



DID YOU KNOW?

John Steinbeck's dog named Toby ate the original manuscript for "Of Mice and Men." The dog, quite literally, chewed up half of the only manuscript of the classic.

MARCH



31 HOURS OF READING *if you read 60 minutes a day*

2 ... DR. SEUSS IS BORN, 1904

Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, was the author of children's classics, including *The Cat in the Hat*.

4 ... SHERLOCK HOLMES GETS HIS FIRST CASE, 1881

As recorded by Dr. Watson in a first Sherlock Holmes story, *A Study in Scarlet*.

14 ... THE FIRST MASS-MARKET EBOOK IS PUBLISHED, 2000

Over 400,000 copies of Stephen King's *Riding the Bullet* novella were downloaded in the first 24 hours.

19 ... INTERNATIONAL READ TO ME DAY

Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world.

21 ... WORLD POETRY DAY

UNESCO's initiative to promote the reading, writing, publishing, and teaching of poetry.

25 ... TOLKIEN READING DAY

The date is inspired by *The Lord of the Rings*. On this day, the Ring was destroyed, and Sauron was defeated.

31 ... ALICE FOR THE IPAD IS RELEASED, 2010

One of the first books for iPad and a breathtaking interactive version of the classic tale *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

... THE FIRST PART OF *THE PICKWICK PAPERS*, 1836

Charles Dickens' first novel was published in 19 installments, highly contributing to the success of serialized fiction.

READING CHALLENGE

Week 1: One of the Sherlock Holmes stories

Week 2: A collection of poems

Week 3: A book set in the near future

Week 4: A book recommended by a friend

READING MAKES A FULL MAN.

— FRANCIS BACON