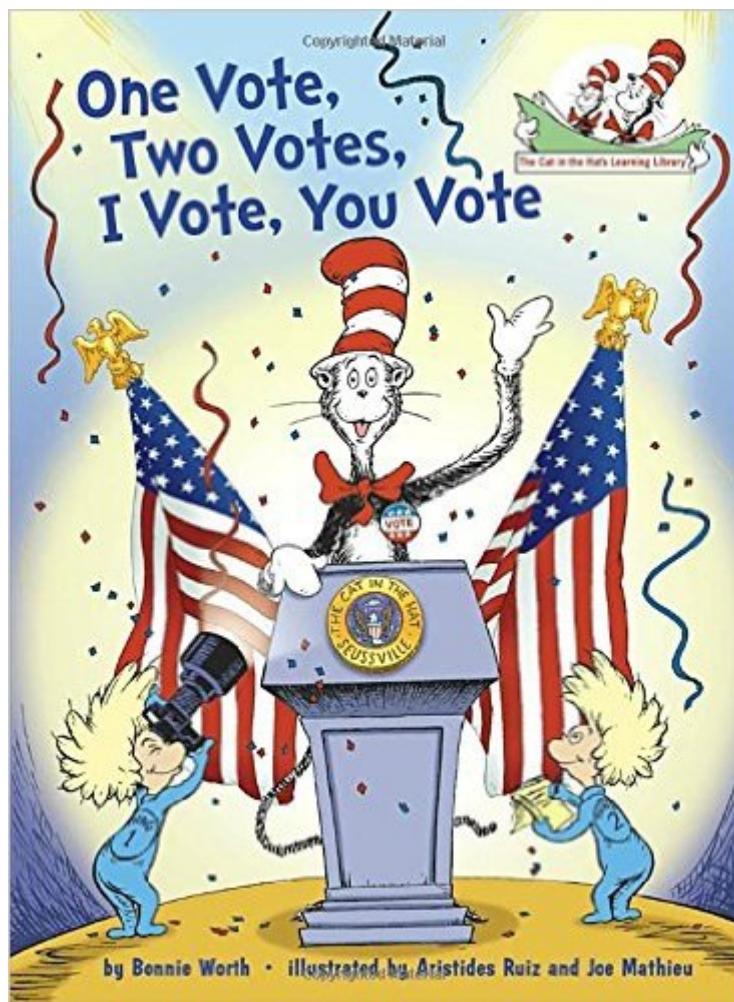


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# One Vote, Two Votes, I Vote, You Vote (Cat In The Hat's Learning Library)



## **Synopsis**

The Cat in the Hat looks at how we vote, why we vote, and who we vote for! In simple rhyme, the Cat in the Hat introduces early readers to the concept and practice of voting "with a focus on the American presidency! Learn the basic principles of democracy, how political parties are formed, why Election Day is held in early November, and much, much more! An ideal choice for reading and talking about elections (whether for a classroom pet or the leader of the free world), this is also perfect for supporting the Common Core State Standards. Fans of the hit PBS show *The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That!* will be delighted to see the Cat knows as much about history and civic responsibility as he does about science!

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

I really, really wanted to love this one. I think our country is in dire need of teaching our children civics and history. And I didn't find this book to be overtly political in one way or the other, it provided some decent background on concepts like elections and voting. But like others, the main issue I have is with the style. Take the opening line of the book: "Voting is something / we do every day / It's a way we can choose / that gives us our own say." Compare it to the opening line of *The Cat in the Hat*: "The sun did not shine. / It was too wet to play. / So we sat in the house, / All that cold, cold, wet

