

Dr. Seuss
GRAPHIC
NOVEL

Green Eggs and Ham

Go Next Door



EDUCATORS' GUIDE

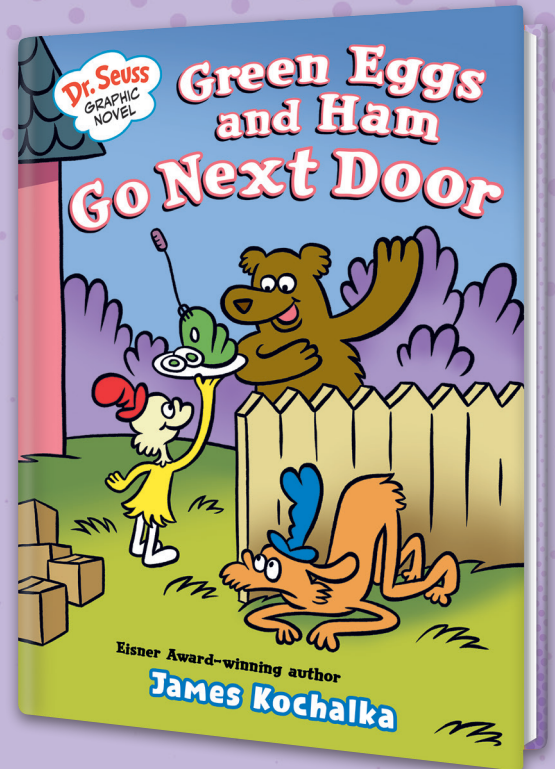
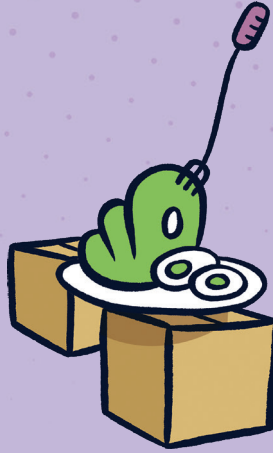
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About the Book

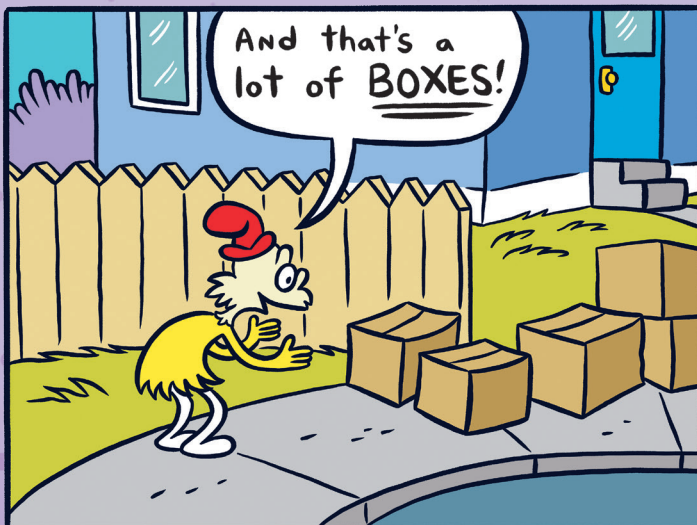
Dr. Seuss's iconic, original dynamic duo is back in graphic novel form—and this time, Sam-I-Am is going to show his grumpy pal that meeting new people isn't scary! In fact, meeting new people is how you make new friends.

There's a new neighbor in town and Walter is NOT excited! Sam-I-Am thinks it's time to make a new friend, but meeting people is scary and Walter doesn't do scary. Sam-I-Am is sure that being a good neighbor is great and might even make Walter happy! What does it even mean to be a good neighbor anyway? Sam-I-Am is about to make sure that Walter finds out!



About the Author

JAMES KOCHALKA (kah-chall-kah) has been creating iconic indie comics and bizarrely catchy punk rock since the early '80s. Largely autobiographical, Kochalka's cartoon impression of the world around him includes such real-life characters as his wife, children, cat, friends, and colleagues, but always filtered through his own observations and flights of whimsy. He has previously served as the cartoonist laureate of Vermont. He is a two-time winner of the prestigious Eisner Award, a four-time winner of the Ignatz Award, and a Harvey Award winner.



