The Man in the Funny Hat

The author of *The Cat in the Hat* had a huge collection of hats. When he was writing, he often wore one. He said it helped him to think! The man in the funny hat was Theodor Geisel. His friends called him Ted, but you probably know him as Dr. Seuss.

Before he was an author, Dr. Seuss was an artist. He drew pictures for advertisements and for books. Then, Dr. Seuss heard teachers complain about children’s books. They said the books were boring. So, he wrote a book just for beginners. It had short sentences and simple words. But it was not boring! The book was called *The Cat in the Hat*, and children loved it.

*The Cat in the Hat* is written as a lively rhyme. Dr. Seuss said his mother taught him to like rhymes. She sang rhymes to him at bedtime. But her rhymes were not stories. Instead, she chanted the names of pies!

Dr. Seuss wrote other children’s books that were fun rhymes. He wrote *Green Eggs and Ham*, *Horton Hears a Who!*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* and many more. He proved that children’s books could be fun to read. Which of his books is your favorite?
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Supporting Details:

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Main Ideas: