

UNCLE

SHELBY'S

ABZ

Book

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

"ABZDEFG
HIKJMLNOP
QRSVUT
W AND XYZ

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.

1 2 3 4 7 9 15 19 27 32 67

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.



A cartoon illustration of a person's legs and feet. The person is wearing a white t-shirt with a large, dark blue letter 'Z' on the front. They are standing on a light-colored surface. The legs are drawn in a simple, sketchy style with blue shading. The feet are also simple, with toes visible. The overall tone is humorous and lighthearted.

Z

IS FOR ZOO
SEE THE ELEPHANT
IN THE ZOO.
GIVE THE ELEPHANT
SOME PEANUT
SHELLS WITH
PEPPER INSIDE.
HA.HA.HA.HA.

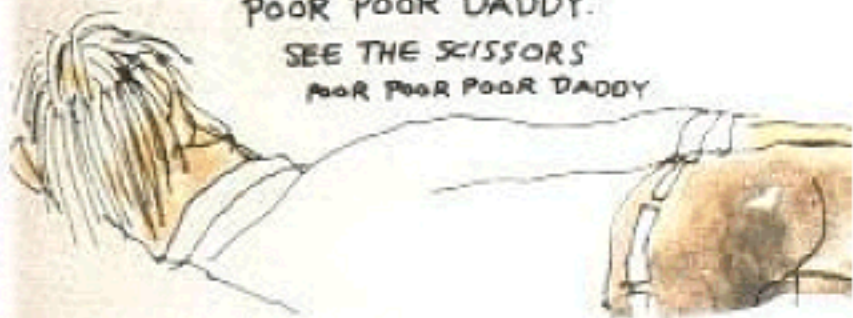
YOU HAVE FOOLED
THE OLD ELEPHANT.
THE ELEPHANT IS MAD AT YOU
BUT DON'T WORRY—
BY TOMORROW THE ELEPHANT WILL
HAVE FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT IT.

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.



IS FOR GIGOLO

SEE THE GIGOLO.

A GIGOLO

IS A

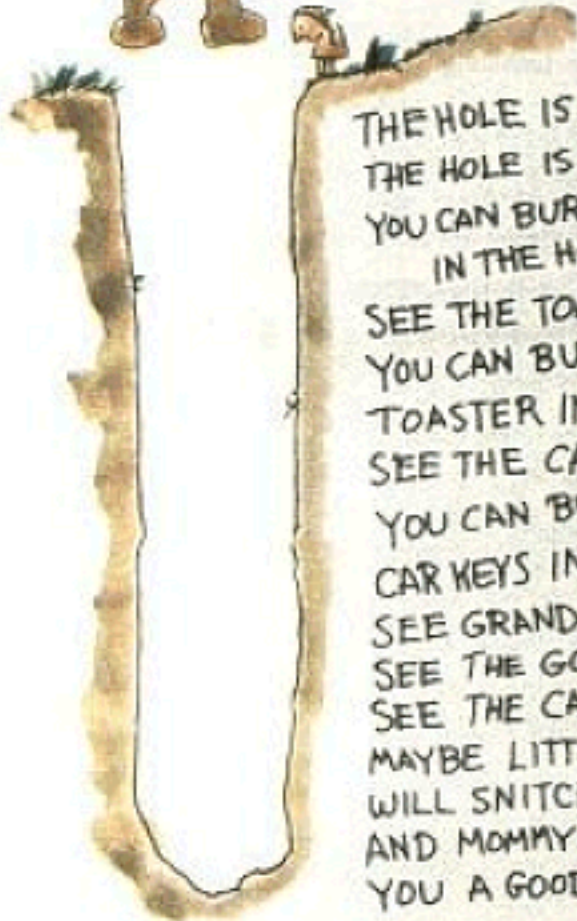


MUSICAL
INSTRUMENT.

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.



J 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.



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

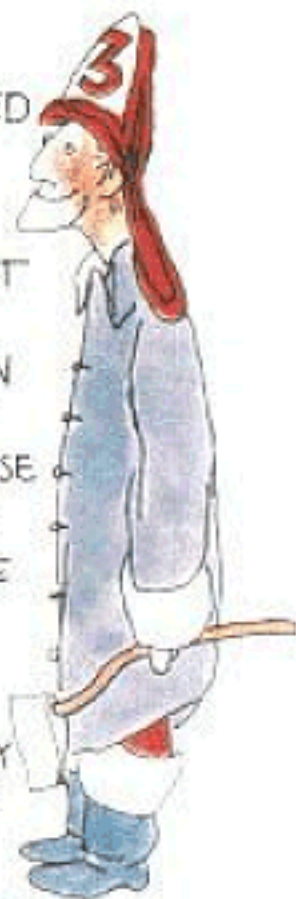
THE FIREMAN'S HAT
IS RED

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 ...



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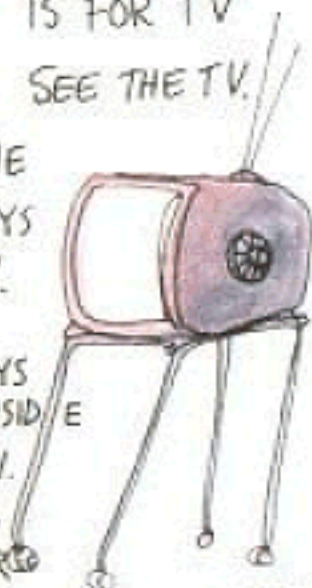
IS FOR SPIT

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.

Uncle Shelby
UNCLE SHELBY

P.S.

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



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