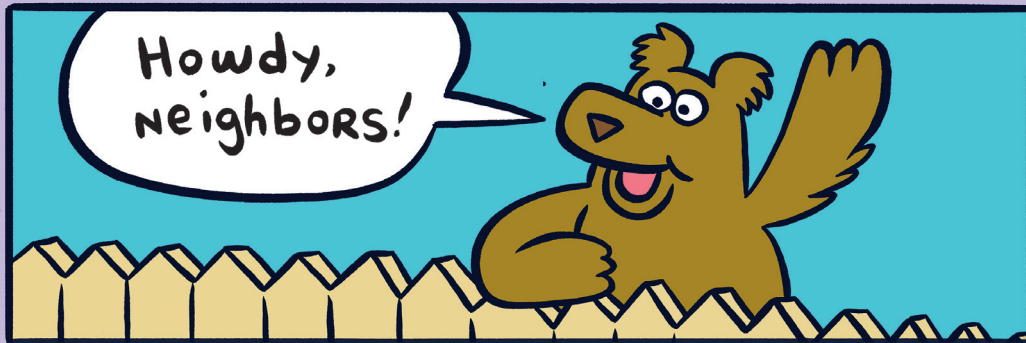
Discussion Questions for Before Reading:

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1. Have you ever had to meet someone new? How did you feel before and after?
2. Can you think of a time when something you didn't want to try turned out to be fun?
3. What is a neighbor? Who are your neighbors?
4. What are some ways people can be good neighbors?
5. Have you ever helped a neighbor or had a neighbor help you?
6. What does it mean to be a good friend?
7. How do people usually make new friends?
8. Do you think everyone finds it easy to make friends? Why or why not?
9. Have you read any stories with Sam-I-Am before? What do you remember about him?

Cover Analysis and Story Predictions

1. What do you notice first when you look at the cover?
2. What grabs your attention the most? Why?
3. What do you think the story is about based on the cover?
4. What details do you see in the background? Why might they be important?
5. What colors are on the cover? How do they make you feel?
6. Are there any objects or clues that hint at what might happen in the story?
7. How do the characters look? What clues tell you how they are feeling?
8. What is each character doing? What might that tell us about them?
9. Do the characters seem to get along? Why or why not?
10. What do you think will happen after this moment on the cover?
11. Do you think the story will be funny, serious, or something else? Why?
12. How do you think the story might end?



Before Reading:

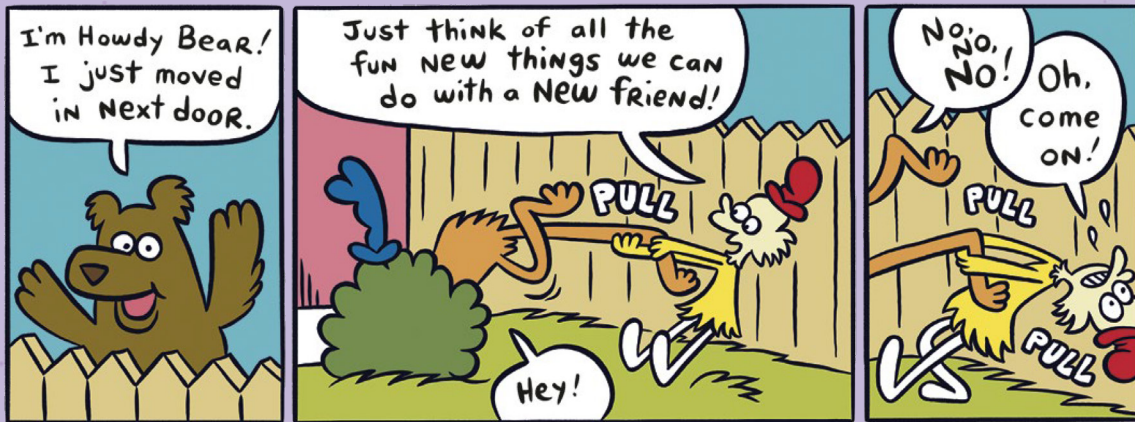
I think this story will be about: _____

The characters look like they feel: _____



Discussion Questions During Reading:

1. What is happening in the story right now? Can you summarize this part in your own words?
2. How is Walter feeling at this moment? What clues (words or pictures) show this?
3. What is Sam-I-Am trying to convince Walter to do? Why?
4. How are the characters' actions helping move the story forward?
5. What problem is developing? Do you think it will be easy or hard to solve? Why?
6. Have your predictions changed? What do you think will happen next now?
7. How are the characters changing (or not changing) so far?
8. What details in the illustrations help you understand the story better?
9. What lesson might the author be hinting at in this part of the book?
10. If you were Walter, what would you do in this situation? Why?



