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SHELBY'S

ABZ

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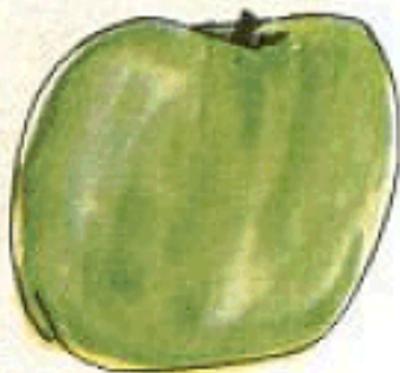
a primer  
for tender  
young minds  
by shel silverstein  
who loves  
you dearly

"ABZDEFC  
HIKJMLNOP  
QRSVUT  
W AND XYC

OH HOW HAPPY I WILL BE  
WHEN I LEARN MY ABZ'S."

A

IS  
FOR  
APPLE



SEE THE NICE GREEN LITTLE  
APPLE

MMM-GOOD! HOW MANY  
LITTLE GREEN APPLES CAN  
YOU EAT?

MAKE A CIRCLE AROUND THE  
NUMBER OF LITTLE GREEN  
APPLES YOU ATE TODAY.

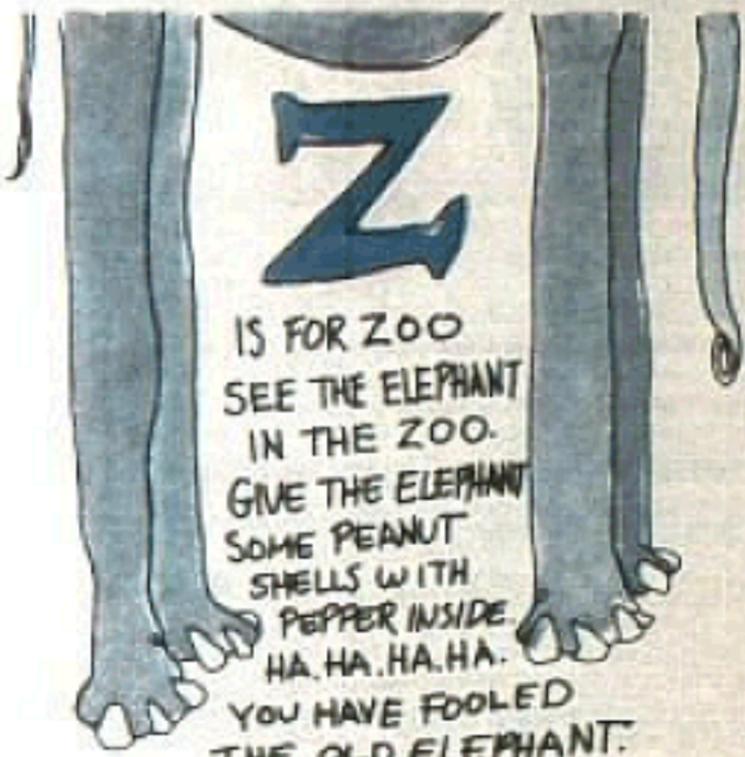
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B

IS FOR BABY



SEE THE BABY.  
THE BABY IS FAT.  
THE BABY IS PRETTY.  
THE BABY CAN LAUGH.  
THE BABY CAN CRY.  
SEE THE BABY PLAY.  
PLAY, BABY, PLAY.  
PRETTY PRETTY BABY.  
MOMMY LOVES THE  
BABY MORE THAN  
SHE LOVES YOU.



