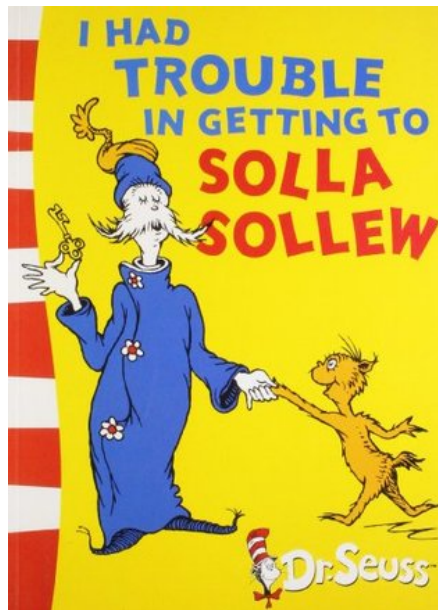




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The hero of this hilarious tale discovers that in attempting to avoid trouble one often encounters even greater difficulties.

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Jacob Bailis says

Some families read The Bible together; we read this. I see on Facebook that my brother chose it as one of his favorite books which isn't surprising; it's that kind of book. The moral is the one thing in this world my mom, my dad, my brother and I agree on: If people mess with you, smash their faces in. It may not be the best way to solve problems, but it sure beats running away, or turning the other cheek and waiting for some savior to come and carry you off to heaven for it. There's no heaven. There's no savior. And there's nowhere to run to. If I had a kid, I would read her this book every night before bed, and her first words would be "My troubles are going to have troubles with me!" And they would.

Lisa the Librarian says

This is a hidden treasure of Dr. Seuss. Much less known than many of his other books, this is one of my favorites.

I discovered it in high school when our drama teacher adapted it into a reader's theatre performance. Practicing it for hours and performing it over and over (including at the state drama competition where it won first place) I used to have the whole thing solidly memorized.

This week I pulled it out again to share with the students at my school. I, surprisingly, still have it mostly memorized. I didn't just read it to the classes, I performed it. Drawing on those memories of the Troyplayers performance group. It was a total blast!! Reading this book to all of my classes (K-6) is going to be an annual tradition the first week in March in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday.

Dr. Seuss has the amazing power to captivate an audience. My kindergarten classes all the way to sixth grade classes were absolutely attentive to the story. I also remember the high school (and adult) audience was equally interested back in the day.

A great message about learning to deal with troubles, and let's face it, every human on earth has troubles of one kind or another. This is uplifting without being "preachy"

Dr. Seuss is a genius and Solla Sollew is definitely him at his best!

Neda says

Oh.. Only if Goodreads would allow more than 5 stars...
It was somehow different from other Dr. Seuss.. But it was amazing...
Thanks once again to dear Hoda for everything..
:)

Chyina says

I read this mainly because of one of my favourite Dr. Seuss quotes: "I have heard there are troubles of more than one kind. Some come from ahead and some come from behind. But I've bought a big bat. I'm all ready you see. Now my troubles are going to have troubles with me!"

Though the quote isn't a direct copy from this book, it is where it originally came from.

The book itself is rather enjoyable if not a bit "dreary" compared to many of his other books. It's basically about a youth who is trying to get away from his troubles by going to another place to live. He comes to a rather unsavoury conclusion about life (as we all do) by the end of the book, but that's part of the beauty of it too, and also why he now has a bat, lol.

An enjoyable read, if a bit of a departure from his more light-hearted fare. However, if you are a fan of Seuss or of a good reminder of life and how you can face it with humour, than this book is for you.

Leland T-Money Fortier says

WTF was this book about?

Beatrice says

Really funny!

Stephen Gallup says

I read this charmer for the very first time last night when putting my little guy to bed. What a pleasant surprise!

Up till now, if asked to pick a favorite Seuss title, I'd have gone for *The King's Stilts*, mainly because of memories of having it read to me as a child. (We still have an early edition of that classic, which might be worth some money if only my sister and I hadn't marked up the pages.) Dr. Seuss's better-known creations are great fun, too. Last spring my 12-year-old did a school report on him, from which I learned such interesting trivia as the origin of his first title, *And to Think That I Saw it on Mulberry Street*: It was suggested by the rhythmic sound of the engine on a ship he was riding home from Europe.

Anyway, with the continuing presence of so many examples in our house, I'd *thought* I was reasonably up to speed on the Seuss oeuvre. Discovering surprising new material at this late date has a way of making me stop to reconsider. Offhand, I can think of one other that has such a clear moral lesson--*Thidwick the Big-Hearted Moose*. This is not to say that lessons necessarily make a story better. It's OK to enjoy something for its own sake, and there's even a Seuss quote to that effect. But right now I find myself receptive to a little more.

No doubt the excitement has something to do with the story's relevance to a theme I gnaw at with many of my blog posts (this one, for example), i.e., trouble and the disappointing results of our efforts to overcome it.

Of course, I also immediately recognized the Wubble chap, who confidently promises to deliver our suffering main character to a utopia but instead ends up multiplying the hardships. That same guy is scheduled to give a speech tonight on prime-time TV. The lure of such characters resembles that of the lottery, and I think all of us feel it at least a little from time to time.

Hence the value of a story like this for folks of all ages.

My son has a habit of demanding that I read the same books again and again every night, so that, from my point of view, we've completely worn out some first-rate stories (*The Cat in the Hat*, *Green Eggs and Ham*, *The Velveteen Rabbit*, etc.). Right now I hope he's up for more of Sola Sollew.

Manu says

Dr. Seuss just makes it fun for reading. brilliant illustration n narration.

Skylar Burris says

I remember liking this as a kid, but I just re-read it to my daughter and loved it. What a clever anti-utopian message wrapped up in a children's story. What the kid learns, on a subtle level, is that in this world you shall have tribulation, but, be of good cheer, because you can always take a baseball bat to your troubles. Well, perhaps that conclusion sounds a bit rough around the edges, but the point is that it's better to confront your troubles and make the most of the world you live in than it is to run away in search of a mythical land where suffering doesn't exist. It's anti-authoritarian in its tone, but not, I do not think, in an unreasonable way. It condemns leaders who make others pay a heavy price in their attempt to achieve what is ultimately unachievable. I suppose there are all sorts of ways you can read this, depending on your political and religious bent. It could be anti-clerical and anti-military, or it could be anti-socialist and anti-communist. It is, to me, however, ultimately pro-personal responsibility: stop chasing the fables of your leaders and start making your own life better, right here, right now.

Jason says

My daughter managed to find a copy of this in her school library so we get to read another Dr Seuss book.

I'm amazed that Dr Seuss managed to predict the rise of Victor Meldrew, because that is what this story is about. Our furry friend is out walking one day when he stubs his toe and from this one small event things escalate out of control until one day he finds himself going to war with a pea-shooter. We enjoyed the story, wonderful rhyming and some fantastic made up places and creatures. As for the ending, probably the best ending to any Dr Seuss book. Very funny stuff.

Cami says

This is my favorite Dr. Seuss book.

I love the lengthy and clever lesson that this book teaches.

A chap is having trouble one day and he decides, on advice from the Wubble chap, to run away from it and go to Solla Sollew, where he has been promised "there aren't any troubles, at least, very few."

He learns, very importantly, that you really don't want to trade your current troubles for what may lie ahead, that the best thing to do is face what is before you and give your troubles some trouble with you.

Jaynie says

Probably one of my most favorite Dr. Seuss books!

Connie says

This is a little odd, even for Seuss.

An unidentified thing, our narrator, is having a rough day. He trips, he gets stung... and every time he looks around to prevent it from happening again, something new shows up on his unwatched side!

Finally he bumps into a man going to Solla Sollew, where they don't have troubles - or at least, very few.

And this starts his whole troublesome trip. He was safer at home! He finally arrives, exhausted, only to find out that they've misplaced the key and he can't get in, and anyway their troubles in Solla Sollew are just starting thanks to the misplaced key, but there's an even more PERFECT place down the ways a bit...

Not for our intrepid hero, though. He gets a big stick and goes home, deciding any troubles will have trouble with him first. This last scene may bother some parents because of the implied violence. Me, I'm busier wondering how he'll use that stick to intimidate a rock that trips him up.

There isn't a very clear moral, if that's what you go for. Still and all, I like this one.

Andrew says

Yes! This was my favorite Dr. Seuss book as a child, but for years I couldn't remember the name cause I was too young when it was read to me. There's such an under lying darkness to many of his books, and this one's no exception. I love the ending too, cause it really sends a strange, mixed message about dealing with one's troubles. Highly recommended for adults and children.

Josiah says

This book is very much a Dr. Seuss moral fable. The gist of the story is one of utopian yearnings, as the main character bird attempts to get to the city of Solla Sollew, in which the residents don't have any troubles, "or at

least very few."

Dr. Seuss does a nice job of showing that no matter what a person does to try avoiding troubles, troubles will still end up somehow finding their way to every person. This lesson is shown in a light-hearted way that makes for some funny rhymes that I enjoyed reading.
