

Sparkle and Spin



A book about words

by Ann & Paul Rand



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Words are full of wonder and enchantment, color and sound. They can be serious, or playful, or somewhere in between. For a small child they offer endless chance to explore and experiment, to make sense or nonsense.

Ann Rand, whose use of words is remarkably sensitive and sure, writes about words in a way that will fascinate and delight children and lead them on to discoveries of their own. When she says, "Some words are gay and bright and full of light, like tinsel and silver and sparkle and spin," young readers will find pleasure in thinking of other words that are the same. And they will realize how true it is that "Words tell how you feel: fine and dandy, and I like candy."

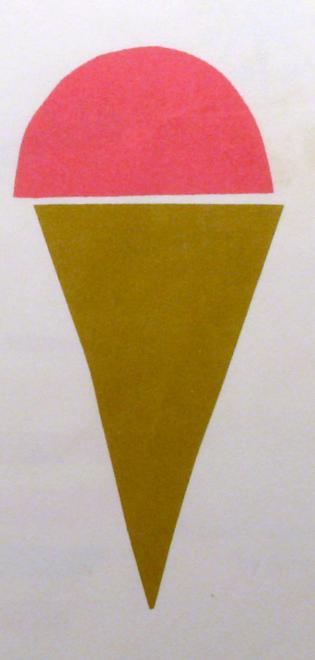
With brilliant design, bright color, and bold imagination, Paul Rand interprets the text in pictures of extraordinary beauty and rare humor.

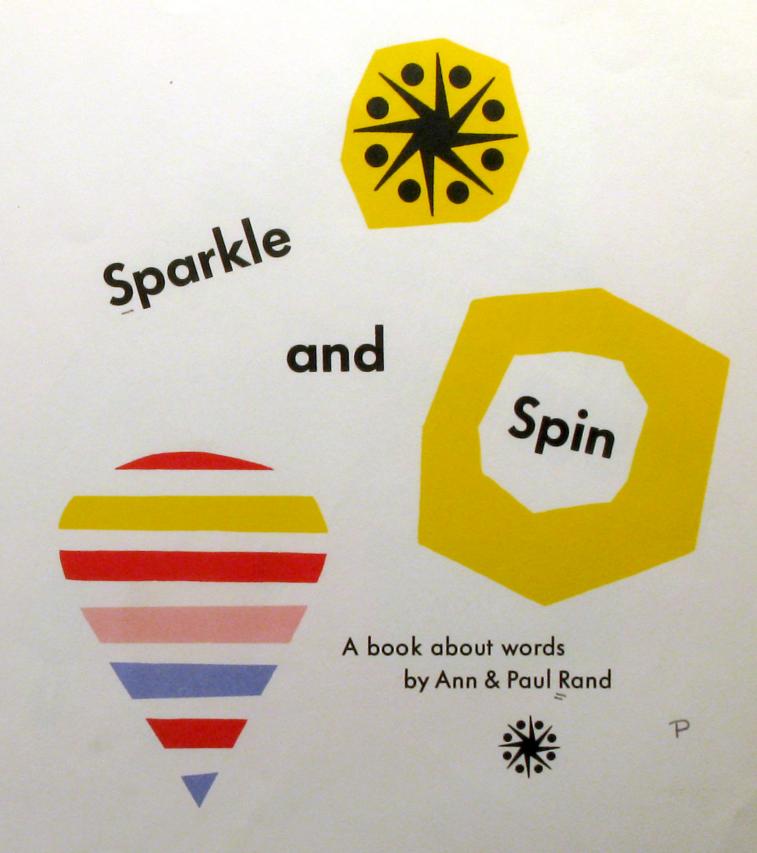
Here then, in a perfect blend of words and pictures, a leading American artist and his wife...whose first book for children, I Know a Lot of Things, was widely acclaimed by young and old...have made another distinguished book, a book that speaks directly to children and is a collector's treasure as well.

Illustrated in four colors throughout.