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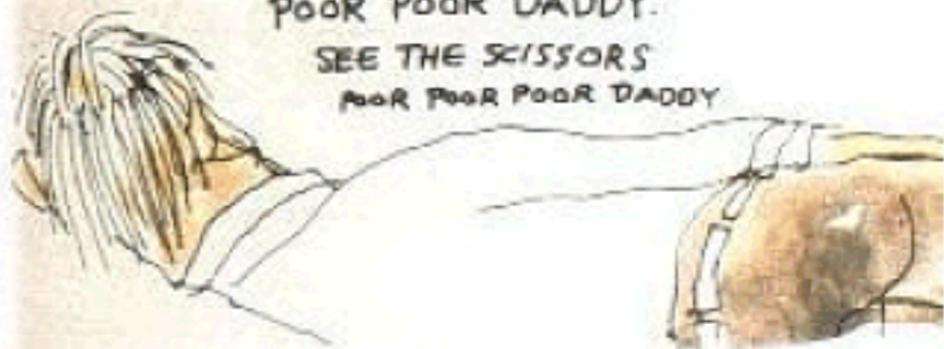
IS FOR ZOO  
SEE THE ELEPHANT  
IN THE ZOO.  
GIVE THE ELEPHANT  
SOME PEANUT  
SHELLS WITH  
PEPPER INSIDE.  
HA. HA. HA. HA.  
YOU HAVE FOOLED  
THE OLD ELEPHANT.  
THE ELEPHANT IS MAD AT YOU  
BUT DONT WORRY—  
BY TOMORROW THE ELEPHANT WILL  
HAVE FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT IT.

D

IS FOR DADDY

SEE DADDY SLEEPING ON THE COUCH  
SEE DADDY'S HAIR. DADDY NEEDS A HAIRCUT  
POOR DADDY. DADDY HAS NO MONEY FOR  
A HAIRCUT. DADDY SPENDS ALL HIS MONEY  
TO BUY YOU TOYS AND OATMEAL. POOR  
DADDY. DADDY CANNOT HAVE A HAIRCUT.  
POOR POOR DADDY.

SEE THE SCISSORS  
POOR POOR POOR DADDY



E



IS FOR

EGG

THE EGG  
IS FULL OF  
SLIMY  
GOOEY  
EGG WHITES.  
DO YOU LIKE  
TO EAT EGGS?  
NO?

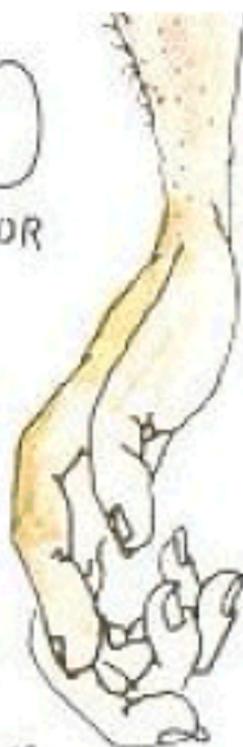
ERNIE LOVES EGGS.

ERNIE IS THE GIANT WHO LIVES  
IN THE CEILING.

TAKE AN EGG AND THROW IT AS  
HIGH AS YOU CAN AND YELL

"CATCH, ERNIE! CATCH THE EGG"

AND ERNIE WILL REACH DOWN AND CATCH THE EGG.



← ERNIE

F



IS FOR FINGER  
FINGERS ARE FUN.

STICK YOUR FINGER INTO  
YOUR NOSE. DOESN'T THAT  
FEEL NICE? CAN YOU STICK

YOUR FINGER INTO THE  
BABY'S EAR? THE BABY  
IS CRYING. MAYBE HE  
WANTS HIS BOTTLE. YOU  
CAN STICK YOUR FINGER INTO  
THE FIRE. -OOH-THE FIRE  
IS HOT.

QUICK - STICK YOUR FINGER INTO  
THE MAYONNAISE - THERE - ISN'T  
THAT NICE AND COOL?

PRINT 'C-O-O-L' ON THE  
MIRROR IN MAYONNAISE.

AREN'T FINGERS FUN?  
TOMORROW WE WILL FIND SOME  
NEW THINGS TO DO WITH FINGERS.

NOW IT'S TIME FOR  
**TOILET TRAINING**



SEE THE TOILET.

THE TOILET

IS DEEP.

THE TOILET

HAS WATER

AT THE BOTTOM.

MAYBE SOMEBODY

WILL FALL IN THE TOILET

AND DROWN

IF YOU WET YOUR PANTS

YOU WILL NEVER HAVE

TO SIT ON THE TOILET

AND YOU WILL NEVER

WORRY ABOUT FALLING IN.

G

IS FOR GIGOLO

SEE THE GIGOLO.

