

Exploring Poets of Today

LANGSTON HUGHES
Jack Prelutsky
Robert Frost
Emily Dickinson
Edgar Allan Poe
T.S. Eliot
Shel Silverstein
Maya Angelou
Walt Whitman
E.E. Cummings
Roald Dahl

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Will the REAL
Shel Silverstein
please identify
yourself?

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Some things about Silverstein:


Background

- Born: September 25, 1932
- Grew up in Chicago, Illinois
- One younger sister ----- name?
- Atypical teen
- No ball playing!
- No girls!




Getting Started

- 12-14 yrs started drawing
- Working when girls took notice
- SCRAM!
- 21 yrs -- aspiring cartoonist
- DRAFTED into Army 1952
- 22 yrs -- assigned "Stars & Stripes"



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Military Life:



- Incorporated humor into paper
- Poked fun at the military
- BIG NO-NO!
- Korean hills hideout
- Near court martial -- trial by military
- Continuous close eye on Shel

April 1, 1953


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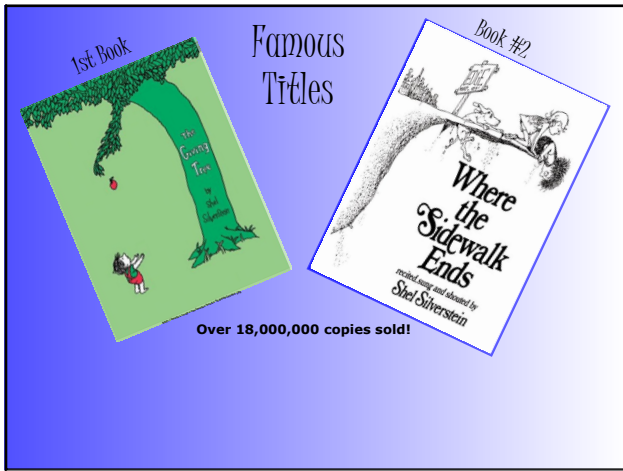
Family Life:

- Married
- Two children (Shoshanna & Matthew)
- Divorced
- Ex-wife died suddenly
- Daughter died at 11 yrs. old

