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*"The shape of you, the shape of me, the shape of everything I see.."* In this board book featuring bright new colors and the original whimsical text, Dr. Seuss introduces the concept of shapes to babies and toddlers.

## **The Shape of Me and Other Stuff Details**

Date : Published July 8th 1997 by Random House Books for Young Readers (first published 1973)

ISBN : 9780679886310

Author : Dr. Seuss

Format : Board Book 24 pages

Genre : Childrens, Picture Books

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## **From Reader Review The Shape of Me and Other Stuff for online ebook**

### **Jennifer says**

The kids at the baby house loved this book. They enjoyed the pictures.

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### **Luke Anderson says**

Accelerate Reader BL: 1.7

Lexile: 440L

I really like this book because it sparks the imagination and could be used for all sorts of teaching opportunities. I love the ideas behind it and although the illustrations are somewhat simplistic, they work well with the words on the page.

Traits: Ideas, Presentation

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### **Karen says**

This book is delightful. I loved every word, and every rhyme, and every single silhouetted illustration.

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### **Kate says**

This book is delightful and adorable! I love the illustrations and the magic of the shapes and rhymes. Plus it has a cute little message at the end. Very sweet and enjoyable.

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### **Ritz ? says**

The silhouette illustrations were great and refreshing, tbh.

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### **Stefanie Burns says**

Rhyming story about the shapes of different things. Everything is drawn as a shadow. There is no real story, just shapes of different animals and objects. Great for beginning science lessons for K and 1 on this topic.

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## Crystal says

A great book for preschool aged children. Shows silhouettes of a variety of things and people. We traced my 3 year old son's outline on a piece of paper and called it HIS shape. He thoroughly enjoyed the book and activity.

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## Paige M says

silhouette and rhyme

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## ZaBeth Marsh says

Classic Dr. Seuss rythm comes alive in this short 26 page book. Perfect for the early readers, this book has pictures to capture their imagination while conveying a clear message that being different is a good thing. Different is a positive message and one we really need to be reminded of in this current world filled with too many haters.

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## Carlos De Eguiluz says

Una valiosa lección: No importa tu forma o tu envoltura, pues, de todas las figuras que existen, tienes suerte de haber quedado en la tuya.

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## Angie says

**Synopsis:** "Subtitled "Dr. Seuss's Surprising Word Book," *The Shape of Me and Other Stuff* certainly lives up to its billing. In this delightful book, first published in 1973, kids are encouraged to ponder shapes they may never have considered before: "Just think about the shape of beans and flowers and mice and big machines!" Dr. Seuss's illustrations are in silhouette (for the purpose of accenting the outlines of figures), but are nonetheless up to par with his usual wacky, amusing style. Soaring well beyond the mundane arena of circles, triangles, and squares, here we are challenged to consider "the shape of camels ... the shape of bees and the wonderful shapes of back door keys!" Kids will love the silly rhymes and funny pictures, and parents will appreciate this original take on the largely untapped world of shapes."

**My Review:** An interesting book that can be branched out in so many ways into Munchkin's daily life. We enjoyed reading the book while I held up other shapes to the lamp to create shadows. My main issue with the story is that some of the odd Dr. Seuss creatures aren't named all the time and Munchkin points to them and wants to know what they are and of course I can't exactly remember if they are from another book or what to call them.

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## **PvOberstein says**

So that's where 'The Shape of Water' comes from.

I suppose this could be read as a proto-body-positivity tome. Or just something that rhymes well.

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## **Adam James says**

Nothing to see here - just padding my 2017 reading list so I can reach 100 books. Shhhhhh, don't tell...uh...God...?

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## **Amanda says**

This book is fun to read and has a great message about being happy with our bodies.

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## **Anna Lawrence says**

Personal Reaction:

Even as an adult, I loved reading this book!! One reason for that is it brought back many memories from when I was younger and really into reading Dr. Seuss books. Dr. Seuss definitely reminds me of my childhood and many school experiences. I was gifted "Oh the Places You'll Go" by my 5th grade teacher at my graduation to middle school, so any kind of Dr. Seuss book strikes up that memory! I love the positive vibes that all Dr. Seuss books have. The one thing that hit me in the heart was the last line of this book, "I say, 'HOORAY for the shapes we're in!' because it emphasizes to young readers to love yourself and body, which is very important to learn at a young age.

Purposes/Use in the classroom:

Read Aloud to make a Curricular Connection

- This is a great book to choose for beginner readers to introduce them to books in the classroom.
- It is also spectacular for young students learning about shapes! That is the main focus of the book and the text and pictures line up very well, which is vital considering the text explains what shape is being shown.
- One minor detail that could be controversial (with many Dr. Seuss books) are the made up words used to rhyme. This book only has one (a Blogg, one of the many weird creatures Dr. Seuss creates!) but this could lead to confusion with students learning new words, shapes, and things.

Independent Reading

- This book is GREAT for beginner readers. The sentences are short and to the point and very limited per page (usually 2-5 SHORT sentences). There are no challenging words so the students can easily sound them out while they are learning them.

- If they want to challenge themselves, the students can cover up the writing and guess what the object is by looking at the picture (this could be used in the Read Aloud to make a Curricular Connection section to, just with the teacher being the leader and asking the students)

#### For Narrative

-This book can teach students about the importance of illustrations matching up well with text. In this book about shapes, there is a long list of random objects and next to each word is an outline of said shape. For example, next to the word "bug" there is a bug shape, next to the word "balloon" there is a balloon shape, and so on. If these shapes were not correctly matched up to their word, the book would not make sense. That is why layout and organization is so important.

#### Other as Appropriate

-This book can be used to teach students about style of writing, with emphasis on rhyming. Rhyming is one of Dr. Seuss' strong points, and it is very obvious in this book. Rhyming is such a fun way to teach students about shapes (and other things!) and it also helps them have a better memory. Style of the book could also go into Dr. Seuss' humor and how he incorporates these two aspects of style into making learning fun!

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