day" As another reviewer noted, just because the words rhyme doesn't mean it's Dr. Seuss poetry--not only is the rhyme and meter all wrong, but there's hardly any meter to speak of. Now granted, Dr. Seuss was a talent that comes once in a thousand years, but IMO derivative works like this based on his original characters only water down kids' perspectives of his original books' greatness. While I appreciate many of Bonnie Worth's other books (including some in this series), books like this are only inviting comparisons to the original, and they unfortunately fall far short. I wish that this new generation could create new ideas rather than constantly "reboot" old characters because they're sure money makers. As far as the contents of the book, it's innocuous enough--I wish it could have done a little more to dispel the myth that a democratic republic is all only about "majority rule" but there's only so much you can say about that in a book for 5-8 year olds. I admittedly cringed a little around page 15-16 when it started to talk about political parties, mentioning the Democratic Party and Republican Party (and the Green Party and Libertarian Party in the index). Seriously, at that age can we let kids just be kids and not force them to start thinking about 'what side' they're on? I wish the contents of this book could have just stuck to the Constitution (which doesn't mention political parties at all). So a nice effort, and otherwise a nice-looking book with appealing illustrations in the style of Dr. Seuss, but as a civics primer I'm not sure I'd use this. A much, much better option is Schoolhouse Rock!: Election Collection, which can easily work for the same age group and provides much more substance.

As a Dr. Seuss fan, I really wanted to love this book. I have just about every Dr. Seuss book in my book collection for my children. We read them nearly every night. When I saw this, I was very excited as this fit in perfectly with the election season and I wanted to start teaching my 4 year old about voting. The best thing I can say for the book is that the illustration fit in very well with Dr. Seuss/cat in the hat theme (although why are thing 1 and thing 2 blond?) The story is not Seuss-ian at all. It rhymes but that is about it. The story is very convoluted. All about voting for candidates, then suddenly you are voting for thing 1 and then 2, then jumping to voting for the cat. Logically, it does not flow very well. The words don't flow well either. Nothing about the whimsical Dr. Seuss style. This really could be some random book written by anyone. If you are looking for a cat in the hat/Dr. Seuss book, skip this one. I would even recommend skipping it if you are looking for a book to teach your child about voting. I think you can find much less complicated stories that would teach them their civic duty. This is an overall fail.

I had to give this book a five star to simply offset the negativity of the other reviews. To the Dr.

Seuss purists: THIS IS NOT A DR. SEUSS BOOK. The book is part of PBS Kids' programming "The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That" series which is based upon the characters of "The Cat in the Hat." My kids love the show and I like the educational value of its content. With that said, the story reflects the process of campaign to the act of voting in a step by step process that is fun for children. It shares both sides of the major party system without getting into the grit of a true adult election and encourages the idea of voting right and choice. Since it arrived, my oldest daughter has asked to read it every night. If she continues to enjoy it, I will need to buy an extra copy for my classroom, for which my original purchase was intended.

Like others have said, the meter and rhyme is all off. That said, if this was not marketed as a Seuss book, issues of meter and rhyme wouldn't be a big deal. But to have the Cat in the Hat part of a book that doesn't seem to match the style of the original creator is a little disappointing. **\*\*SPOILER ALERT\*\*** I don't understand why a major story line is all about voting between Thing 1 and Thing 2, while only on the very last page does it mention voting for the Cat in the Hat. Upon a second read-through, I understand that the author was using the electoral contest between the Things as an example, but the end was quite awkward.

I can't wait to share One Vote, Two Votes, I Vote, You Vote with my grandkids. This election year is so unique, maybe this book will help them explain it to me. I know some people didn't like that it is so much like The Cat in the Hat but I think that the title and description makes it pretty clear what to expect. I also think that might make it easier for the kids to listen to and learn from.

Great book that encouraged a lot of questions from my son. It even had a little bit of the history of voting in America in it. I am very pleased with this purchase and so was my son.

As an active member of the League of Women Voters, I think this is a terrific book to explain the voting process to kids. Although it is written in the style of Dr. Seuss and with great Seuss inspired illustrations, it is not really for young kids, I would recommend this book for grades 1-6. Perfect way to explain the importance of voting and the fact that everyone's voice counts!!

My 6yr old loved it! Really enjoyed how this explains the history of the voting process and the importance of voting in a way a child can understand it. It was a fun book to read and plan to buy more copies!

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