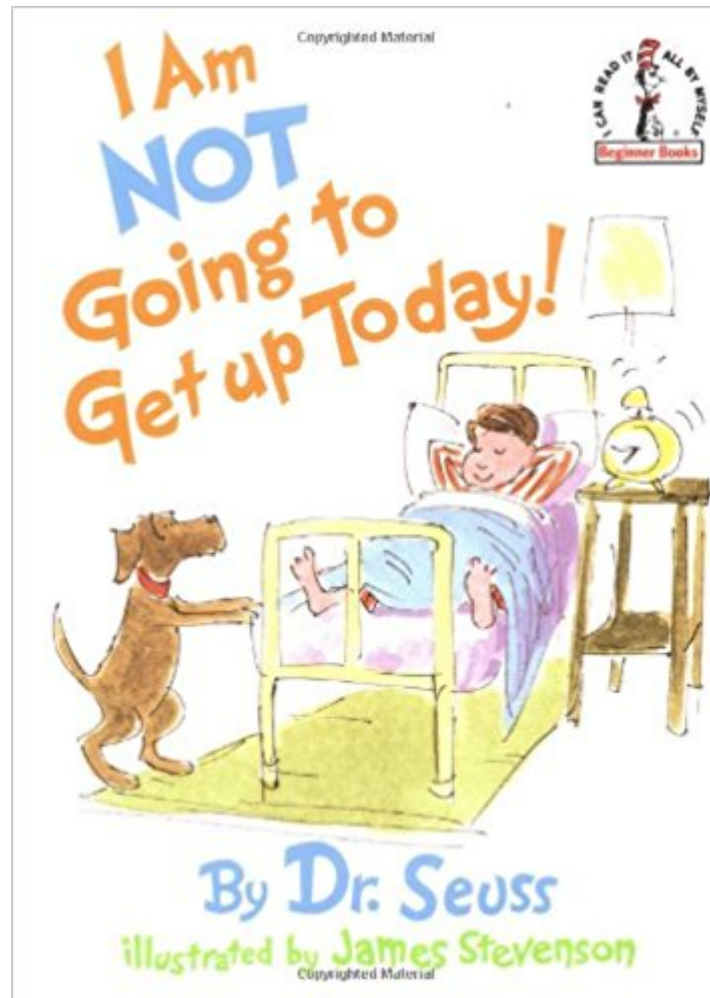


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# I Am Not Going To Get Up Today!



## Synopsis

"A rhyming story that is full of laughs. 'The alarm can ring. The birds can peep....Today's the day I'm going to sleep,' says a lazy boy one morning, and despite a pail of icy water, television coverage, and the arrival of the Marines, he vows to stay in bed--and he does! The repetition of concepts and words will keep children turning the pages, as will the energetic drawings. A sure draw for early readers."--Booklist.Â Â

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

Do you know any children who like to get up early to go to school? Well, we haven't had one yet in our family. So each morning is quite a challenge. I Am Not Going to Get Up Today! is comic relief for those moments. Let me explain. The book begins with this refrain by a small boy with a dog lying under his bed. "Please let me be, Please go away, I am not going to get up today!" In the course of the story, the boy resists the alarm, peeping birds, other kids getting up, his mother bringing in an egg for breakfast, noise of siblings, tickling his feet, shaking his bed, pouring cold water on his head, talking by the neighbors, noise by neighbors, sweets, dogs, roosters, goats, geese, the police, publicity in the newspaper, the Marines, and a television crew. He still wants to "lie here woozy-snoozing." In the end, his mother brings in a policeman and says: "I guess he really means

it. So you can have the egg. "Have you ever been that tired? I hope not. The book is designed to get lots of great laughs from your child and sympathetic smiles from you as you read the book together. How can it help in the morning? You can do a play based on the book. You can walk in grandly with an egg cup on a tray, and ask whether you should give the egg to the policeman. You can get a tape of a marching band to play. In any event, your fun with this story will turn snoozy mornings into laugh-filled events. And laughter is an excellent antidote to lethargy. I also suggest that you ask your child what the mother should have done. This will be all the clue you need to find out how your child would most like to be awakened. Time to rise and shine!

*I Am Not Going To Get Up Today* (Beginner Books) by Dr. Seuss is a whimsical fantasy tale that should appeal to very young children. As another reviewer notes, young kids are full of energy; they don't truly want to stay in bed and this book won't encourage them to do that, either. However, the story makes a great fantasy and the book is also a solid educational tool for children learning to read. The story is relatively simple; a young boy is tired and he wants to take the day off and lounge in bed. He is rather obstinate; even his mother and a cop can't get him out of bed! Along the way, the young child learns a lot about the English language and reading--and that's great. Children are introduced to names of places including Paris, Massachusetts, Berlin, Alaska, China, Spain and more! This can easily generate a conversation with your child about what foreign (or distant) places are like; and the child can get a good basic understanding that the world is really a very large place with many different cultures. This book also teaches children the sounds that some things make. For example, the book, usually through the use of text that rhymes, mentions how birds "peep;" how an alarm clock "rings;" how a bed can be "warm" and how a pillow can be "deep." Great! I suppose that for some very active children the idea of a child taking a rest in bed could show them an example of the importance of learning to rest. Overall, *I Am Not Going To Get Up Today* is another fine children's book by the great Dr. Seuss; and I recommend this book heartily for parents to read with their very young children. The book is an excellent educational tool that helps children learn to read and understand words, places and other concepts like "warm" and "deep." Great job, Dr. Seuss!

I am a confirmed Dr Seuss hater. My tongue gets twisted, the words cannot come, his rhymes are annoying, I don't think they're fun. OOOOPS! Seriously, as one who actually dreaded having my toddlers drag their favorite Dr Seuss tomes behind them, and promising a book burning if I had to read *GREEN EGGS AND HAM* one more time, I have to admit . . . I LOVED THIS BOOK. How many of us cannot identify with the main character who simply is NOT going to get up today? The

rhymes may be a bit much (remember I am not a huge Dr Seuss fan) but rather than imaginary worlds filled with strange looking thingies, this is a REAL little boy who is just too warm and toasty to get up! And so, his family, friends and entire TOWN endeavor to get him out of bed. There is a fun repetitiveness, which encourages the kiddies to sing-song along with the chorus "I AM NOT GOING TO GET UP TODAY," and a playfulness in the illustrations that suggests that they are geared for the grown ups to be entertained by. And finally, when the Mom at the end announces, "HE'S NOT GOING TO GET UP," we feel that we are entitled to share in his victory. Not even the UNITED STATES MARINES could get him out of bed! A fun book to read again and again!

I am not going to get up today is an exciting, silly story. It is about a boy who doesn't want to get up for school, and he swears that nothing in your wildest imagination will get him up. Seuss, the author, has some crazy ideas as to what would normally wake people up, but in this case, nothing will make this imaginative child get out of bed.

It's really a fun book to read. The illustrations aren't by Seuss so I'm assuming this is probably one he'd never intended to publish. But it's out there now. And you've got your 1 star reviewers up in arms because the kid gets to stay in bed. OH NO! (Screams the logical person) a kid gets to sleep in? How terrible. I read a review by a "working parent" (congratulations on being a part of the group known as everybody) who was so upset that it seems this book will derail her whole life. I think a little good parenting would prevent that. Plus, as a working parent it's kinda nice when the kids want to sleep in. It gives you a little down time. Was it the best Seuss book? No. Was it fun? Yes. Was it illustrated by Seuss? No. 3 stars.

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