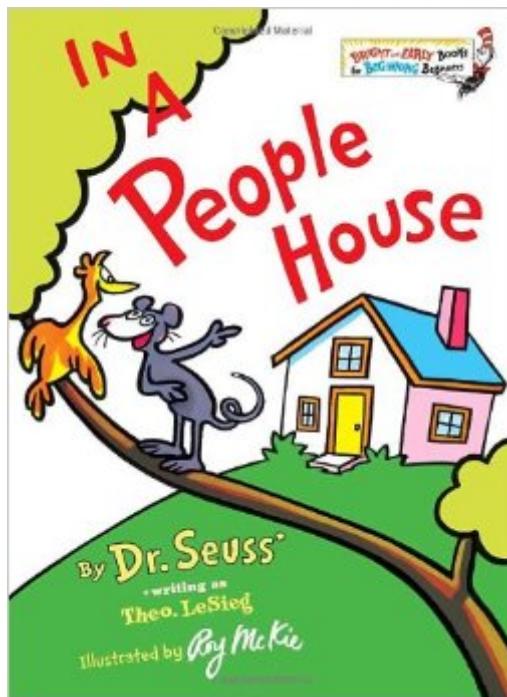


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# In A People House (Bright & Early Books(R))



## **Synopsis**

When a spunky mouse invites a passing bird to see what's inside a People House, chaos ensues while beginning readers learn the names of 65 common household itemsâ "and that people are generally not pleased to find mice and birds in their houses! A super simple, delightfully silly introduction to objects around the homeâ "from none other than Dr. Seuss!

## **Book Information**

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Series: Bright & Early Books(R)

Hardcover: 28 pages

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Age Range: 2 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## **Customer Reviews**

The whole point of the Bright and Early Books for Beginning Beginners was to give young kids easy to read books where they would want to actually read them because they are funny books with easy words and clear pictures. "In a People House" is a book that combines easy to read rhymes with common household items. The idea is that a mouse shows Mr. Bird the inside of a "people house," where there are not only standard things like doors and ceiling but also more interesting objects like roller skates and doughnuts. Written by Dr. Seuss under his Theo. LeSieg pseudonym, used when somebody else besides Theodore Geisel was doing the artwork, this book simply provides beginning readers with over 60 different nouns. Illustrated by Roy McKie, "In a People House" is intended to give kids the words to go with the objects they are likely to see around the house. The

book is essentially a list, manipulated so that the rhyme works, so for the most part kids are going to find words like "pencil" and "toothbrush" next to drawings of the mouse or Mr. Bird with the object. This approach here is simple and effective. Since the objects you are likely to find "In a People House" have not changed all that significantly since this book was first published in 1972 it is still going to do the job it was created for three decades later. Young kids should be able to find the words in this book that go with the objects in their house, and being able to "look up" words in a book is a great skill for them to learn as well.

"In a People House" was my son's favorite book about 20 years ago, when we belonged to a book club and it was one that we received. We wore out the pages it was so well loved. The many household objects named in this book in rhythmic fashion made it particularly interesting for young listeners. I always read it with great expression! I highly recommend this book for Mothers to read to their young children...they will love it!

One of the greatest delights I've had in having the opportunity to babysit my grandsons from birth is watching how proud they are as they add new words to their daily-increasing vocabularies, and their never-ending curiosity about "What's this, Grandma?" When you're full time parenting and trying to balance work/home life, sometimes the questions can seem tiring (believe me, I DO remember those days with my own grown sons!), but I have a better ability now to relish how they soak SO much in each day with their little sponge-like minds! It's always a treat for Grandpa to come home at the end of the day and listen to this or that new word they learned to say. When it came time for our younger grandson's first Christmas, he was just 9 months old. Grandpa & I thought it would be a better idea - since we already had an overabundance of toddler toys in the house that our older grandson no longer played with - to have his gifts that year be the beginning of a complete collection of Dr. Seuss books. The older one (4 year age difference) was able to start enjoying the "Beginner Books" series (age 4-8) immediately, and the (now 22 month old) younger one has graduated from board books to this hardcover "Bright and Early Books" series, with the clever tag line of being "for Beginning Beginners" (age 3 & under). "In a People House" was the fourth of a dozen Dr. Seuss books in this series... this one is actually written under one of the pen names used by Theodor Geisel for books he authored but didn't illustrate, Theo. LeSieg (Geisel - otherwise known as Dr. Seuss - spelled backward). This one is illustrated by Roy McKie, and it's a funny, very colorful look at a mouse inviting a bird into a "People House" to explore - albeit a bit chaotically! - all of the interesting things there are to be found in this foreign land. If I counted correctly, there are 64

common household items for your little one to learn (with the 65th being the PEOPLE who live there who don't particularly care for mice and birds making a mess of their house!) Again, I don't have a million other things going on in my life right now, so it's actually enjoyable to be at a stage where - when my younger grandson opens a drawer and starts taking things out - I have the luxury of time (and a bit more patience) to be able to use it as an opportunity to teach him what things are called instead of just saying "No, no, no!" In case you're interested, the other books in the series are: "The Foot Book", "The Eye Book", "Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?", "Marvin K. Mooney Will You Please Go Now!", "The Shape of Me and Other Stuff", "The Pop-Up Mice of Mr. Brice", "There's a Wocket in My Pocket!", "Great Day for Up", "Would You Rather Be a Bullfrog?", "Hooper Humperdink...? Not Him!", and "The Tooth Book".

This one is a primer for beginning readers: AR 1 The story is about a mouse and a bird who enter a house to take a look around. The artwork is the standard cute and colorful Suessian stuff. The print is VERY large, and it provides good, non-threatening practice for beginning readers. However, unlike other Dr. Seuss books, this one is not as interesting as a read-aloud, and I don't think you'll find your children pouring through it the way they will "Cat in the Hat" or "The Butter Battle Book". Here's some text so you can see what it's like. "Come inside, Mr. Bird," said the mouse. "I'll show you what there is in a People House..." "Bananas, bathtub, bottles, brooms... That's what you find in people's rooms". As you can see most of the text is a list of household items and as a consequence I'm only giving this book 3-Stars. While it is a good solid book, it's not one that I would recommend people buy. Pam T~mom and reviewer at BooksForKids-Reviews

This is one of my favorite early childhood learning-to-read books. I giggled my way through it when I was a kid, and I loved reading it to my younger brother. I am surprised to see so many other reviewers unfavorably comparing "In a People House" to Dr. Seuss -- here's the truth: This book IS by Dr. Seuss. His real name is Theodore Seuss Geisel, and this book's author is... Theo. Lesieg. That would be Geisel spelled backwards. It's a pen name, get it? This book is meant for Dr. Seuss's youngest readers, which is why the pictures and text are so simple. It's fantastic, every child needs a copy by the age of 1 1/2, and I wish it were still in print.

This book was first bought at a thrift store for my husband's first daughter. They literally read the cover off this book. I later replaced it with a new one and now both my husband and I can recite the whole book without looking at the pages. The book has rhythm and rhyme. It is wonderful.

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