Children's Book Illustration

Aesop's Fables

Oral Tradition circa 500 B.C.E.



Arthur Rackham, British, 1912

Orbis Sensualium Pictus

"Visible World in Pictures"
Jan Amos Comenius, Bohemia, 1658



A Pretty Little Pocket Book

John Newbery, British, 1744



A Little Pretty

POCKET-BOOK,

Intended for the
Instruction and Amusement

LITTLE MASTER TOMMY,

AND

PRETTY MISS POLLY.

With Two Letters from

JACK the GIANT-KILLER;

AS ALSO

A BALL and PINCUSHION; The Use of which will infallibly make Tomany a good Boy, and Polly a good Girl.

To which is added,

A LITTLE SONG-BOOK,

BEING

A New Attempt to teach Children the Use of the English Alphabet, by Way of Diversion.

LONDON:

Printed for NEWBERY and CARNAN, No. 65, the North Side of St. Paul's Church-Yard. 1770.

[Price Six-pence bound]

The little k Play.



BASE-BALL.

The Ball once struck off,
Away slies the Boy
To the next destin'd Post,
And then Home with Joy.

MORAL.

Thus Britons for Lucre
Fly over the Main,
But, with Pleasure transported,
Return back again.

TRAP-

The great L. Play.



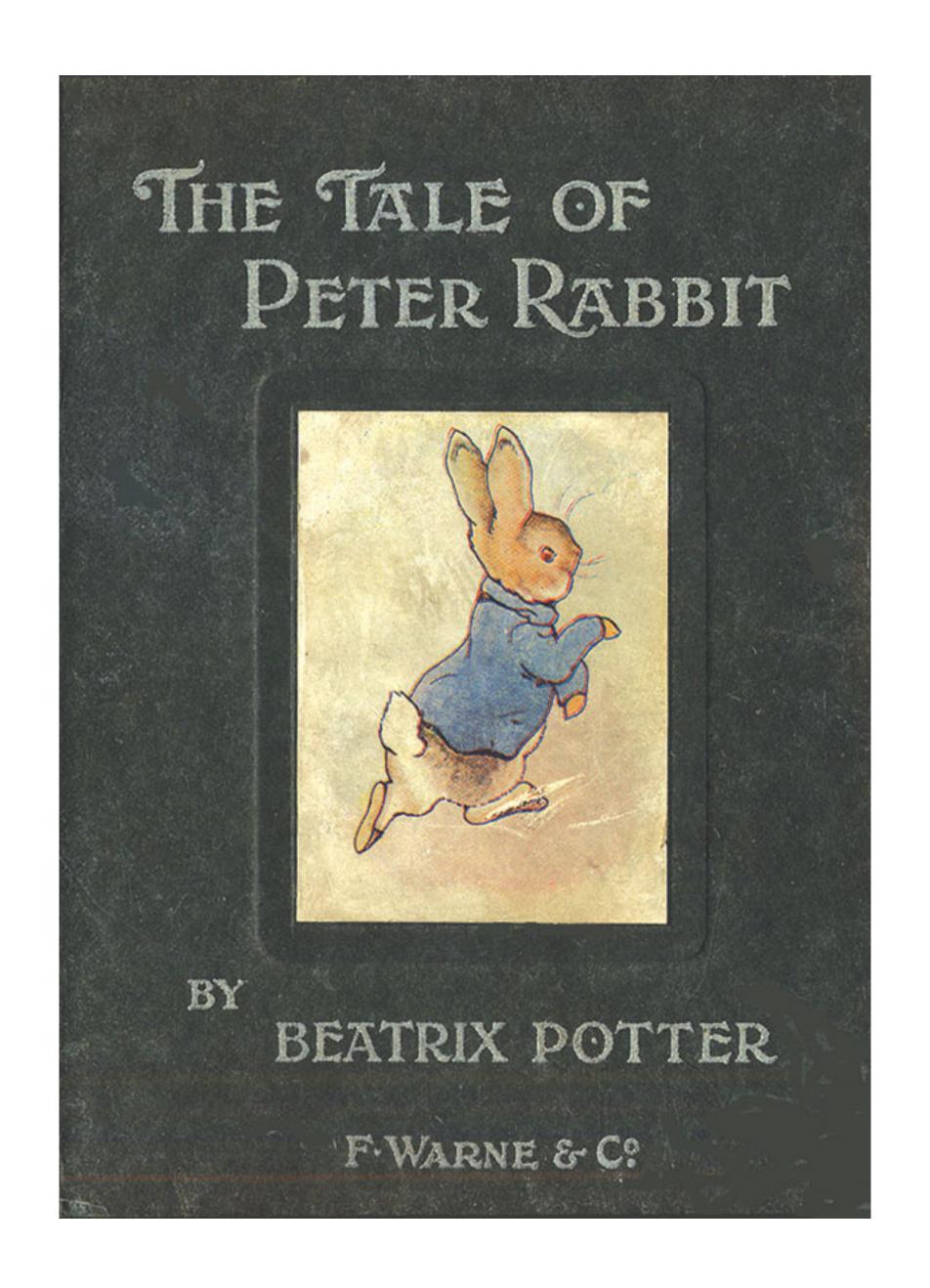
TRAP-BALL.

And strike low the Ball; Let none catch you out, And you'll beat them all.

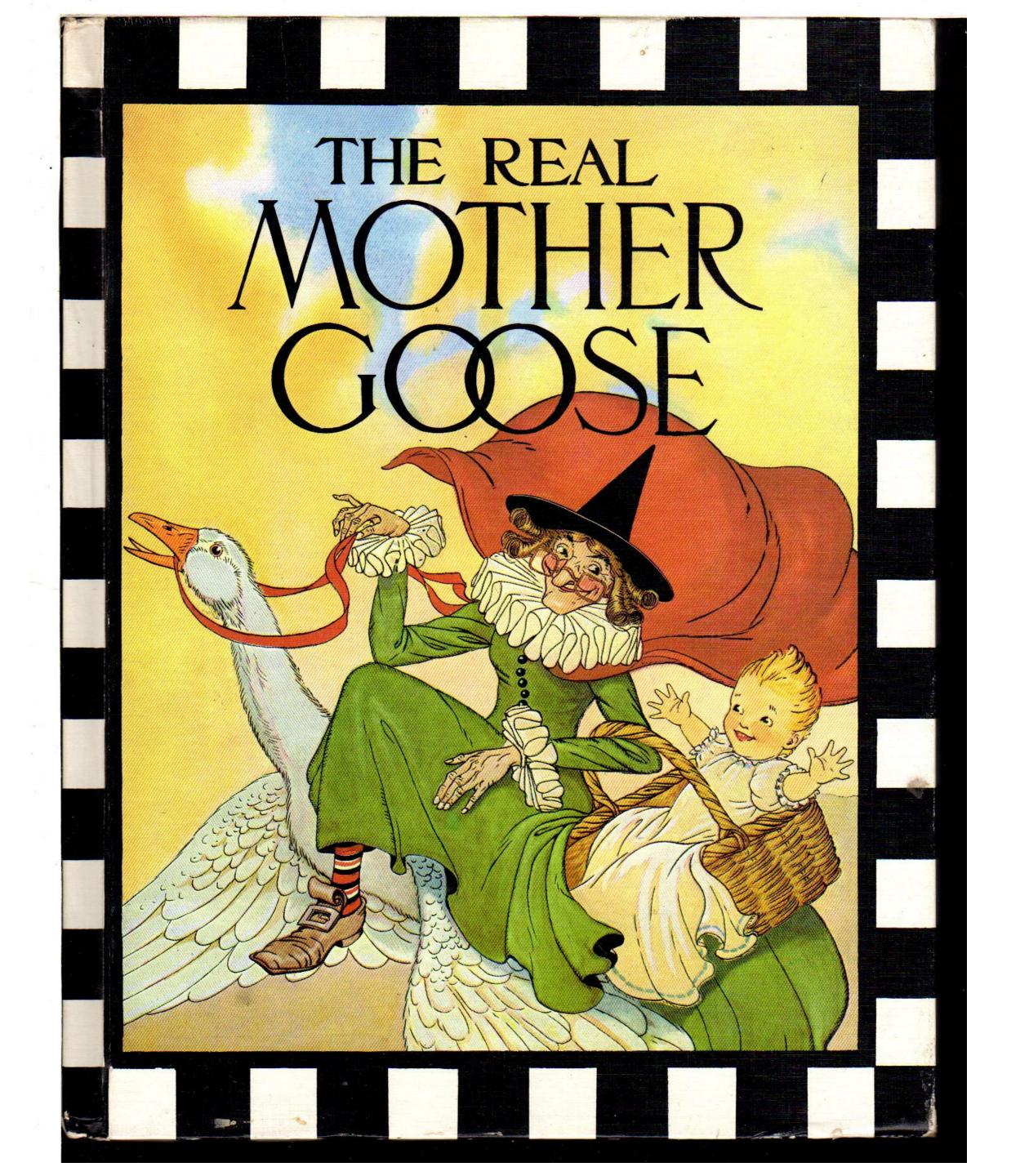
MORAL.

Learn hence, my dear Boy,
To avoid ev'ry Snare,
Contriv'd to involve you
In Sorrow and Care.