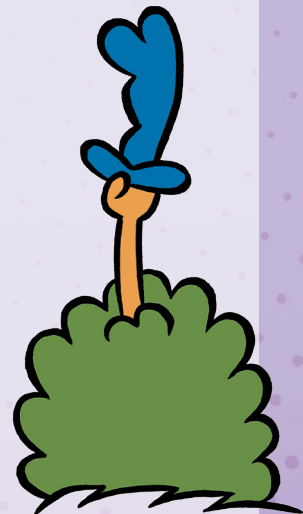
During Reading:

Right now, Walter feels: _____

I know because: _____

Sam-I-Am is trying to: _____

My prediction: _____



Discussion Questions After Reading:

1. What was the main problem in the story?
How was it solved?
2. How did Walter change from the beginning to the end?
3. What did Sam-I-Am help Walter learn?
4. What lesson or message do you think the story is teaching?
5. What was your favorite part of the story? Why?
6. Was there anything that surprised you?
7. How did the characters' feelings change throughout the story?
8. Do you think Walter would act differently next time he meets someone new? Why?
9. How does this story connect to your own life?
10. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?



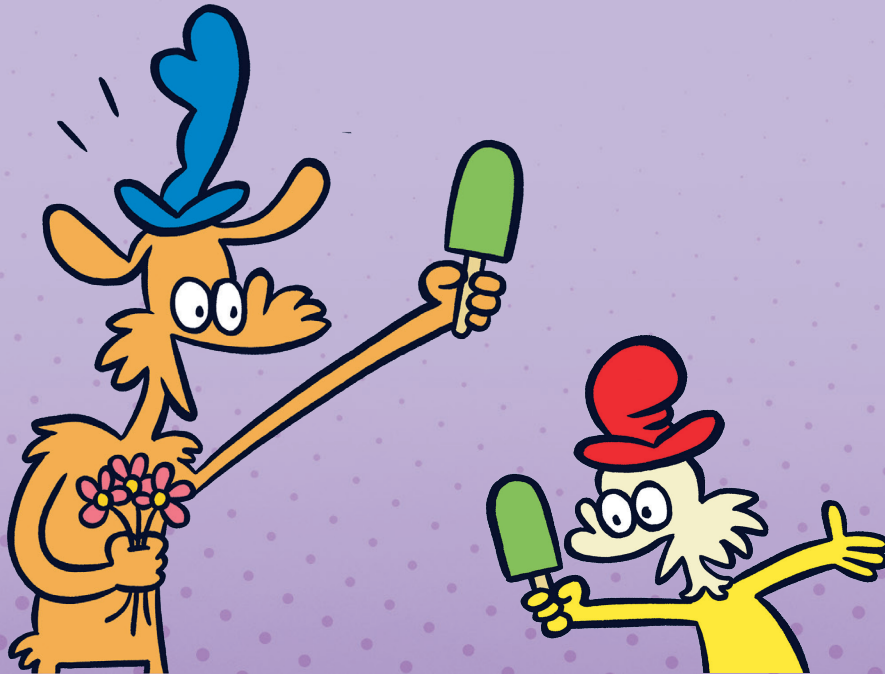
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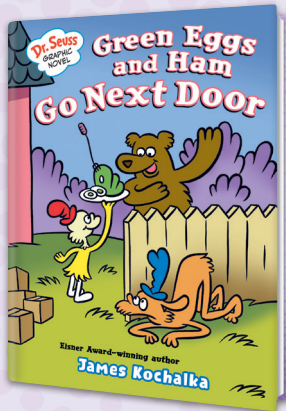
The problem in the story was: _____

