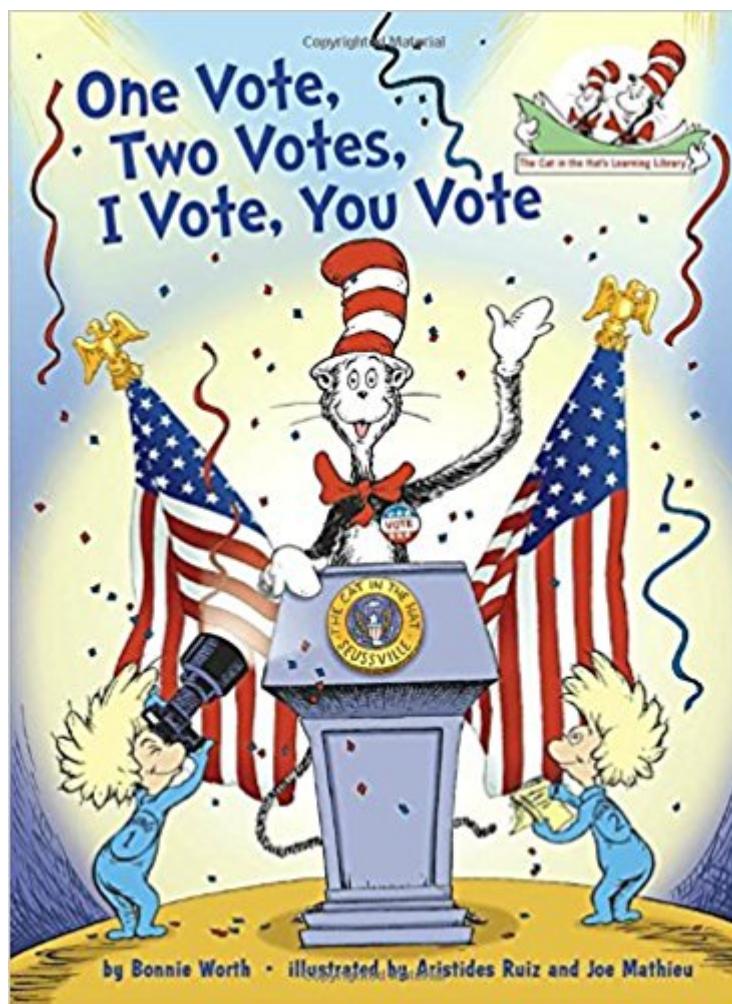


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# One Vote, Two Votes, I Vote, You Vote (Cat In The Hat's Learning Library)



## **Synopsis**

The Cat in the Hat looks at how we vote, why we vote, and who we vote for in a rhyming book that's perfect for President's Day reading! In simple rhyme, the Cat in the Hat introduces early readers to the concept and practice of voting "with a focus on the American presidency! Learn the basic principles of democracy, how political parties are formed, why Election Day is held in early November, and much, much more! An ideal choice for reading and talking about elections (whether for a classroom pet or the leader of the free world), this is also perfect for supporting the Common Core State Standards. Fans of the hit PBS show The Cat in the Hat Knows a Lot About That! will be delighted to see the Cat knows as much about history and civic responsibility as he does about science!

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

BONNIE WORTH is the author of countless books for young readers, including the Cat in the Hat Learning Library books Oh Say Can You Say Di-no-saur?, If I Ran the Rain Forest, Hark! A Shark!, and If I Ran the Horse Show.

I really, really wanted to love this one. I think our country is in dire need of teaching our children

civics and history. And I didn't find this book to be overtly political in one way or the other, it provided some decent background on concepts like elections and voting. But like others, the main issue I have is with the style. Take the opening line of the book: "Voting is something / we do every day / It's a way we can choose / that gives us our own say." Compare it to the opening line of The Cat in the Hat: "The sun did not shine. / It was too wet to play. / So we sat in the house, / All that cold, cold, wet day" As another reviewer noted, just because the words rhyme doesn't mean it's Dr. Seuss poetry--not only is the rhyme and meter all wrong, but there's hardly any meter to speak of. Now granted, Dr. Seuss was a talent that comes once in a thousand years, but IMO derivative works like this based on his original characters only water down kids' perspectives of his original books' greatness. While I appreciate many of Bonnie Worth's other books (including some in this series), books like this are only inviting comparisons to the original, and they unfortunately fall far short. I wish that this new generation could create new ideas rather than constantly "reboot" old characters because they're sure money makers. As far as the contents of the book, it's innocuous enough--I wish it could have done a little more to dispel the myth that a democratic republic is all only about "majority rule" but there's only so much you can say about that in a book for 5-8 year olds. I admittedly cringed a little around page 15-16 when it started to talk about political parties, mentioning the Democratic Party and Republican Party (and the Green Party and Libertarian Party in the index). Seriously, at that age can we let kids just be kids and not force them to start thinking about 'what side' they're on? I wish the contents of this book could have just stuck to the Constitution (which doesn't mention political parties at all). So a nice effort, and otherwise a nice-looking book with appealing illustrations in the style of Dr. Seuss, but as a civics primer I'm not sure I'd use this. A much, much better option is Schoolhouse Rock!: Election Collection, which can easily work for the same age group and provides much more substance.

Although I read the reviews before purchasing, I couldn't resist buying this for our 4 year old last fall because I wanted to be able to have some kind of discussion about the upcoming election. Although it served its purpose, I was definitely disappointed in the story. I found the writing awkward and confusing even for me as an adult.

Used this as my all-school focus piece for our kindergarten to third grade election event. As other reviewers have said, the story is definitely not Dr. Seussish. Not well written with less-than-stellar rhyming.... That said, though, the book has been good to use because of the other activities associated with it. The associated website with the actual voting for kids to do has been wonderful!

We created voting booths, "I had my say, I voted today" stickers and discussed issues/causes that even my youngest students could understand. Mention of, or discussion about, the two leading 2016 presidential candidates was never mentioned. We took the "high road" in election discussion.

Pretty verbose but informative. Read this to my kids the night before the election last year and now we get to watch our country burn to the ground together. MAGA?

This is like an episode of school house rock in a book. It is a fantastic way to teach kids the voting process and why it is important.

I bought this to read to my 2nd grade class and learn more about elections in a fun way. We all enjoyed it.

Nice book purchased for my 6 year old.

My kids loved this book and what a way to get them interested in our election process.

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