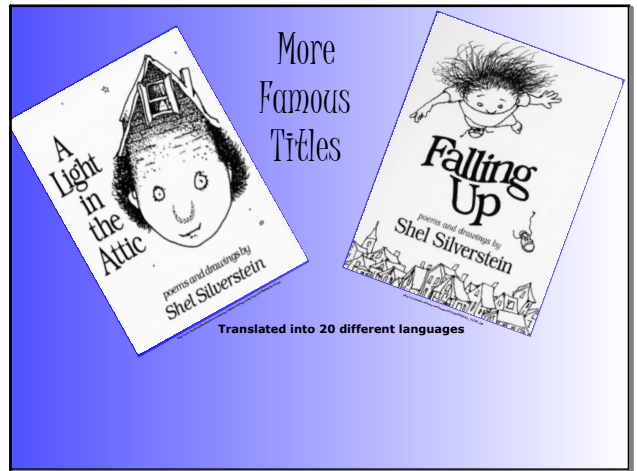


Susan Silverstein

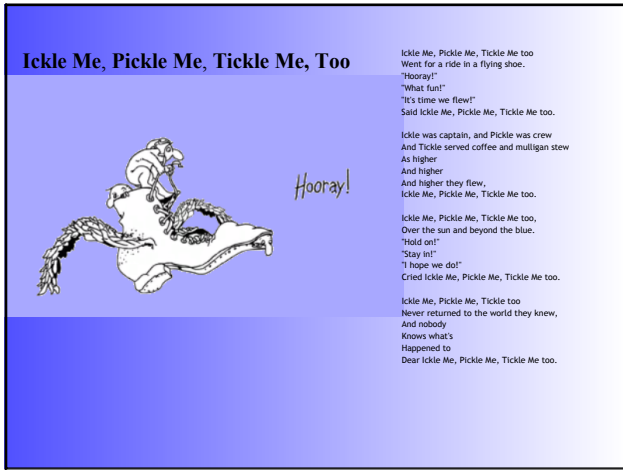
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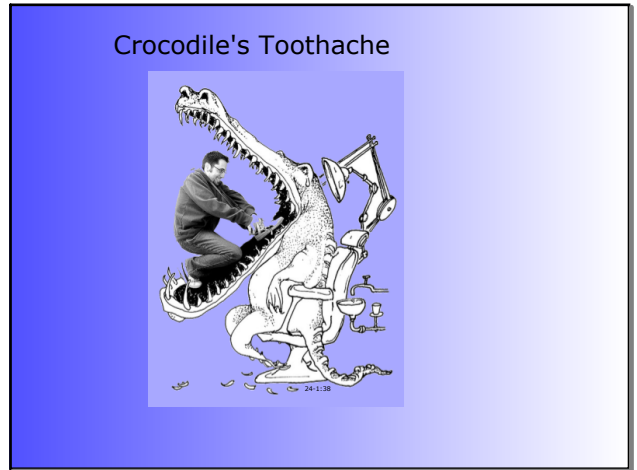
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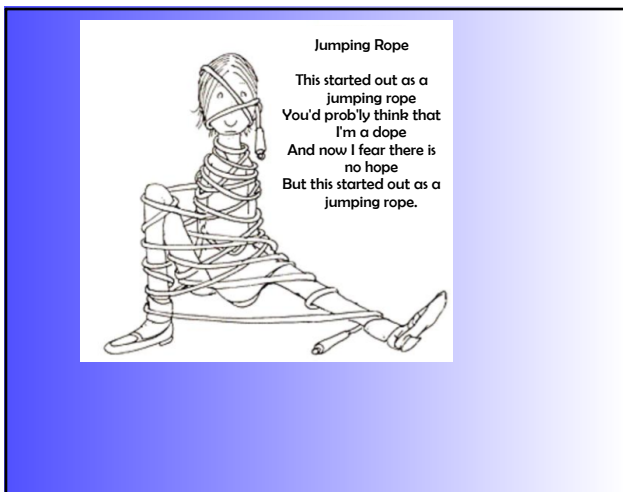
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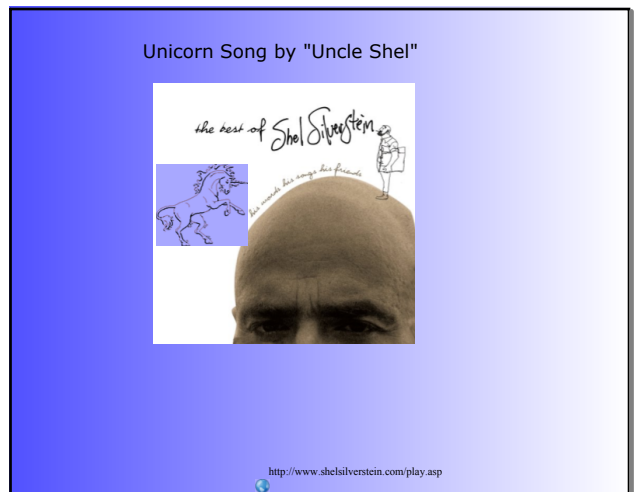
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Famous Last Words

"I know a way to stay friends forever, There's really nothing to it, I tell you what to do, And you do it."



"I will not play tug o' war. I'd rather play hug o' war. Where everyone hugs instead of tugs, Where everyone giggles and rolls on the rug, Where everyone kisses, and everyone grins, and everyone cuddles, and everyone wins."

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Shel Silverstein....

- passed away May 10, 1999
- at his home in Key West, Florida
- buried next to his parents in Chicago, IL




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Will the REAL **Jack Prelutsky** please identify yourself?



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Hunter College



H.S. of Music & Art




Background

- Born: September 8, 1940
- Grew up in Brooklyn, New York
- One younger brother
- Lived in 6 story apartment bldg.
- NY public schools
- Attended H.S. of Music and Art
- Hunter College in Manhattan

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ODD JOBS:

- Bus boy
- Coal shoveler
- Furniture mover
- Cab driver
- Folk singer
- Piano mover, etc...



LIVING CONDITIONS:


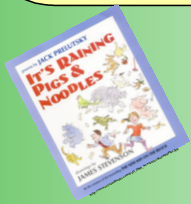
- Lived illegally
- Evicted from commercial loft
- Connected with publisher
- Great poems, CRUDDY drawings!
- Wrote 6 poems for book deal JUST in time!



