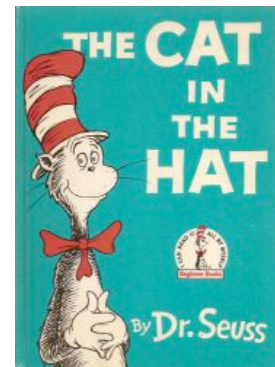


The Adventures of Everyday Geniuses: Author Barbara Esham celebrates the uniqueness of every child

Happy Birthday, [Dr. Seuss](#)! Today we celebrate Dr. Seuss (AKA Theodor Geisel) and his contributions to children's literature. His wit and wisdom has inspired and empowered generations of children. Never afraid to tackle tough issues, he addressed complex social problems with humor and warmth. Employing delightful characters such as the [Cat in the Hat](#) and [Yertle the Turtle](#), he effectively conveyed moral parables and progressive ideas. Through the best of children's literature he waged the war of the underdog. Issues of equality, environmental responsibility, kindness to others, and embracing diversity were some of the common themes woven throughout his many books.

Reading was also important to Dr. Seuss. He was a champion of literacy promotion. Today in recognition of Dr. Seuss the [National Education Association](#) has sponsored the [Read Across America](#) program. The aim of this endeavour is to help children joyfully embrace reading as well as to help them master basic skills. Through this program parents and caregivers are encouraged to share their love of books and to read as a family. As Dr. Seuss said, "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child."

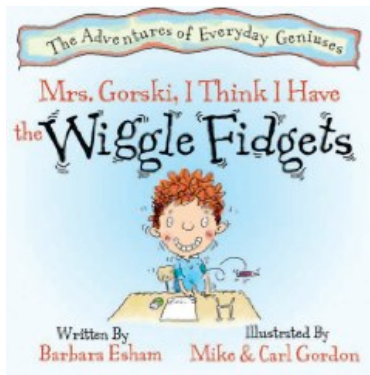


There is no better way for Baltimore families to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss than to explore books from a local author. Like Dr. Seuss, [Barbara Esham](#) is a children's author who recognizes and celebrates the uniqueness of each young mind. Recognizing that each child is gifted with individual strengths and challenges, Esham uses children's literature to reexamine common assumptions about learning and intelligence. Traditional teaching methods and academic expectations may not effectively facilitate learning for all children. Esham's ultimate goal is to revolutionize education by redefining the concepts of learning, creativity, and intelligence.



Local children's author, Barbara Esham

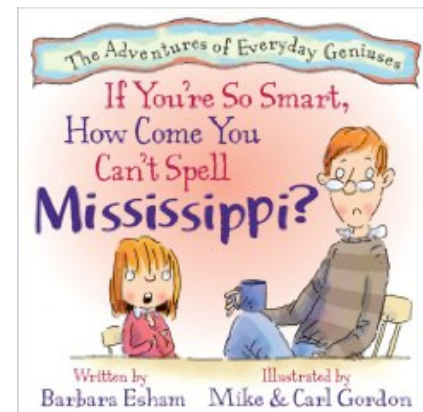
Esham's delightful series of books, [The Adventures of Everyday Geniuses](#), suggests that adversity can be embraced. Each story introduces a learning difference and examines a creative and proactive response to it. Written in simple, direct language with beautiful illustrations, these books help convey that there are different ways of being smart.



If You're So Smart, How Come You Can't Spell Mississippi is a book from Esham's series that examines issues related to dyslexia. Katie, the book's young narrator, is surprised to find that her bright and successful father is terrible at spelling. It is a happy surprise when Katie learns that young people who have difficulty with reading and spelling have overcome these obstacles to become doctors, lawyers, scientists, or artists. Similarly, each book in Esham's series focuses on empowering children to recognize and use their unique talents and abilities to succeed.

Empowering children to reach their full potential is common goal shared by both Dr. Seuss and Eastern Shore author Barbara Esham. Although penned by Dr. Seuss in *Oh! The Places You Will Go*, Esham may agree with the following words:

**You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself
any direction you chose.
You're on your own.
And you know what you know.
And YOU are the one
who'll decide where to go.....**



For more information on Read Across America, check [here](#).

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