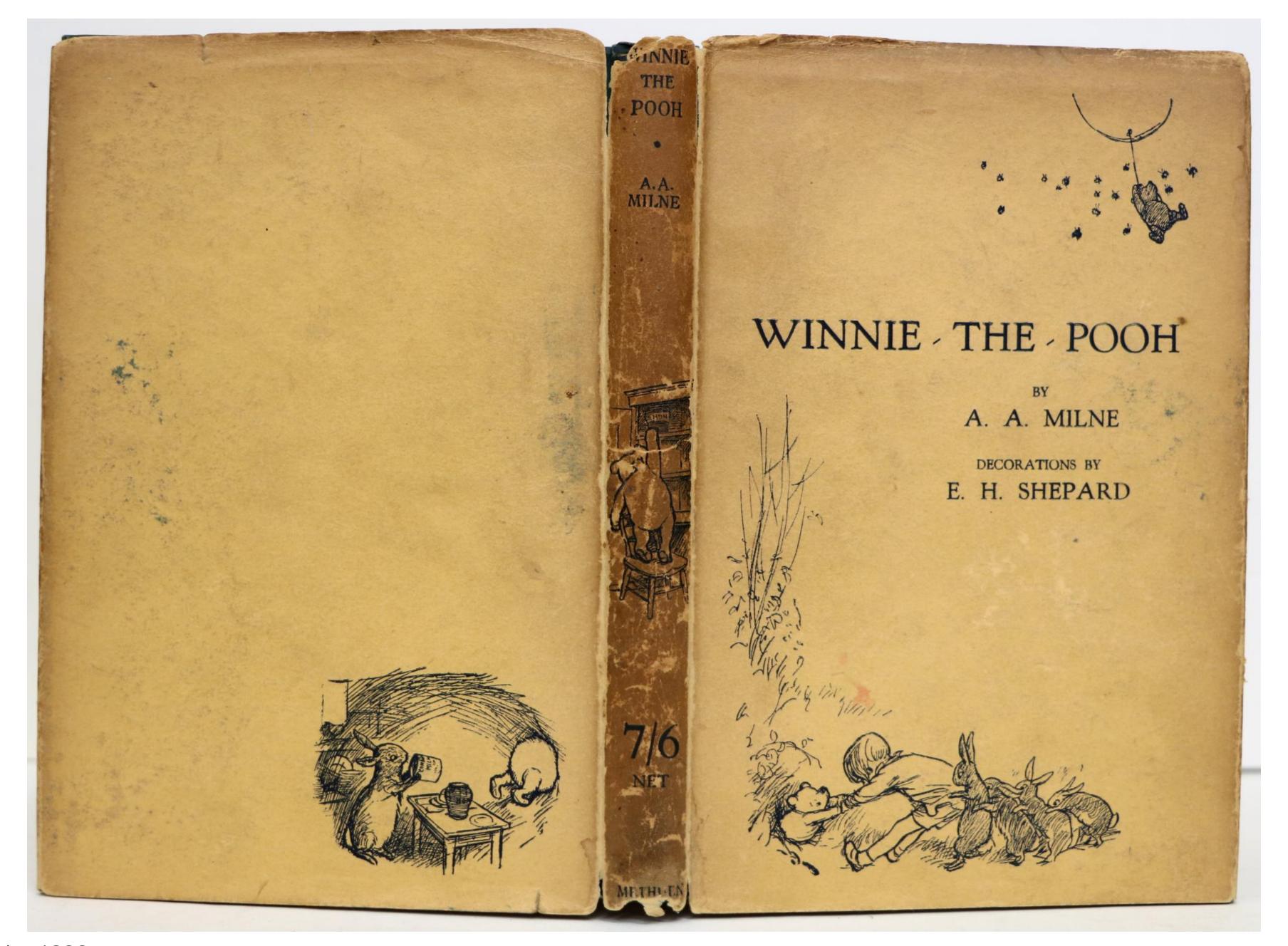
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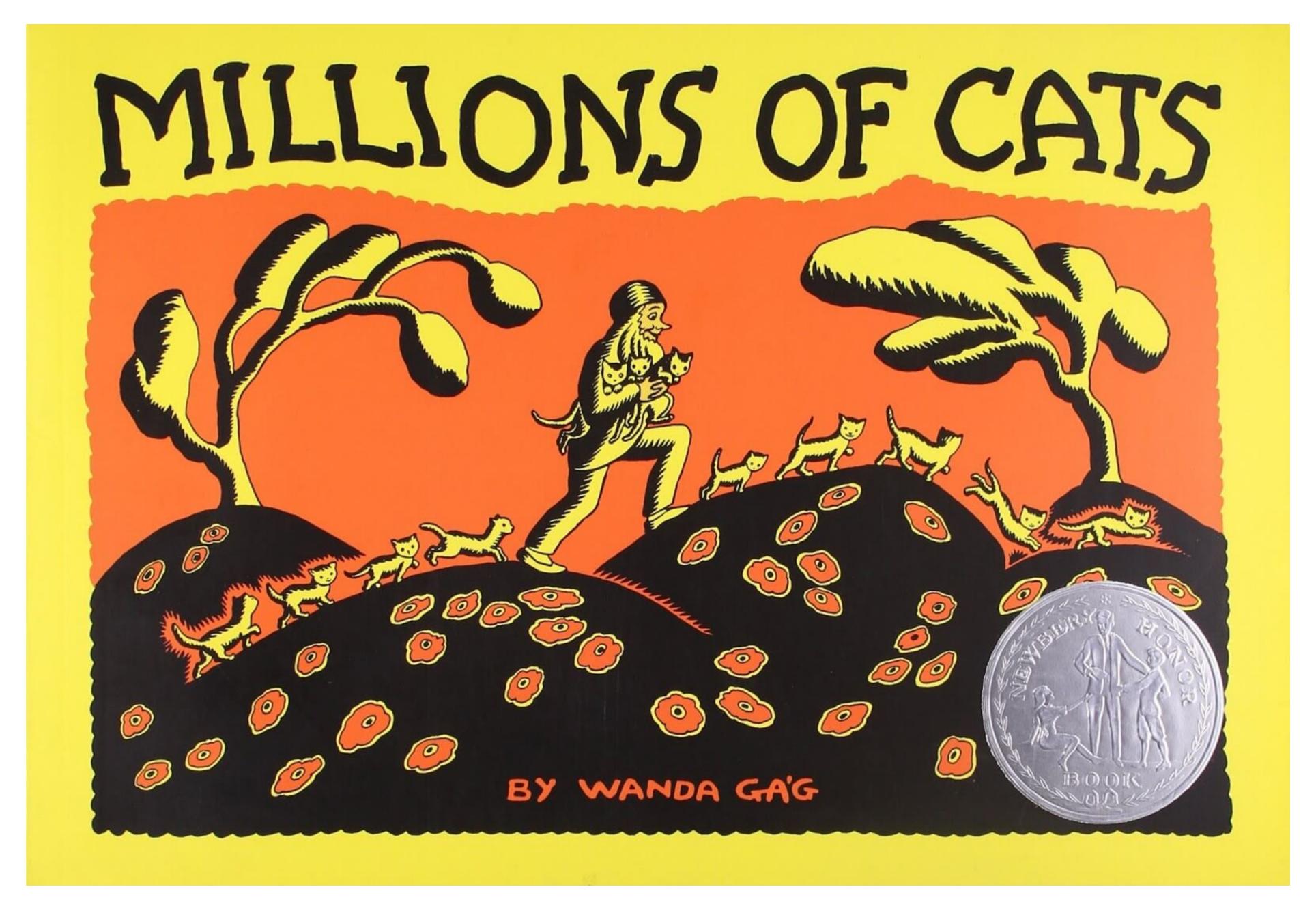