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What are words?
Words are how what you think inside comes out and how to remember what you might forget about.



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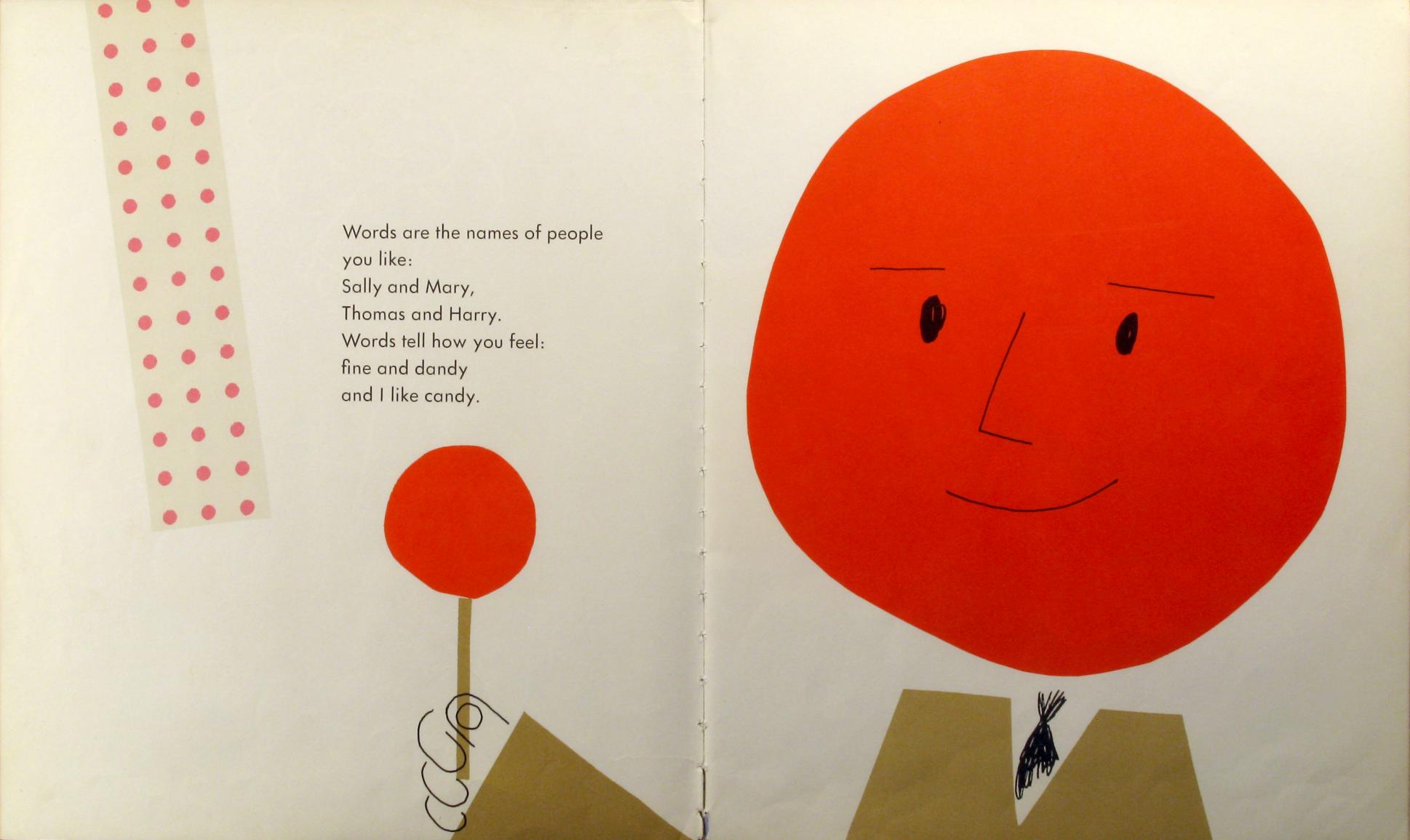
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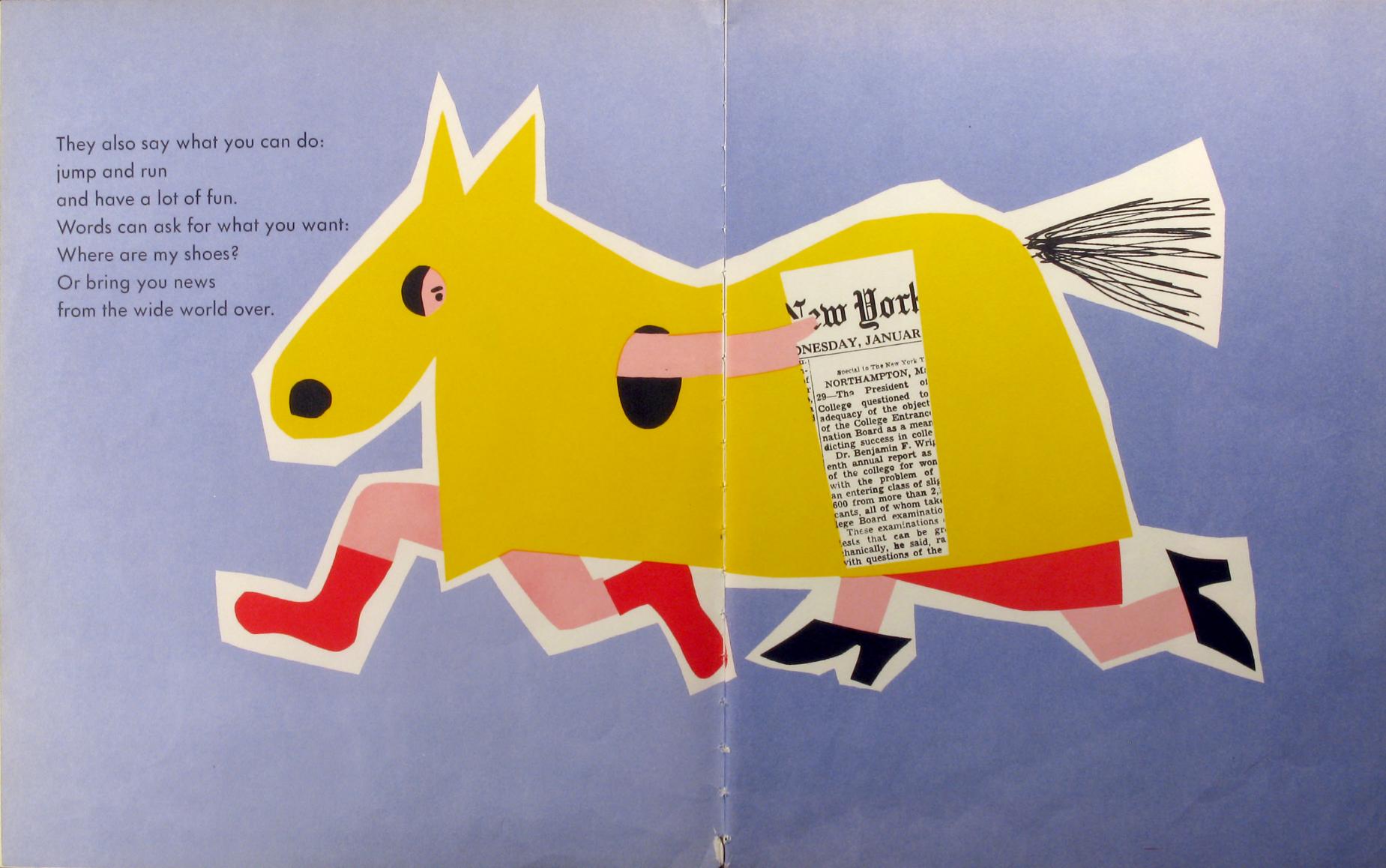


