



What Travel Writers Say Newsletter

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Outward Bound: Springfield, MA



Springfield, Massachusetts, just east of Boston is a museum heaven. In the city core, there are five world-class museums clustered together: the Michele & Donald D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts., the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum, the Springfield Science Museum, the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum and the Museum of Springfield History and for sports fans, The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

However, I'm here to honour the memory of Theodor Geisel at the Dr. Seuss National Memorial Sculpture Garden, just outside the museums. It's a series of full-scale bronze sculptures of Dr. Seuss's whimsical creations, honoring the birthplace of Theodor Geisel, a.k.a. Dr. Seuss. It's a terrific place to take children, and the nearby bookstore contains a wonderful sampling of Seuss books for parents & grandparents to purchase.

Sculptor Lark Grey Dimond-Cates, who is also Geisel's step-daughter, created the bronze sculptures of Dr. Seuss and his most beloved characters in a quadrangle green near the

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Enter Toronto's Days Inn Hotel Draw

You have your way. I have my way. As for the right way, the correct way, and the only way, it does not exist.

Friedrich Nietzsche

Following the success of our last "Toronto escape" draw winner - Teacher, Kent Avery from Charlottetown, PEI, we are pleased to announce our new draw for a 2-nights stay at any of the five Toronto Days Inns including a beautiful brand new hotel located by the airport. Or perhaps you would like to attend the annual Jazz Festival in the Beaches. You decide.

Take two minutes to enjoy 48 hours. So, what do you have to do? It's easy: simply contact us at whattravelwriterssay@cogeco.net and name your favourite vacation destination near or far. You might like to briefly mention what constitutes its appeal. That enters you in the draw! Take a moment: pick your favourite destination.

The draw will take place in three months time allowing you a nice March break! Or you may wish to visit Toronto later in the summer. You decide. There are Days Inn hotels conveniently located all over the Toronto area. Pick the one that suits your needs. Check them out at: <http://www.daysinn.com/DaysInn/control/home>

Toronto offers more than 30 festivals every year as well as other attractions such as - the Canadian National Exhibition, the Toronto Film Festival and Toronto Caribana to name a few.

Featured Tips:

Looking for cheap flights, accommodations, currency conversion, even local temperature or subway information? For the latest data, we supply 770 links to every conceivable travel related question that you might have. Bookmark this helpful site to assist you in future travel: <http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/indextips.html>

This month's featured tip: <http://www.vrbo.com/> offers vacation rental properties by the owners themselves. Friends have used this web site regularly to secure lodgings in France, Florida and in Hilton Head, SC.

Two roads diverged in a
wood, and I— I took the
one less traveled by,
And that has made all
the difference.

Robert Frost



In addition to travel tips, our *What Travel Writers Say* website includes:

- Travel articles (468)
- Travel tips & links (774)
- Professional travel writers (90)
- Seniors' travel links (105)
- Current travel industry news (World-wide)

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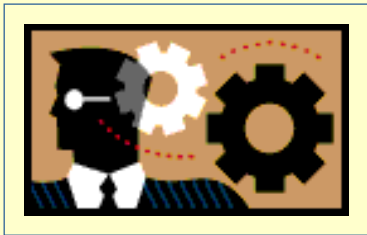
Life-long Learning begins early!

We are all experiential learners. As wonderful as it is to read about places and things that interest us, to experience those places and things allows us to learn and appreciate our world, and our own lives, in a deeper, more lasting and meaningful way. In planning family travel with young children, the opportunities to open up their minds to new things, people, places and experiences are nearly limitless. The fact that you may be planning a trip together as a family is already significant. You've decided to take a break from your busy lives and spend quality time together doing activities that will bring joy to your lives and build family memories. Your children will never forget the time you've spent with them as parents - it's priceless. So why not make the most of that time? So says the "travelling mom." Check her web site: http://thetravellingmom.ca/abcs/the_value_of_education_thro.html

Website of the month: CIA World Factbook

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

The **World Factbook** provides information on the history, people, government, economy, geography, communications, transportation, military, and transnational issues for 267 world entities. The Reference tab includes: maps of the major world regions, as well as Flags of the World, a Physical Map of the World, a Political Map of the World, and a Standard Time Zones of the World map.



Outward Bound: cont'd.

Springfield Library.

There are three large groupings: 1) Dr. Seuss and the Cat in the Hat: Theodor Geisel at his drawing board, with the Cat in the Hat at his side. 2) Horton Court: A 14-foot Horton the Elephant stepping out of an open book, accompanied by Thing One, Thing Two, Sam-I-Am, Sally and her brother, and Thidwick the Big-Hearted Moose. 3) The Storyteller: A Seussian storytelling chair, backed by a 10-foot-tall book with the text of *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* with Gertrude McFuzz perched on top and the Grinch and his dog, Max, peeking around the side.

The Lorax stands on a stump in front of the Springfield Science Museum with his warning "Unless...," Next to the Museum of Fine Arts is the Seussian Yertle Garden with a 10-turtle-tall tower from Yertle the Turtle, surrounded by winding granite pathways and imaginative landscaping. The \$6.2 million project was funded through a variety of public and private sources, led by a generous gift from Mrs. Geisel.

Theodor Seuss Geisel was born on Howard Street in Springfield in 1904 and grew up in the city's Forest Park neighborhood. His father was a parks commissioner and in charge of the Forest Park Zoo, a regular playground for young Theodor.

The bulk of his activity during his early career was devoted to creating advertising campaigns for Standard Oil, which he did for more than 15 years. However, with the release of *The Cat in the Hat*, he became the definitive children's book author and illustrator. After Ted's first wife died in 1967, he married an old friend, Audrey Stone Geisel, who not only influenced his later books, but now guards his legacy as the president of Dr. Seuss Enterprises. At the time of his death on September 24, 1991, Ted had written and illustrated 44 children's books, including such all-time favorites as *Green Eggs and Ham*, *Oh, the Places You'll Go*, *Fox in Socks*, and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. His books had been translated into more than 15 languages. Over 200 million copies have found their way into homes and hearts around the world. The *SNL* reading of *Green Eggs and Ham* by the Rev. Jesse Jackson remains a TV classic.

Travel Fact of the day

Chances that an American lives within 50 miles of where they grew up: 1 in 2.

More interesting travel facts are available at: <http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/indexdiyoknow.html>



The Lorax

No one saves us but ourselves. No one can and no one may. We ourselves must walk the path.

Buddha

Industry News

For the latest travel industry news, visit: <http://www.whattravelwriterssay.com/indexnews.html>

Arizona

I recently attended The Arizona Office of Tourism reception in Toronto's Distillery District . Arizona celebrates 100 years of statehood in 2012. The milestone will be marked by projects and festivals throughout the state, and be overseen by the Arizona Centennial Commission.

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rx2NucrR43k&feature=related>

Wikipedia:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Springfield,_Massachusetts

Churches & Synagogues:
<http://www1.wnec.edu/campusministry/index.cfm?selection=doc.7001>

Fiction:
<http://www.springfieldlibrary.org/reading/wmassfiction.html>, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dr._Seuss

The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame:
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