A GIGOLO

IS A

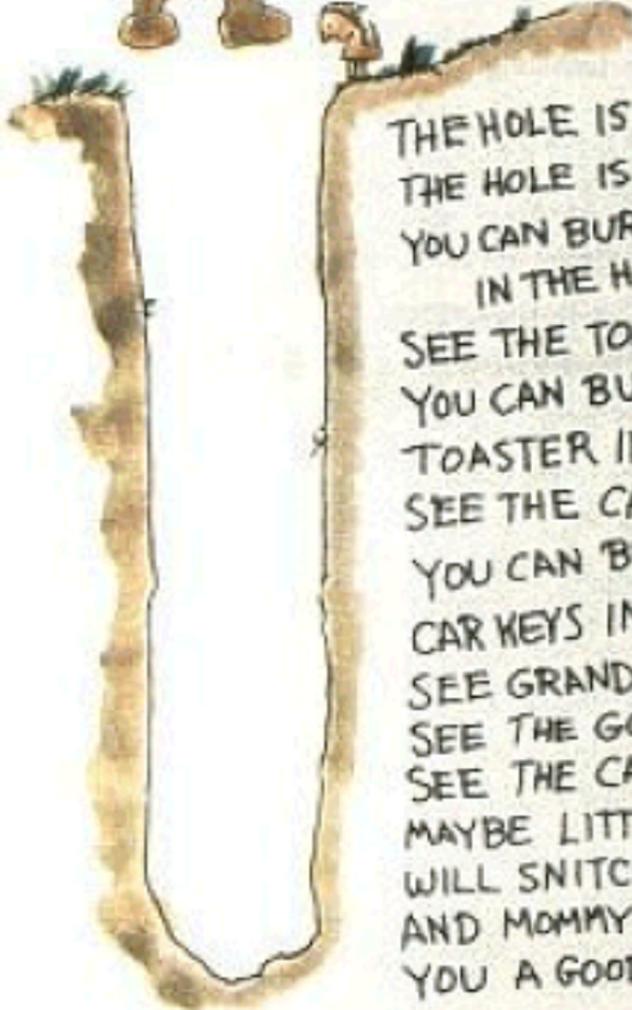


MUSICAL  
INSTRUMENT.

THE NEXT TIME

YOUR MOMMY GOES SHOPPING  
ASK HER TO BUY YOU A GIGOLO.  
SHE WILL THINK YOU ARE VERY  
CUTE AND SHE WILL WRITE  
IT IN TO THE READER'S DIGEST  
AND THEY WILL PRINT IT AND  
SEND YOU MONEY.

# H IS FOR HOLE



THE HOLE IS BIG.  
THE HOLE IS DEEP.  
YOU CAN BURY THINGS  
IN THE HOLE.

SEE THE TOASTER?  
YOU CAN BURY THE  
TOASTER IN THE HOLE.  
SEE THE CAR KEYS?  
YOU CAN BURY THE  
CAR KEYS IN THE HOLE.  
SEE GRANDMA'S TEETH?  
SEE THE GOLF CLUBS?  
SEE THE CAMERA?  
MAYBE LITTLE SISTER  
WILL SNITCH ON YOU  
AND MOMMY WILL GIVE  
YOU A GOOD LICKING.

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU BURY IN THE HOLE??



INK IS WET.  
INK IS FUN.  
WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH INK?  
WHAT RHYMES WITH INK?

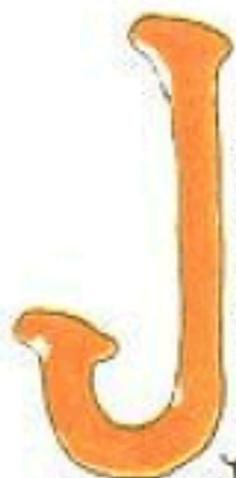
"DR \_\_\_\_\_"

K

IS FOR  
KIDNAPPER. SEE  
THE NICE KIDNAPPER.  
THE KIDNAPPER HAS  
SOME ICE-CREAM  
CONES. I LIKE  
VANILLA. THE  
KIDNAPPER HAS  
A KEEN CAR.

TELL THE KIDNAPPER THAT YOUR  
DADDY HAS LOTS OF MONEY. THEN  
MAYBE HE WILL LET YOU RIDE IN  
HIS CAR.