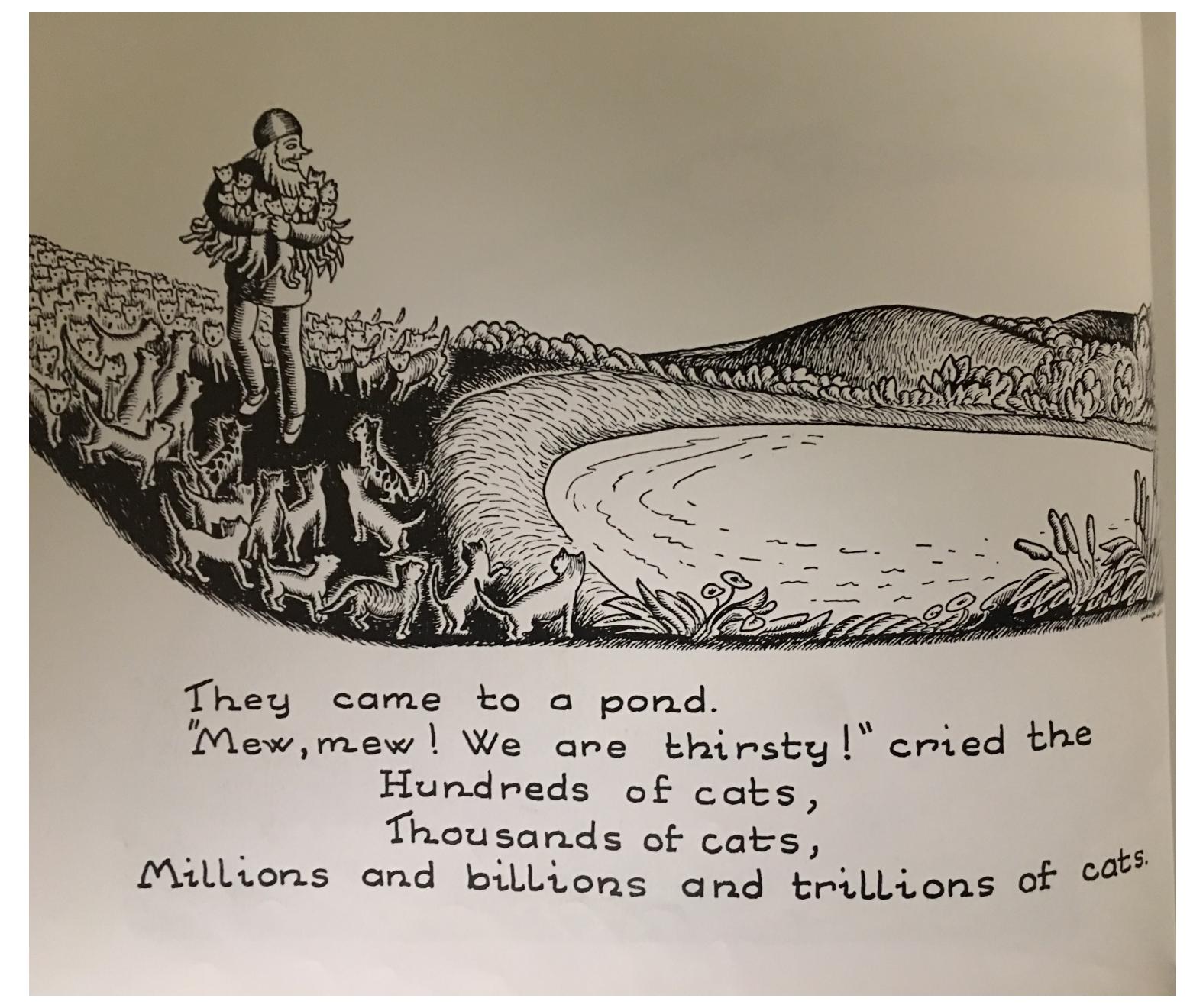


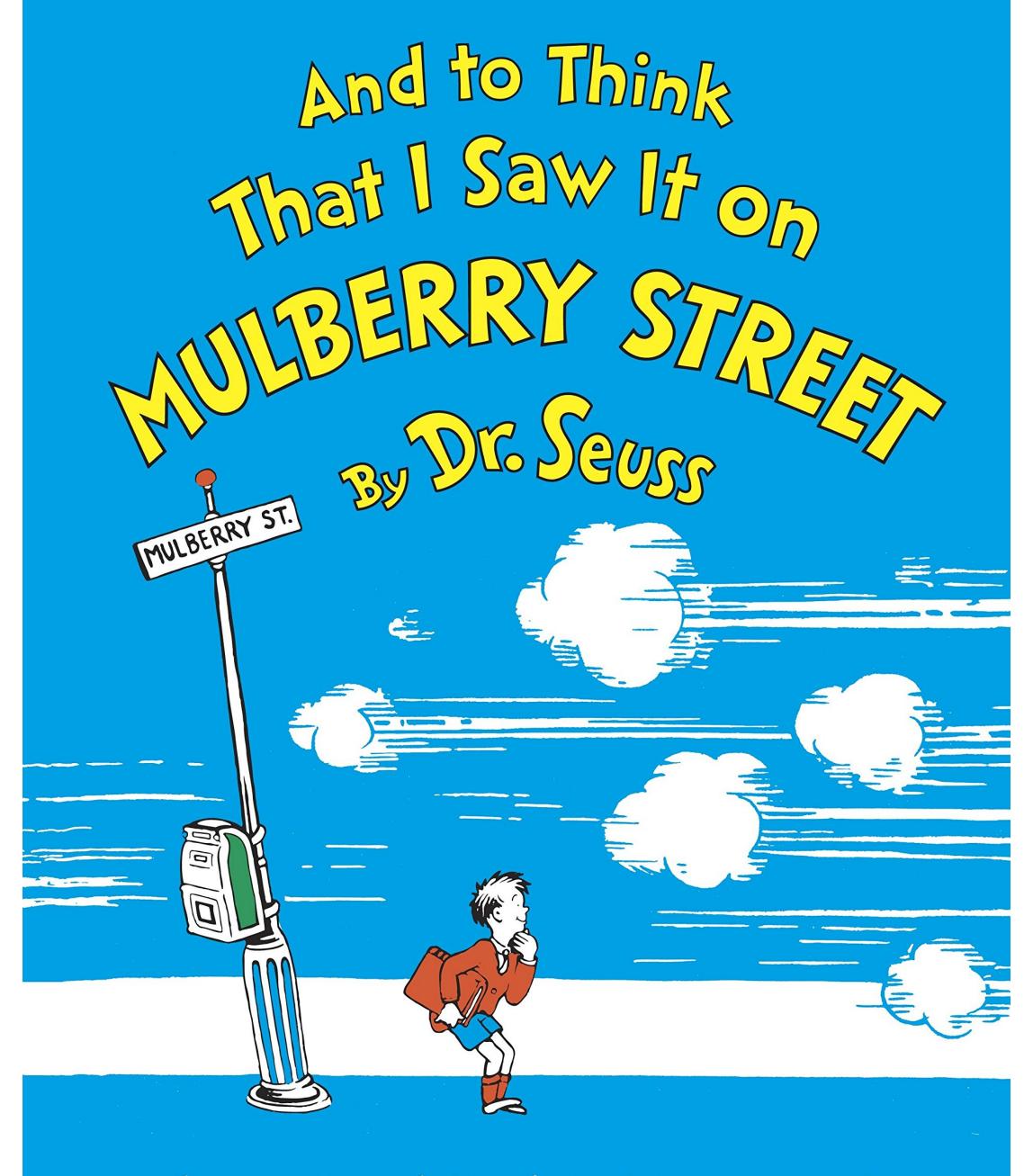






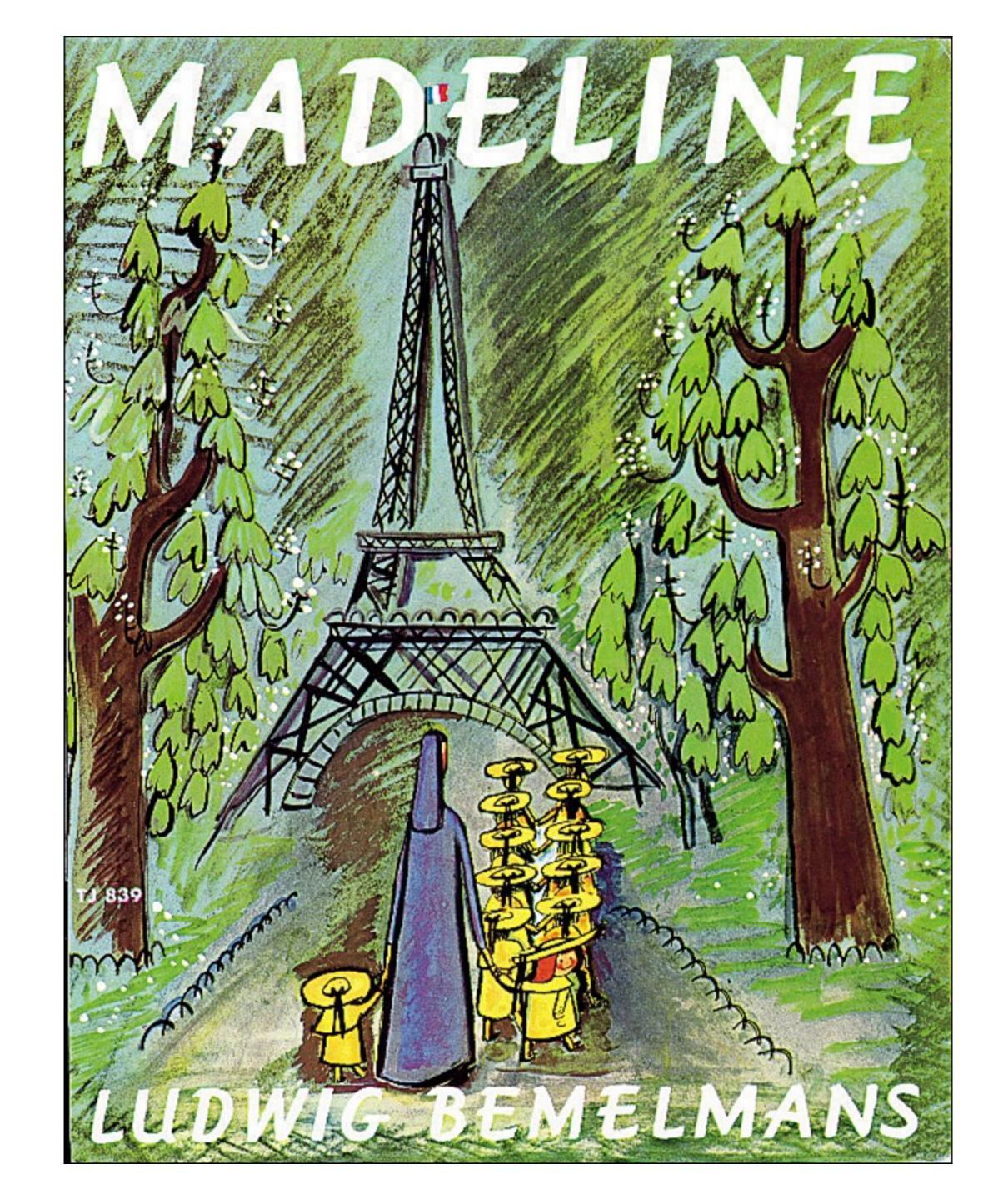




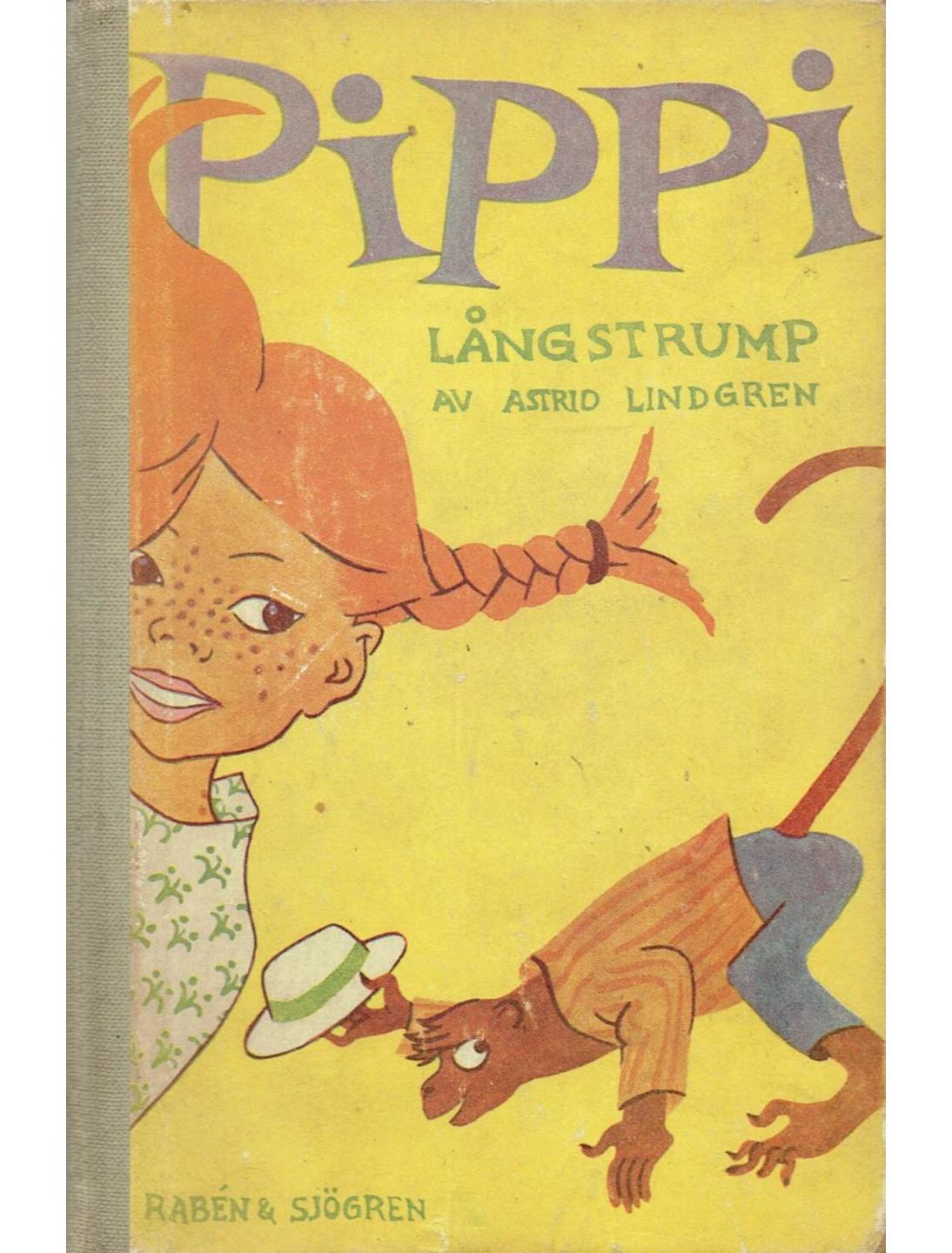


The very first children's book by Dr. Seuss!