The solution was: _____

Walter changed by: _____

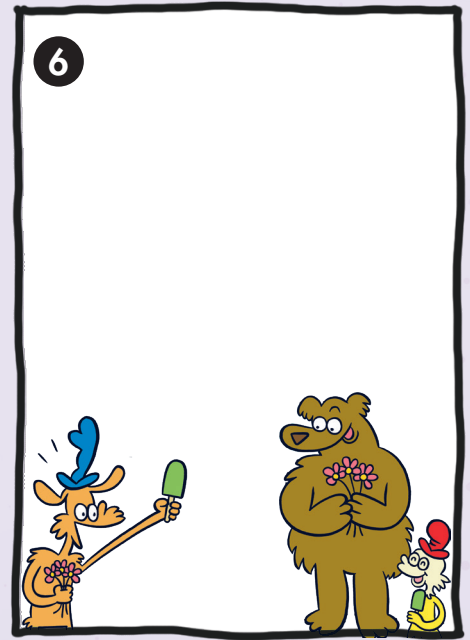
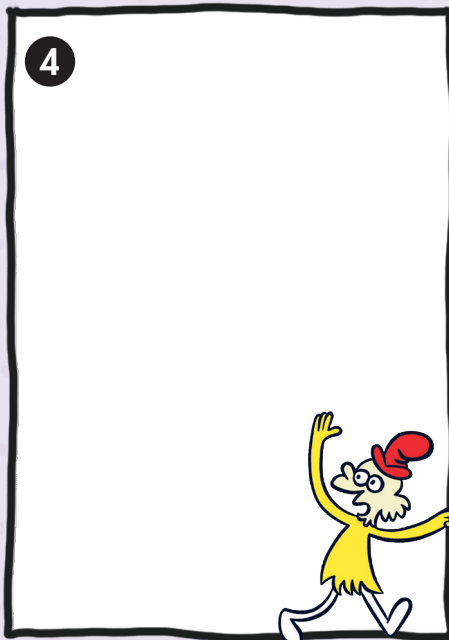
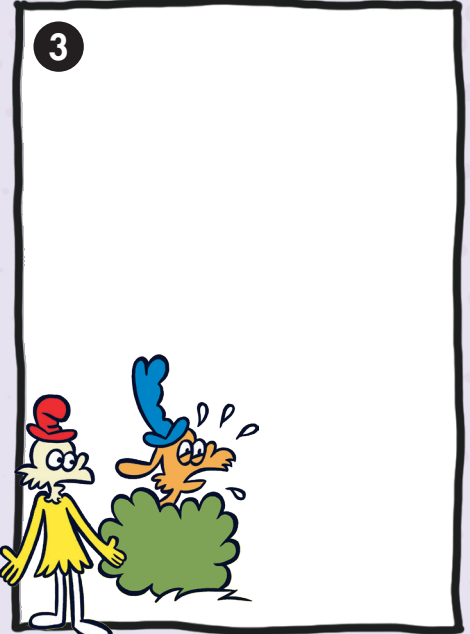
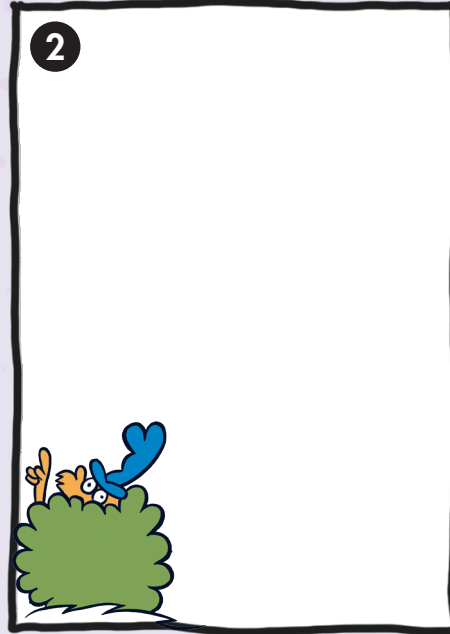
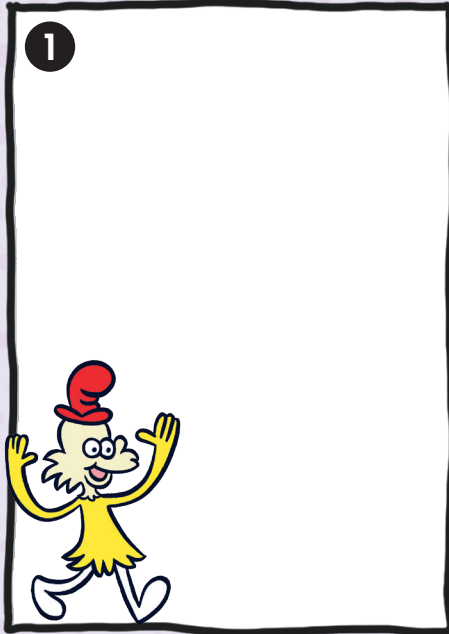
The lesson of the story is: _____





Create Your Own Comic

Now that you've read *Green Eggs and Ham Go Next Door*, it's your turn to write your own comic! Use the story starters and comic book panels below to create your very own comic story. You can use the characters from *Green Eggs and Ham Go Next Door*, or create your own—it's up to YOU!



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