IS FOR JUNKIE.

DO YOU KNOW  
WHAT A JUNKIE IS?

ASK YOUR MOMMY.

IF SHE WILL NOT

TELL YOU ASK DADDY.

IF HE WILL NOT TELL

YOU GO OUTSIDE AND  
TELL EVERYBODY THAT YOUR  
DADDY IS A JUNKIE.

M  IS FOR MONEY

SEE THE MONEY 

THE MONEY IS GREEN.

THE MONEY IS IN MOMMY'S PURSE.

MOMMY AND DADDY ALWAYS

FIGHT ABOUT MONEY. 

TAKE THE MONEY OUT OF  
MOMMY'S PURSE AND SEND  
IT TO P.O. BOX 41, CHICAGO, ILL.

THEN MOMMY AND DADDY  
WILL BE HAPPY.



GRANDMA  
HAS A SOFT  
LAP.  
GRANDMA  
TELLS GOOD  
STORIES

DO YOU KNOW THE STORY  
OF LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD?  
DID YOU EVER NOTICE WHAT  
BIG TEETH GRANDMA HAS??...



N

IS FOR NOSE  
DID YOU EVER  
HEAR OF  
PINOCCHIO?



PINOCCHIO WAS A PUPPET  
WHO LIKED TO TELL LIES  
AND EVERY TIME HE TOLD A LIE  
HIS NOSE WOULD GROW LONGER  
AND LONGER.

DO YOU THINK THAT WOULD HAPPEN  
TO YOU?

TELL SOMEONE A LIE AND SEE  
WHAT HAPPENS.

DID YOUR NOSE GET LONG?  
NO?

ISN'T IT FUN NOT BEING A PUPPET?

# IT'S NAP TIME

DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A NAP?  
LIE DOWN AND CLOSE YOUR EYES.  
IT IS DARK.

YOU CAN LISTEN IN THE DARK.  
WHAT DO YOU HEAR?

DO YOU HEAR THE BOOGEY MAN?  
DO YOU HEAR THE WEREWOLF?  
DO YOU HEAR THE BLOODY MONSTER?

NO NO  
THERE IS NOTHING THERE AT ALL,  
NOW GO TO SLEEP.

# R

IS FOR RED

THE FIRE ENGINE  
IS RED

THE FIREMAN'S HAT  
IS RED

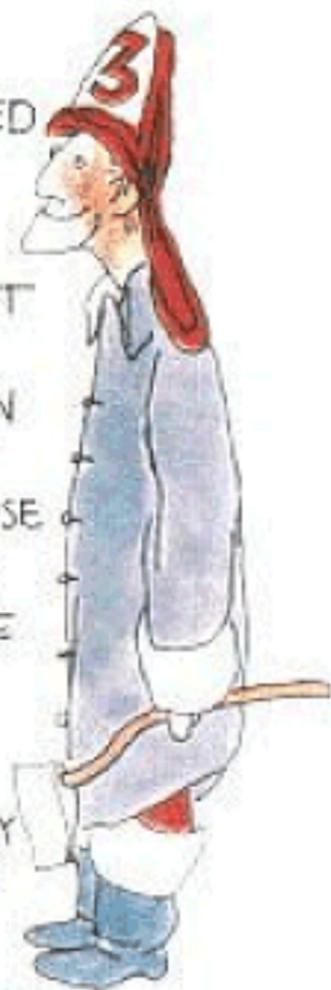
DOES THE FIREMAN  
IN THE RED HAT  
COME TO YOUR HOUSE  
IN HIS RED FIRE  
ENGINE WITH THE  
SIREN?

NO?

TOO BAD.

THE FIREMAN ONLY  
GOES TO PLACES  
WHERE THERE

IS A FIRE ...





S

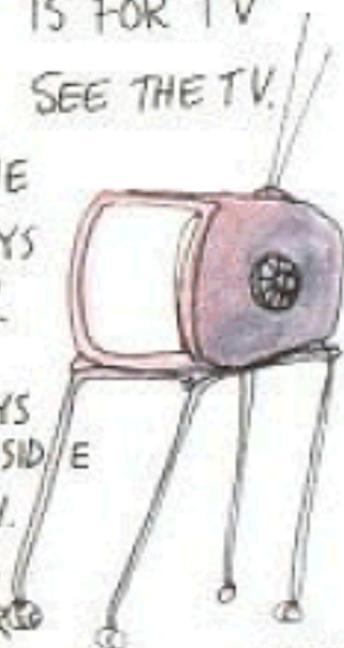
IS FOR SPIT

HOW FAR CAN YOU SPIT?