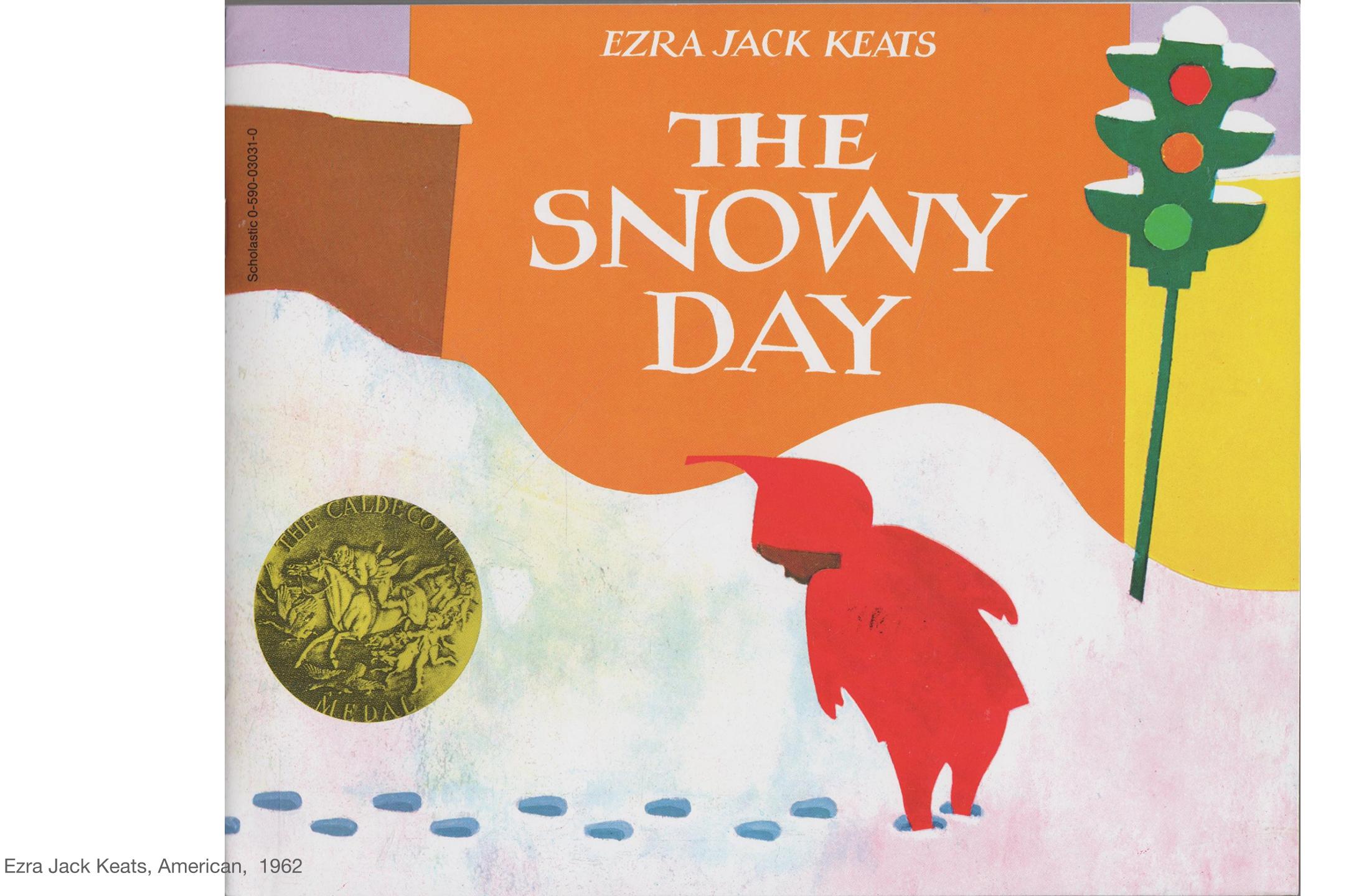












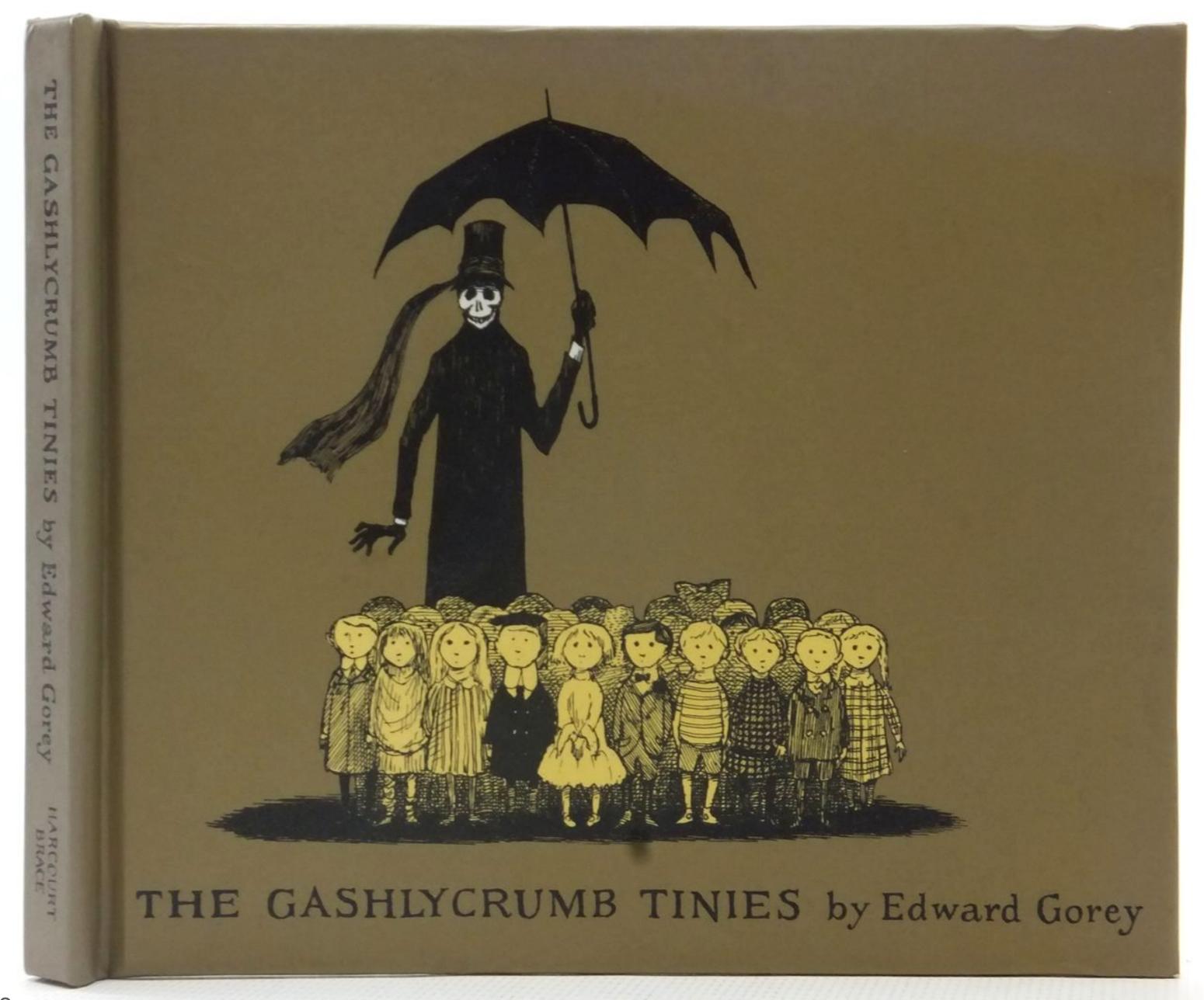


WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK