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Poetry in the Beginning

- **HATED** poetry in school!
- Equated it to liver
- Enjoyed drawing, but STUNK at it
- Beaten up for writing poetry
- Poetry hazardous to his health
- Spent months on drawings
- Hours on poems

- Created poetry from manuscript of Dr. Seuss
- ALWAYS carries notes
- A compulsive note-taker
- Careful not to be condescending to his audience
- Big words in funny ways for laughs
- Illustrations by James Stevenson

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TALENTS:

- Singer
- Actor
- Sculptor
- Laborer
- Carpenter
- Poet
- Storyteller

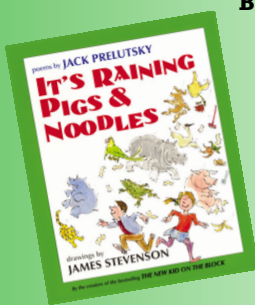
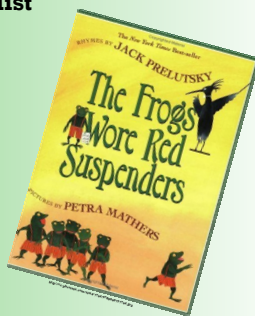
Life Today:

- Married since 1979
- Wife Carolyn
- Lives in Seattle, Washington
- No children
- 24 yrs old --Published 1st book
- enjoys photography, creating games, collages & carpentry





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Jack Prelutsky Booklist


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Jack Prelutsky Booklist Cont.

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Bleezer's Ice Cream



PEACH PIMENTO PIZZA PLUM

PEANUT PUMPKIN BUBBLE GUM


BROCCOLI BANANA BLUES

CHOCOLATE CHOP SUEY

CHOCOLATE BEANS SPROUTS

DEERWINKI & SAUERKRAUT

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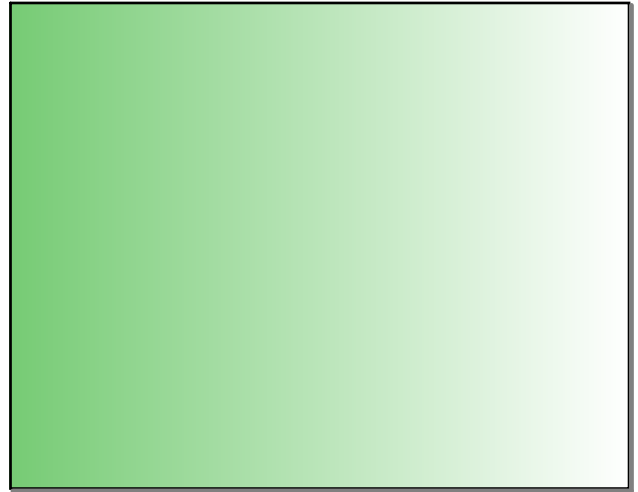
When the turkey gobble gobble,
it is gumpy and proud and peery,
when our family gobble gobble,
we are gibbling down the turkey.

— "Gobble Gobble"
from *It's Thanksgiving*

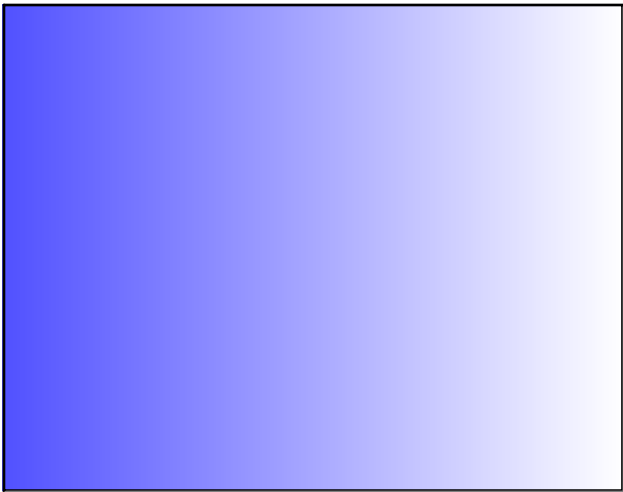
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