T

IS FOR TV  
SEE THE TV.

SEE THE  
COWBOYS  
ON TV.  
THE  
COWBOYS  
LIVE INSID E  
THE TV.  
TAKE A  
HAMMER



AND BREAK OPEN THE TV  
AND YOU WILL SEE ALL THE  
COWBOYS AND YOGI BEAR  
AND SHIRLEY TEMPLE AND  
HUCKLEBERRY HOUND AND  
EVERY BODY

WOWEE !!

W

IS FOR WISH

DO YOU WANT TO HAVE  
YOUR WISH?

WHEN YOUR TOOTH FALLS OUT  
PUT IT UNDER YOUR PILLOW  
AND MAKE A WISH. WHEN  
YOU WAKE UP THE TOOTH WILL  
BE GONE AND THERE WILL BE  
A SHINY NEW DIME.

NOW YOU HAVE TEN CENTS  
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET

\$3.20 ?

# Kids

HERE IS A PRESENT FOR YOU  
A SHINY NEW QUARTER  
AND I PASTED IT ON HERE MYSELF



SO HAVE FUN AND BUY ANYTHING YOU  
WANT

YOURS TRULY,

UNCLE SHELBY

P.S. I HOPE YOUR MOMMY DOESN'T TAKE  
YOUR QUARTER OFF AND SPEND IT.

SURPRISE

BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN GOOD  
AND BECAUSE YOU HAVE LEARNED  
YOUR ABZ'S AND BECAUSE YOUR  
UNCLE SHELBY LOVES YOU,  
TOMORROW YOU CAN STAY HOME  
FROM SCHOOL.

No School  
Tomorrow!

# WARNING!

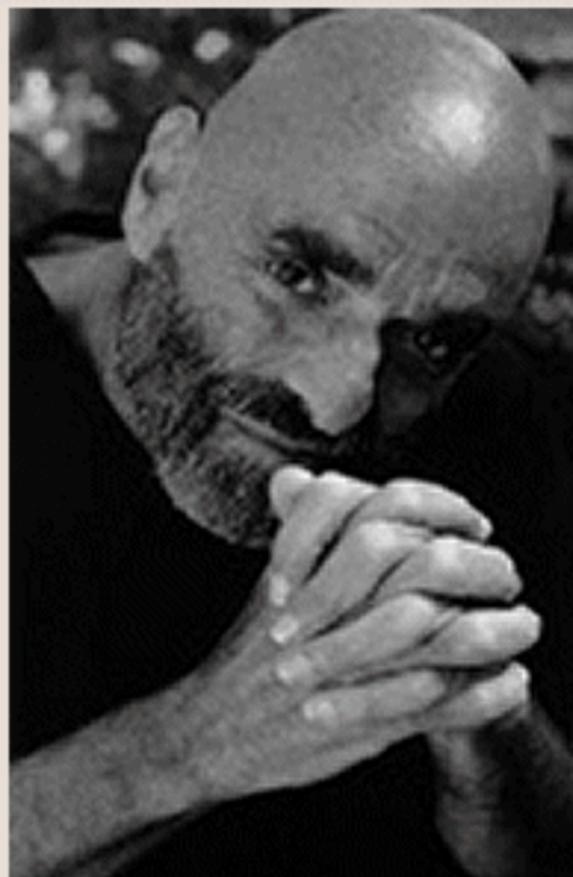
IT IS NOT NICE TO BURN BOOKS.

IT IS AGAINST THE LAW  
IF MOMMY OR DADDY  
TRIES TO BURN THIS BOOK  
CALL THE POLICE ON THEM.

*Wood. Bully.*  
UNCLE SHELBY

P.S.

THE PAPER IN THIS BOOK  
IS NOT REALLY PAPER  
IT IS MADE FROM CANDY



By Shel Silverstein

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