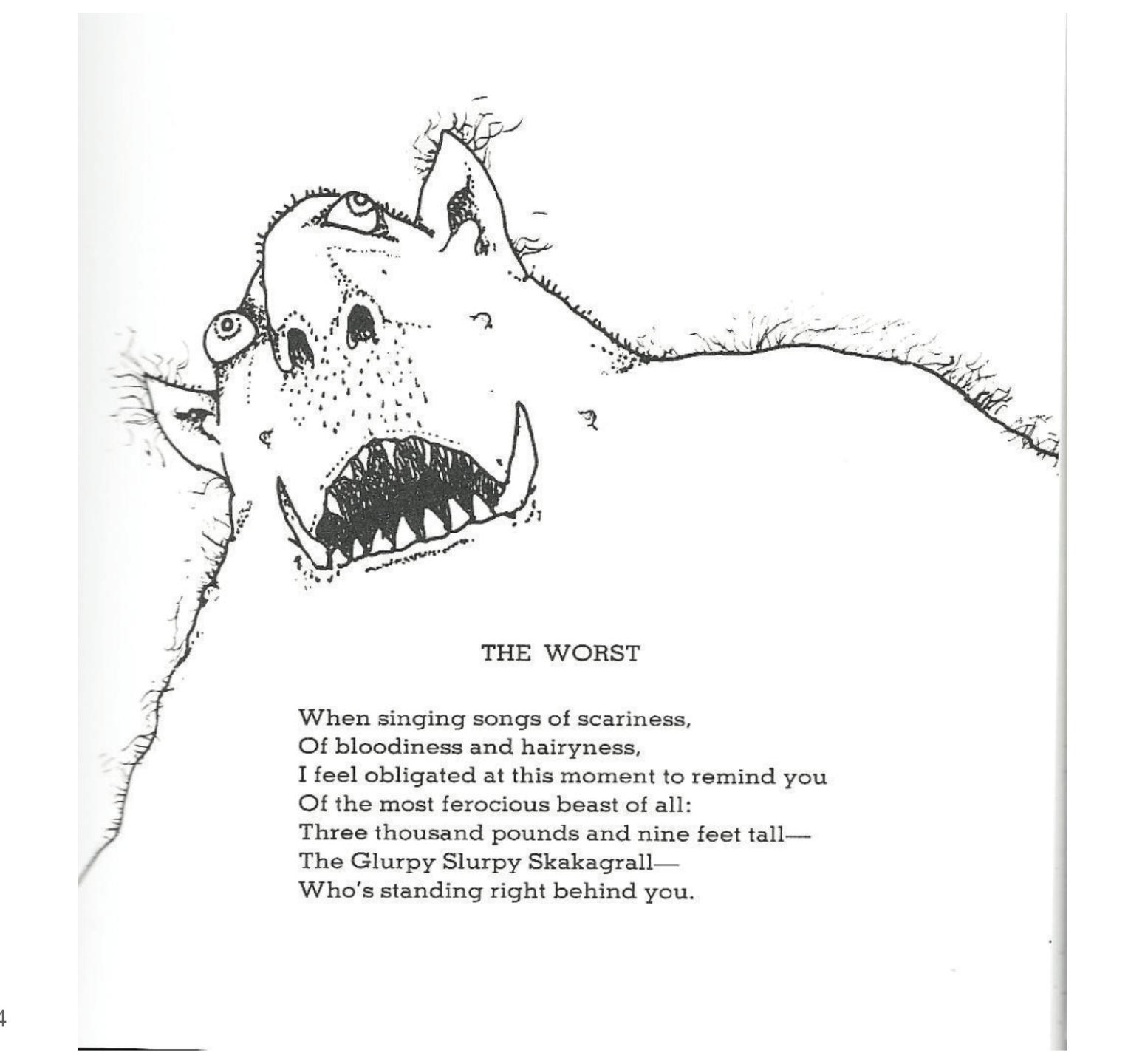


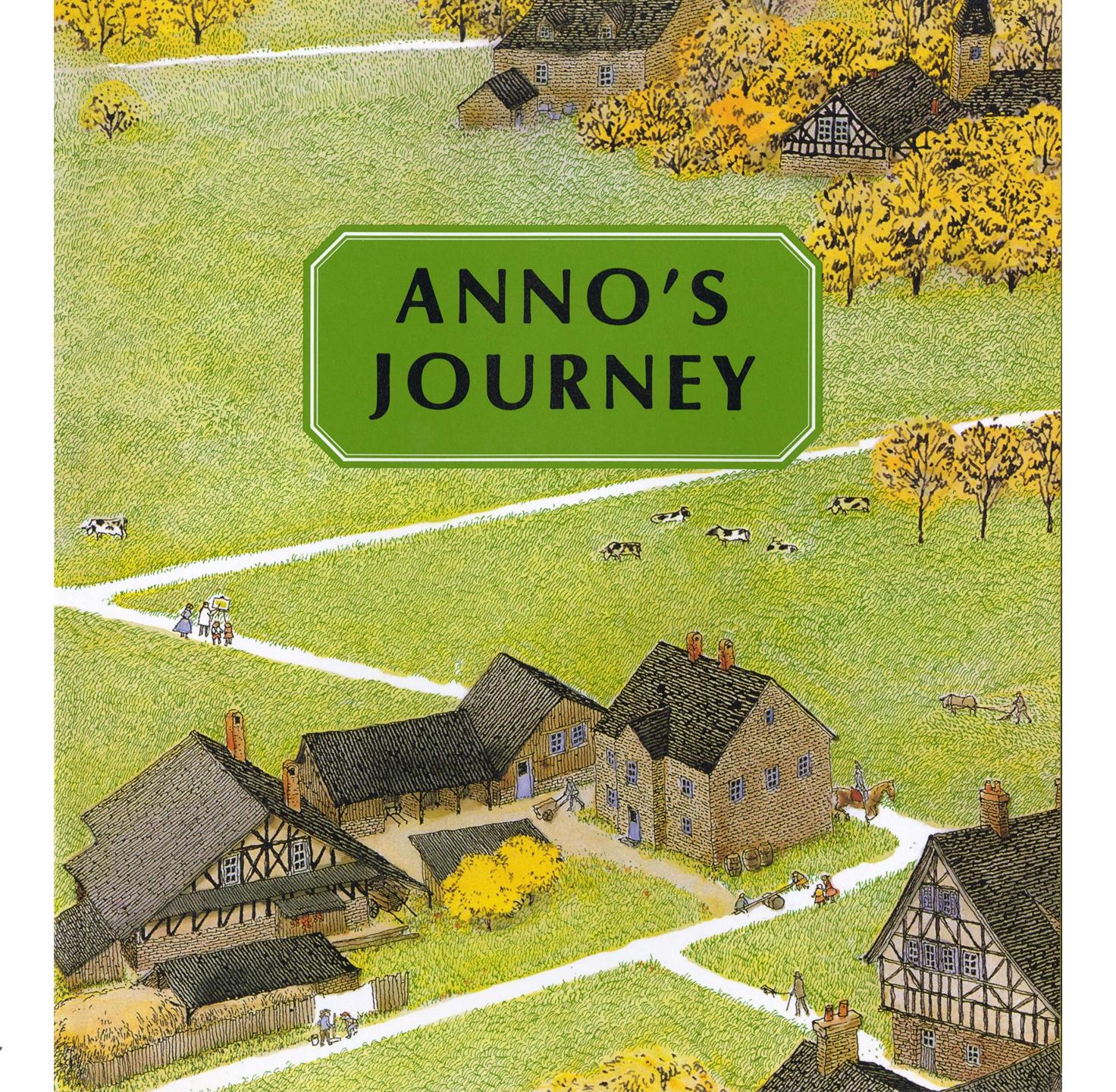
B is for BASIL assaulted by bears



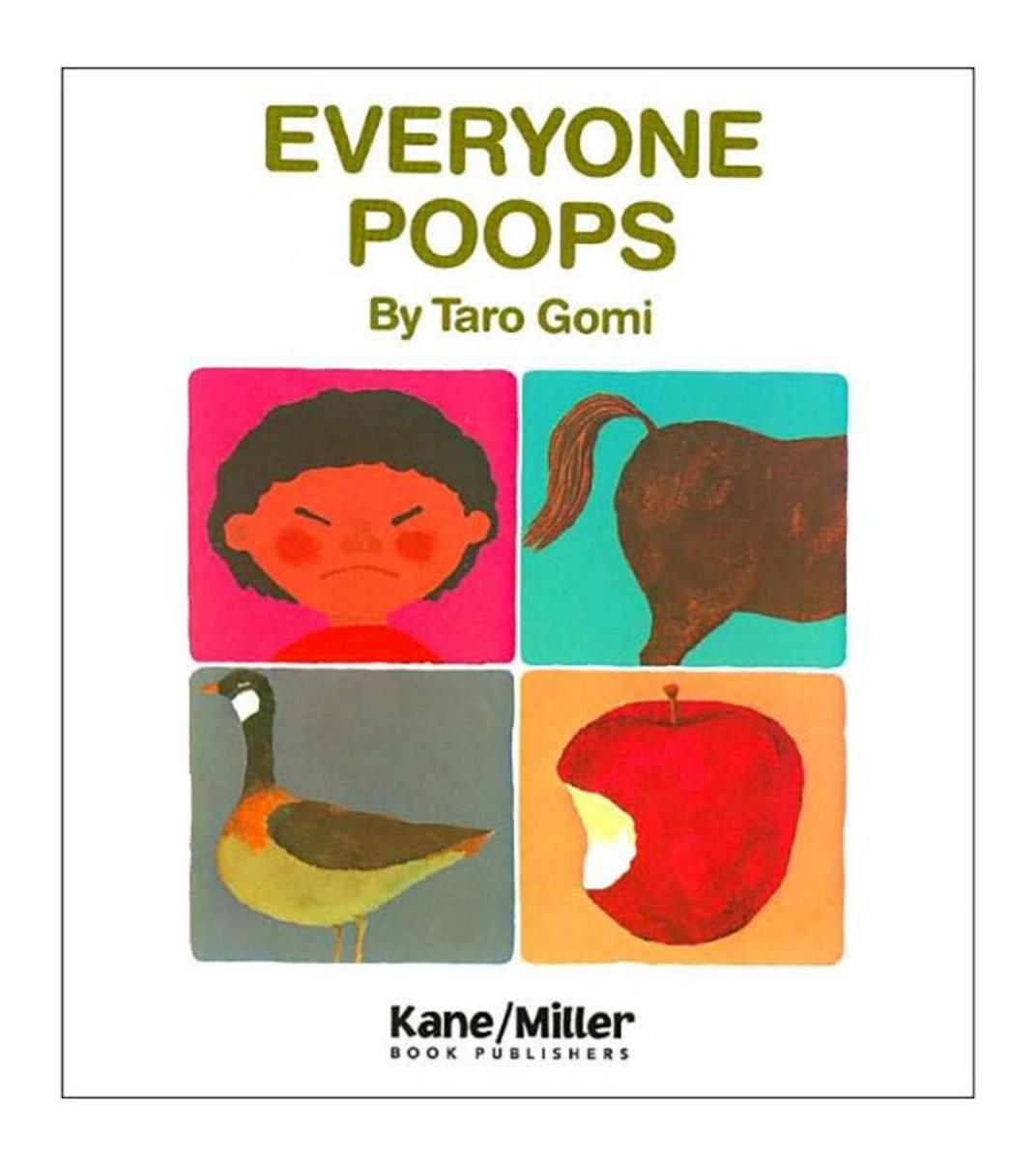
