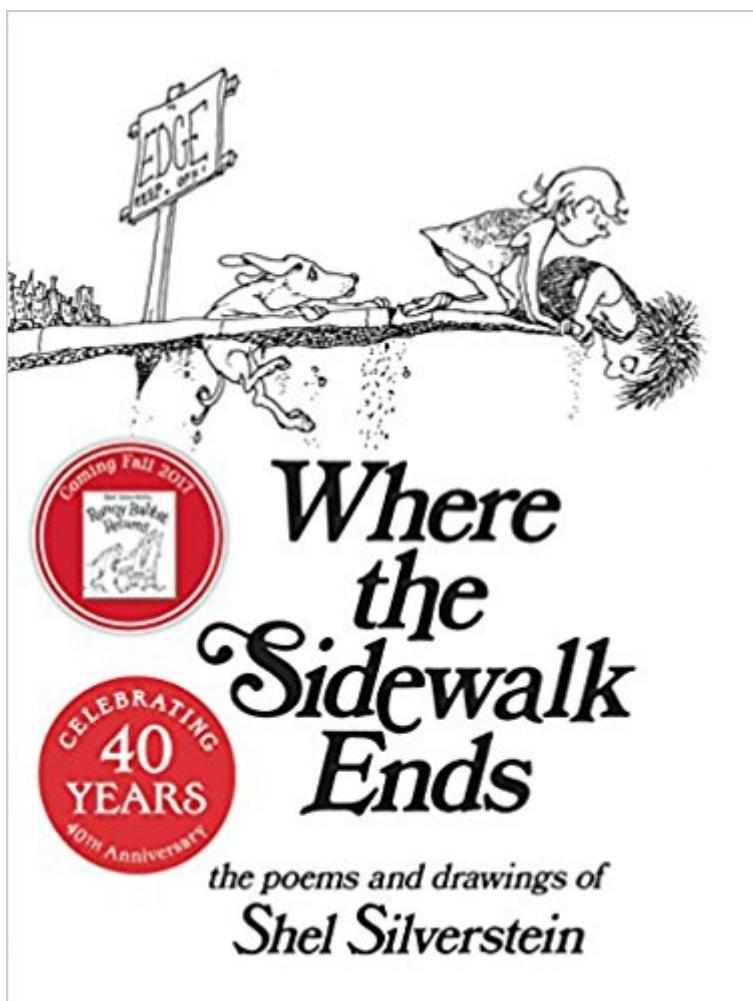


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# Where The Sidewalk Ends: Poems And Drawings



## **Synopsis**

Shel Silverstein, the New York Times bestselling author of *The Giving Tree*, *A Light in the Attic*, *Falling Up*, and *Every Thing On It*, has created a poetry collection that is outrageously funny and deeply profound. Come in . . . for where the sidewalk ends, Shel Silverstein's world begins. You'll meet a boy who turns into a TV set, and a girl who eats a whale. The Unicorn and the Bloath live there, and so does Sarah Cynthia Sylvia Stout who will not take the garbage out. It is a place where you wash your shadow and plant diamond gardens, a place where shoes fly, sisters are auctioned off, and crocodiles go to the dentist. Shel Silverstein's masterful collection of poems and drawings stretches the bounds of imagination and will be cherished by readers of all ages. This is a collection that belongs on everyone's bookshelf. Makes a great gift for special occasions such as holidays, birthdays, and graduation. And don't miss *Runny Babbit Returns*, the new book by Shel Silverstein!

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Shel Silverstein shook the staid world of children's poetry in 1974 with the publication of this collection, and things haven't been the same since. More than four and a half million copies of *Where the Sidewalk Ends* have been sold, making it the bestselling children's poetry book ever.

With this and his other poetry collections (A Light in the Attic and Falling Up), Silverstein reveals his genius for reaching kids with silly words and simple pen-and-ink drawings. What child can resist a poem called "Dancing Pants" or "The Dirtiest Man in the World"? Each of the 130 poems is funny in a different way, or touching ... or both. Some approach naughtiness or are a bit disgusting to squeamish grown-ups, but that's exactly what kids like best about Silverstein's work. Jim Trelease, author of The New Read-Aloud Handbook, calls this book "without question, the best-loved collection of poetry for children." (Ages 4 to 10)

"A zesty collection of humorous light verse."-- "SLJ." "An ideal book for teachers to have handy . . . If you want to ungloom your day, start Where the Sidewalk Ends." -- "Reading Teacher."

Some people prefer Shakespeare. I prefer Silverstein.

We ordered this book for my daughter for christmas. She is in first grade and really likes to read. This has some very funny poems in it, although some of them she needs help reading. Some of the poems are tongue twisters and take a bit to spit out while your reading them. I really enjoy reading this book with her and seeing her smile. I recommend this product. I purchased this book at full price.

Outstanding classic book for children. The poems in each of Shel Silverstein's books are funny, bittersweet, silly, and heart warming. I loved them as a child, and now I am able to gleefully share them with my child. The cadence of the rhymes soothe her, especially at bedtime, and the book is long enough that we were able to spread it over several reading sessions. Definitely a fantastic buy!

My 8 year old is working on a poetry unit at school and asked me to pick up a copy of this book for her. She loves it and I love that she's enjoying a book that I loved as a child. Classic.

I've been waiting for my children to get old enough to enjoy Silverstein, and we've finally made it! My (almost) 5 year old loves this book. We read 4 or 5 poems together every day before bed. My 2 year old could care less about the silly poems and Shel's wit, however. I love it!

This book has my child 5, 4 and 2 engaged. I read a few pages every night before bed. Tonight they asked for more! Once we are finished with this we will be buying the others.

This book needs no introduction if you grew up as a But the poems are timelessly written for children, so enjoy reading these poems to your child!

Oh man, this brought me back. Sharing this with my child is complete joy. My 5yo's review: "this book is so funny! I like the Captain Hook one! And Ickle Me Pickle Me Tickle Me Too! Hug o War instead of Tug o War made me happy." Well said!

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