

# PERSEVERANCE

## Winners Despite Rejections

If you're brainy enough to write a book—and persevere through that long process—surely you can count on getting it published, can't you? Not necessarily. It's after the writing is done that you need perseverance the most, many authors who've faced rejection letters will tell you.

### *Dr. Seuss Persevered*

If Dr. Seuss quit after his first or even his 10th rejection, you'd never have read *Green Eggs and Ham* or *Go Dog Go*. His first book, *To Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street*, was rejected more than two dozen times. He went on to write nearly 50 children's books, many loved by adults, too.

If he hadn't persevered, you wouldn't have the promise of his tale, *Oh the Places You'll Go*.

### *So Did Emily Dickinson*

Emily Dickinson, a 19th century U.S. poet, saw just seven of her poems published in her lifetime. But she kept on writing—more than 1,700 poems in all. Today, her work is studied and revered by many.

Without her perseverance, you wouldn't be inspired by her words, "Hope is the thing with feathers/That perches in the soul" or "As imperceptibly as Grief/The summer lapsed away."

"If you can somehow think and dream of success in small steps, every time you accomplish a small goal, it gives you confidence to go on from there."

— JOHN H. JOHNSON

## They Kept At It

Those who quit don't make history. Those who stick to it, like these folks, are remembered:

- Charles Schulz
- Elizabeth Cady Stanton
- Shirley Chisholm
- Lewis and Clark

## Who Do You Know Who

### Never Gives Up?

People who persevere are all around you. Who's your favorite:

- In sports?
- In the music world?
- In the movie industry?
- In your family?
- At school?
- In your neighborhood?

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