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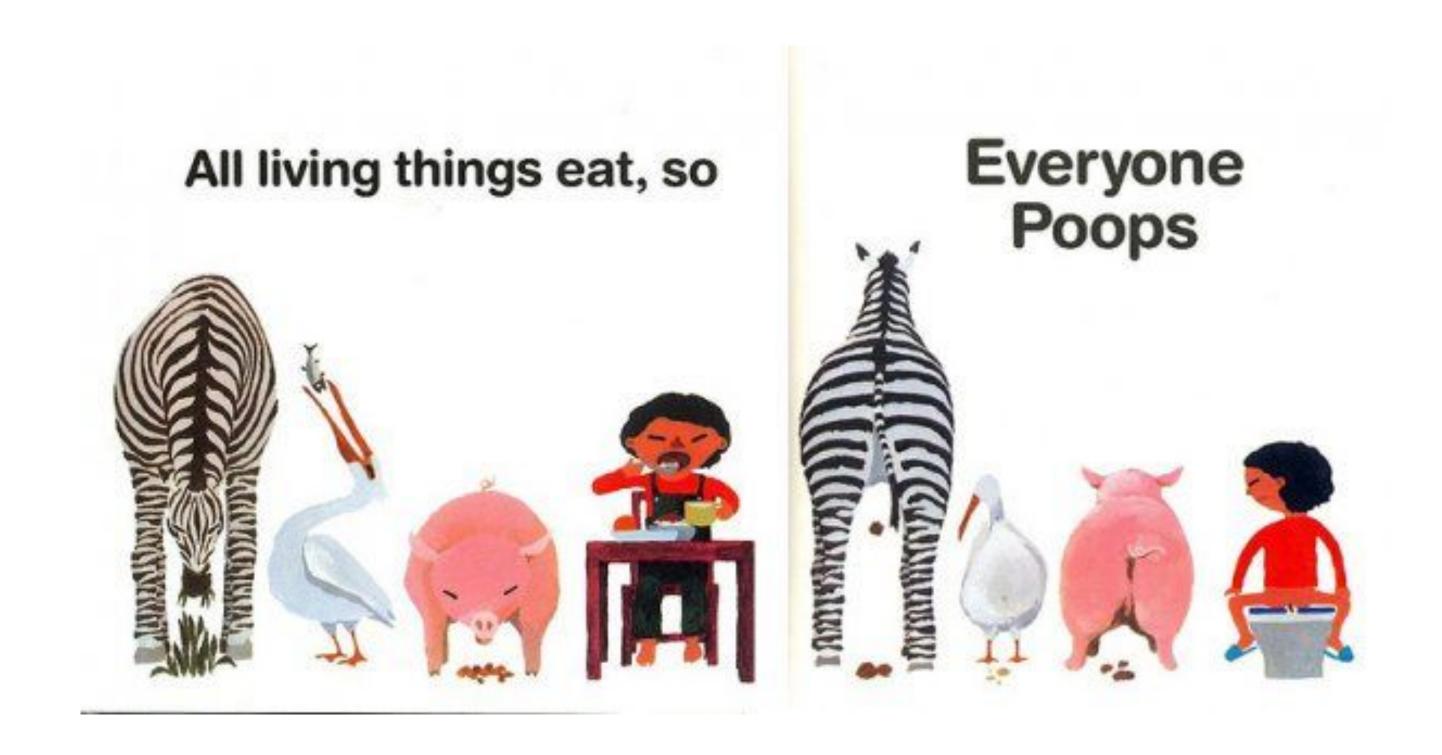
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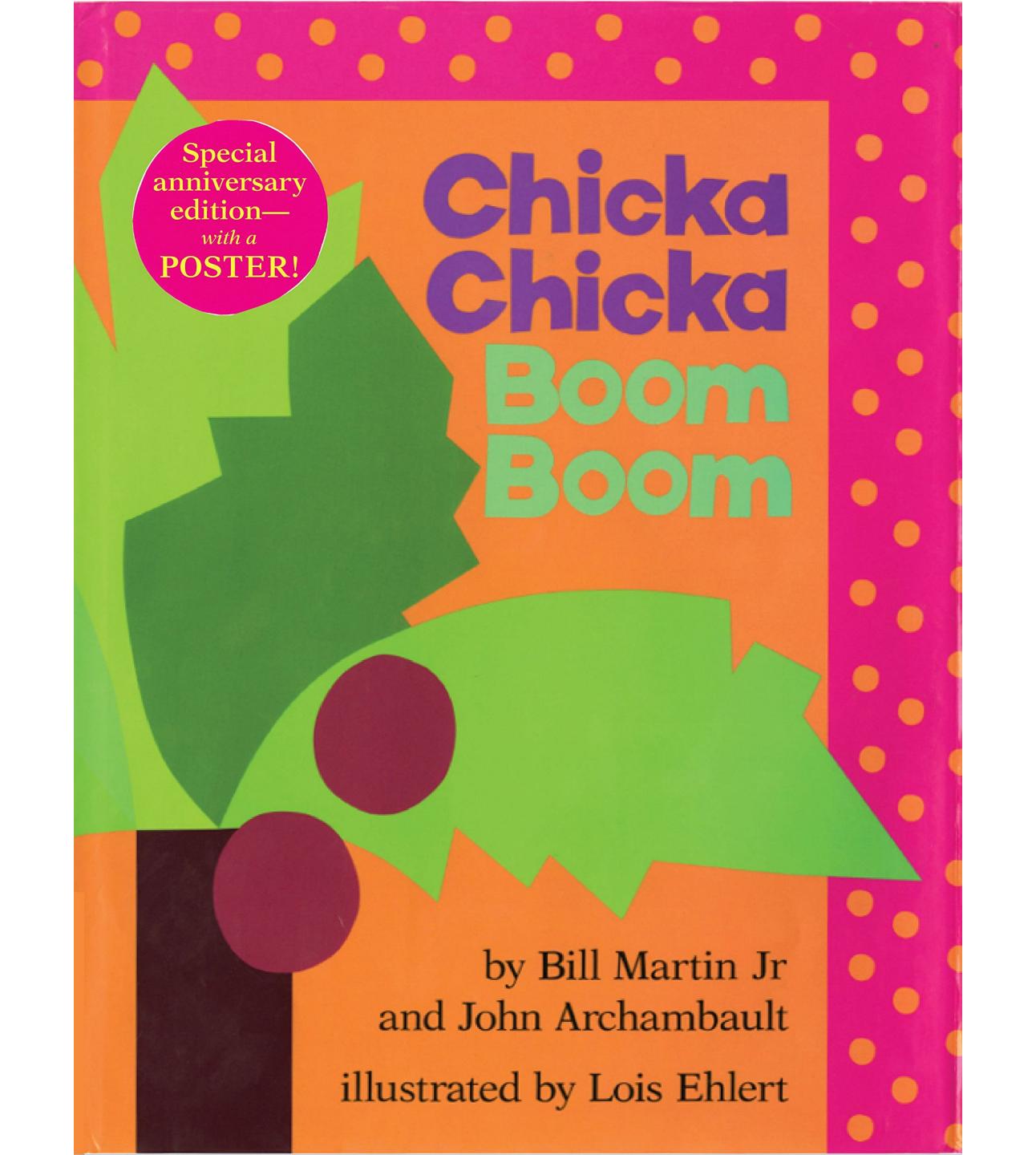




