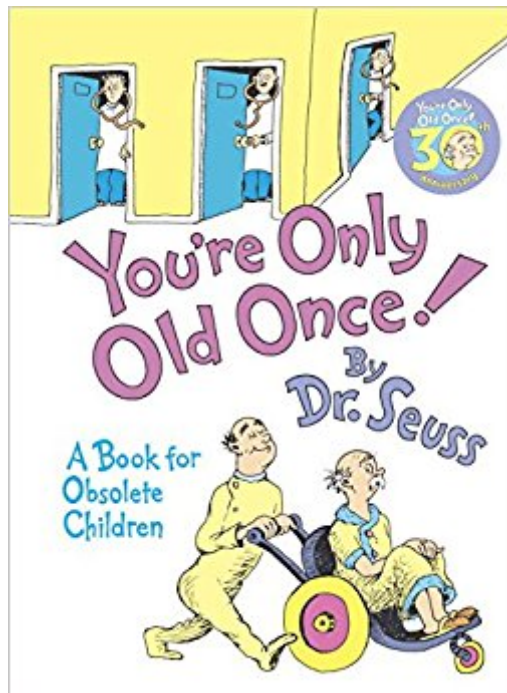


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# You're Only Old Once!: A Book For Obsolete Children



## Synopsis

With his unmistakable rhymes and signature illustration style, Dr. Seuss creates a classic picture-book ode to aging in *You're Only Old Once!* On a visit to "the Golden Years Clinic on Century Square for Spleen Readjustment and Muffler Repair," readers will laugh with familiar horror at the poking and prodding and testing and ogling that go hand in hand with the dreaded appellation of "senior citizen." Though Dr. Seuss is known for his peerless work in books for children, this comical look at what it's like to get older is ideal for Seuss fans of advanced years. In his own words, this is "a book for obsolete children." A perfect gift for retirement, birthdays, and holidays!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Subtitled *A Book for Obsolete Children*, this unusual item in the Seuss canon doesn't really belong among the children's books. Written to celebrate the nonsense master's 82nd birthday, it follows "you" (an elderly gent in a suit and white moustache) through a physical check-up in some fiendish geriatric clinic. You are measured, prodded, and subjected to all the medical indignities familiar and unfamiliar to the elderly. "You must see Dr. Pollen, our Allergy Whiz, who knows every sniffle and itch that there is... He will check your reactions to thumbtacks and glue, catcher's mitts, leaf mould, and cardigans too. Nasturtiums and marble cake, white and blue chalks, anthracite coal and the feathers of hawks." It's clear that the process is going to be long, but much shorter than the bill. The blurb on the back says it all: "Is this a children's book? Well... not immediately. You buy a copy for your child now and you give it to him on his 70th birthday." Actually, it would make an amusing gift for anyone over 40. --Richard Farr

Dr. Seuss lightens the aches and pains of growing old with his inimitable wit and wisdom. In this new defense against aging, we follow our hapless hero through his checkup with the experts at the Golden Years Clinic.

The only reason I gave it 4 stars instead of 5 is because inside the front cover was written To: a person and From: a person. Otherwise the book was in great shape. :)

enjoyed by young and old

lots of laughs

Big Hit at my Mom's 70th Surprise Birthday Party!

I gave this as a gift at an "over the hill" 50th birthday party and the recipient loved it, she thought it was hilarious.

Bought one of these for a friend, and we're talking about getting many more of them for gifts! (Seems most of our friends are 'older', for some reason...) You won't read this without laughing out loud. In fact, I challenge you to do that if you're over 50! ;-)

God Bless, Dave H. Acts 4:12

All Dr. Seuss books are clever, fun, entertaining. This one is, too.

A birthday gift for a friend, she loved it told me it was hilarious

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