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Publisher's Memo

Oh, the Places You'll Go!

Dr. Suess was born in March and as a Father, he is one of my favorite authors. There are too many books and great quotes to mention, so I'll focus on one of my favorite books of his. I have found many of his messages are meaningful for adults too.



There are many wonderful lessons and passages in Oh, the Places You'll Go, here are some of my favorite quotes from it:

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose."

This is a reminder that we control our destiny. We have a brain, which allows us to think and make decisions. We have feet that can take us wherever we want to go. Obviously, it's more than just "having feet" – it's being free to move and go where you want to.

"I'm sorry to say so but, sadly, it's true that Bang-ups and Hang-ups can happen to you."

"And when you're in a Slump you're not in for much fun. Un-slumping yourself is not easily done."

Sometimes with our children we paint the picture of 'everything will be okay' and while I believe that to be true in life, it's also important to be prepared for when things go wrong, because they

will! The second part of the message is equally important, when things go wrong it can be hard to snap out of feeling bad or upset. Dr. Suess is giving us the reality that first, sometimes in life things will go wrong and when that happens, we are likely to be upset and it is often hard to feel better again. This is a serious life lesson for kids to learn.

“The Waiting Place...for people just waiting. Waiting for a train to go or a bus to come, or a plane to go or the mail to come, or the rain to go or the phone to ring, or the snow to snow or the waiting around for a Yes or No or waiting for their hair to grow. Everyone is just waiting. “Waiting for the fish to bite or waiting for the wind to fly a kite or waiting around for Friday night or waiting, perhaps, for their Uncle Jake or a pot to boil, or a Better Break or a string of pearls, or a pair of pants or a wig with curls, or Another Chance. Everyone is just waiting.”

Nothing seems more boring than waiting, but Dr. Suess manages to capture the imagination of young readers with his amazing command of the English language and ability to write. Life is full of waiting – and it seems like each generation has less patience which poses a growing challenge. No one likes to wait, but we all have to do it in many areas of our lives. It will serve us well if we accept that we will spend countless hours waiting in our lifetime.

“All Alone! Whether you like it or not, Alone will be something you’ll be quite a lot.”

“And when you’re alone, there’s a very good chance you’ll meet things that scare you right out of your pants. There are some, down the road between hither and yon, that can scare you so much you won’t want to go on.”

Being alone is something that we don’t understand at a young age and parents don’t necessarily want to prepare their children for. We tell our kids we will always be there for them, and while that may be true, the reality is that life demands a person to be alone often in their life. There are countless times and situations, both big and small, inconsequential and significant, where we have to do things on our own and sometimes it gets lonely. Children can’t imagine life without their parents by their side, but as they grow up they will become increasingly independent – and we should prepare them for that change.

“I’m afraid that sometimes you’ll play lonely games too. Games you can’t win ‘cause you’ll play against you.”

This one adds to the previous theme of being alone but it goes a step further. Sometimes we play against ourselves is a powerful statement and probably difficult for a child to understand. Dr. Seuss is referring to our confidence. Do we believe in ourself? Do we have negative self-talk or doubt, do we limit ourselves...any of these things can hold us back from reaching our goals. It's important to be positive within our own mind and always believe in ourselves. These same lessons apply to our business life – if we believe in ourselves and work hard, great things will happen.

Sincerely,

Gary

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Quotes of the Day

"Be who you are and say how you feel because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind."– Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss

"Promise me you'll remember, you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think."

– Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne

Recipe of the month

Corned Beef and Cabbage

Ingredients

- 1 (3 pound) corned beef brisket with spice packet
- 10 small red potatoes
- 5 medium carrots
- 1 large head cabbage

The Recipe

* Place corned beef in a Dutch oven and cover with water. Add spice packet, cover, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until corned beef is just about fork-tender, about 2 hours.

*While the corned beef is simmering, cut potatoes in half. Peel carrots and cut into 3-inch pieces. Cut cabbage into small wedges.

*When corned beef has cooked for 2 hours, add potatoes and carrots; cook until vegetables are almost tender and meat is fork-tender, about 10 minutes. Add cabbage and cook until tender, about 15 more minutes.

*Remove meat and let rest for 15 minutes. Leave broth and vegetables in the Dutch oven. Slice meat across the grain. Serve with vegetables and broth.

Industry Calendar

March 24-25, 2023

CLLA - Southern Region Conference
The Peabody - Memphis, TN
www.clla.org

April 20-23, 2023
CCA of A - Semi Annual Meeting
Charleston, SC Marriott
www.commercialcollectionagenciesofamerica.com

May 3-5, 2023
NCBA Connect Conference
Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel
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