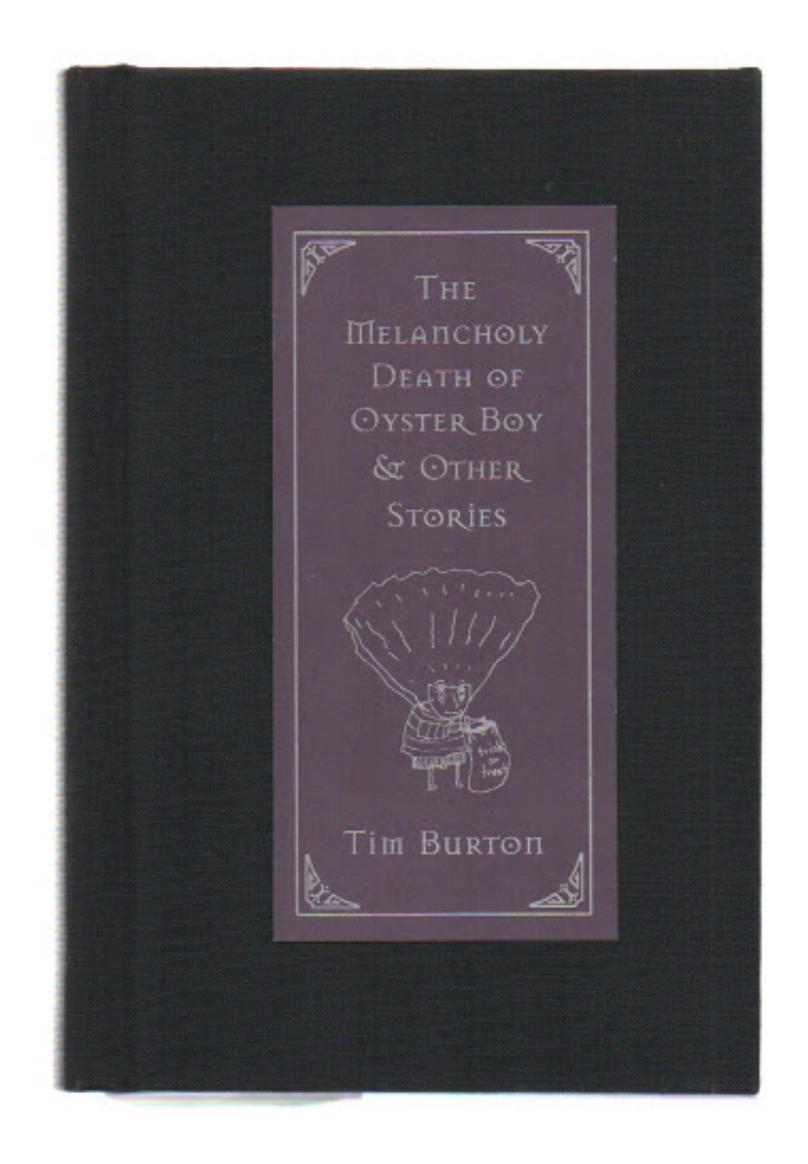






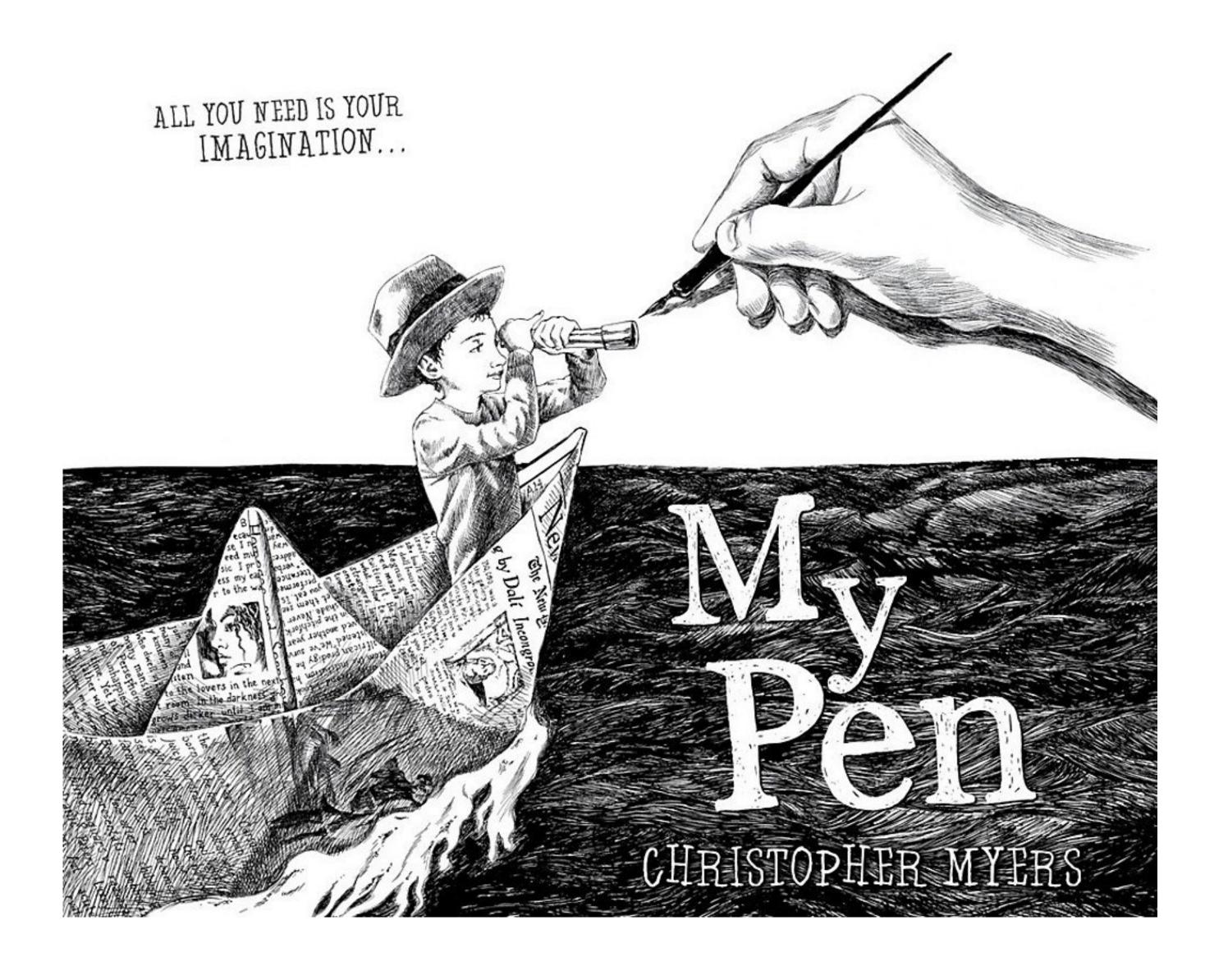


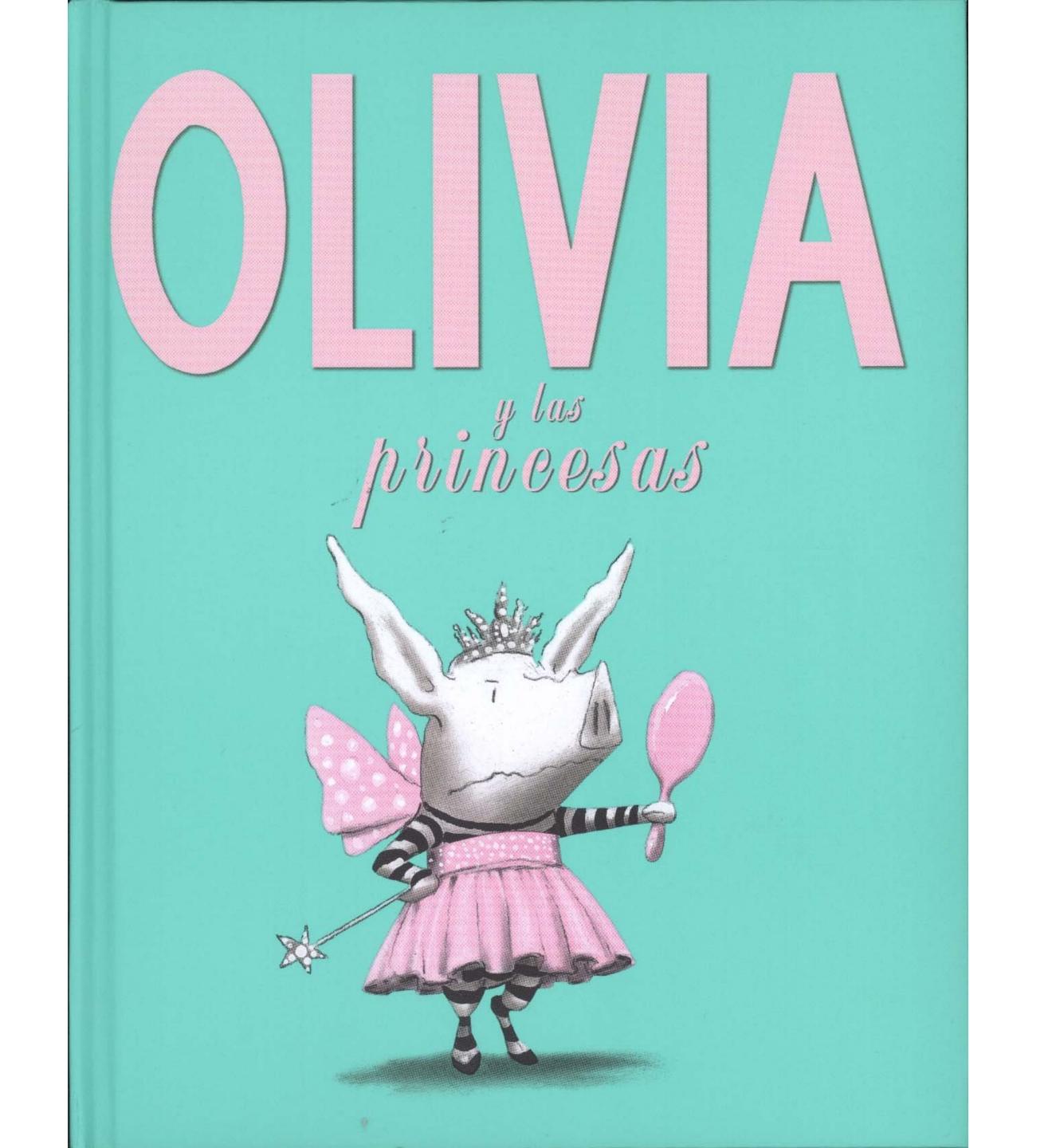




The Boy with Nails in his Eyes put up his aluminium tree.
It looked pretty strange
because he couldn't really see. © Austen Mengler - lordnetsua.deviantart.com











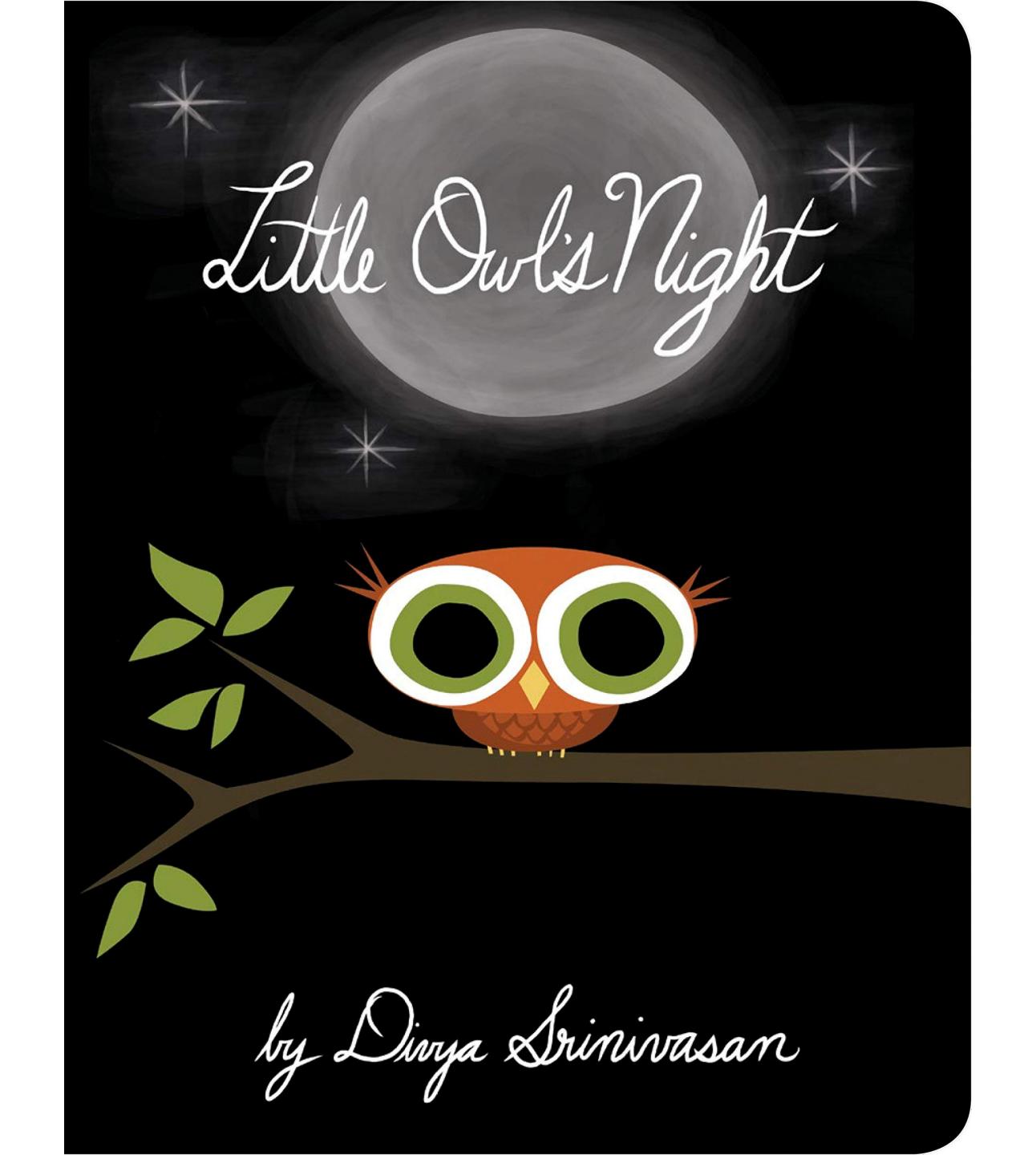


Have you seen my hat?

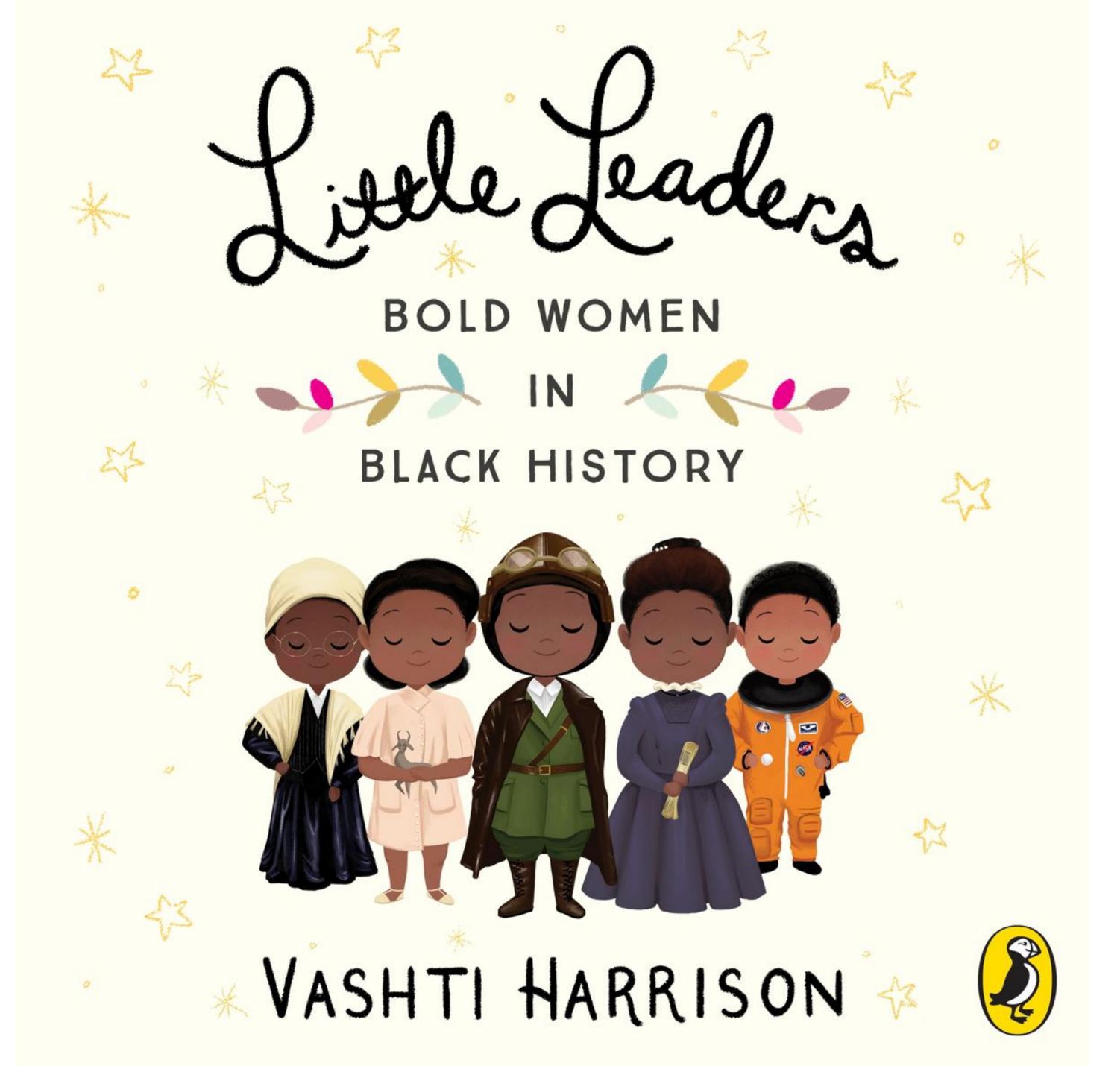
I haven't seen anything all day. I have been trying to climb this rock.

Would you like me to lift you on top of it?

Yes, please.









Sojourner was born a slave in upstate New York under the name Isabella Baumfree. She had been promised freedom by her slave owner in 1826, before the end of slavery was set to take effect in their state. However, when he backed out on his promise, she ran away. But this came at a huge cost. She had to leave behind her five-year-old son.

The slave owner sold Sojourner's son to a plantation a thousand miles away in Alabama. Meanwhile, Sojourner remained in hiding in New York until emancipation took effect in 1827. When the coast was clear, Sojourner filed a court case, saying her son had been sold illegally. She was one of the first black women to file a court case in America, and even though it seemed nearly impossible, she won. She got her son back!

In 1843, she changed her name to Sojourner (which means traveler) and became a preacher. She traveled the country, sharing her messages for women's rights and the abolition of slavery everywhere. She gave a famous speech in which she advocated on behalf of black women who had often been left out of the fight for equality. The speech is known as "Ain't I a Woman?"

She went on to encourage African Americans to fight on behalf of the Union in the Civil War, for former slaves to be given places to live, and for desegregation of streetcars. She was an agitator and a fierce activist for equality.

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Considerations:

- -Will the story teach a moral lesson? i.e. Aesop's Fables
- -Or will the story teach a practical lesson? Like learning the alphabet?
- -Or will the story teach a Social-Emotional Learning process of developing the self-awareness, self-control, and interpersonal skills that are vital of school, work and life success
- -What is the targeted age group? Consider parents are also the target audience for children's books. Children older than 7 will have less emphasis on pictures and more on reading.
- -What is the appropriate style for the content? Should it be black/white line drawings? Vector? Simulated painting, gouache? Colorful? Muted? Monochromatic?

Process:

- -Start with an existing public domain story, like a fairy tale for example.
- -Rewrite the characters. Design the characters and background, and prop elements. Create a style frame (this may be the draft of one of your spreads)
- -Choose a section of the story and storyboard three two-page spreads.
- -Refine the storyboards.
- -Develop spread Compositions. Choose typefaces. Finalize.