A word is a thing you heard or saw or can even draw a picture of. Words are the names of objects like book and doll and chair or of animals like bird and dog and bear.

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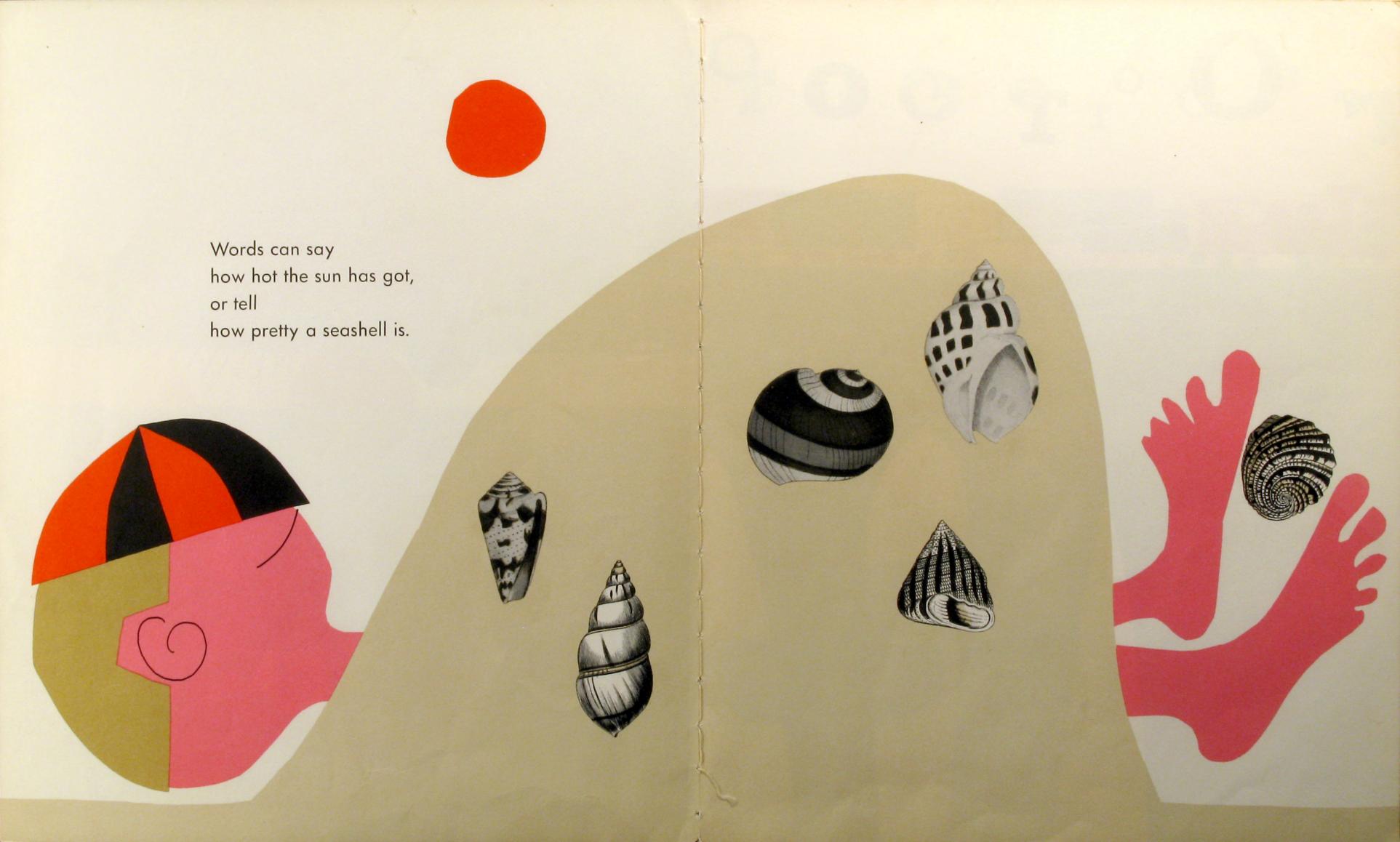


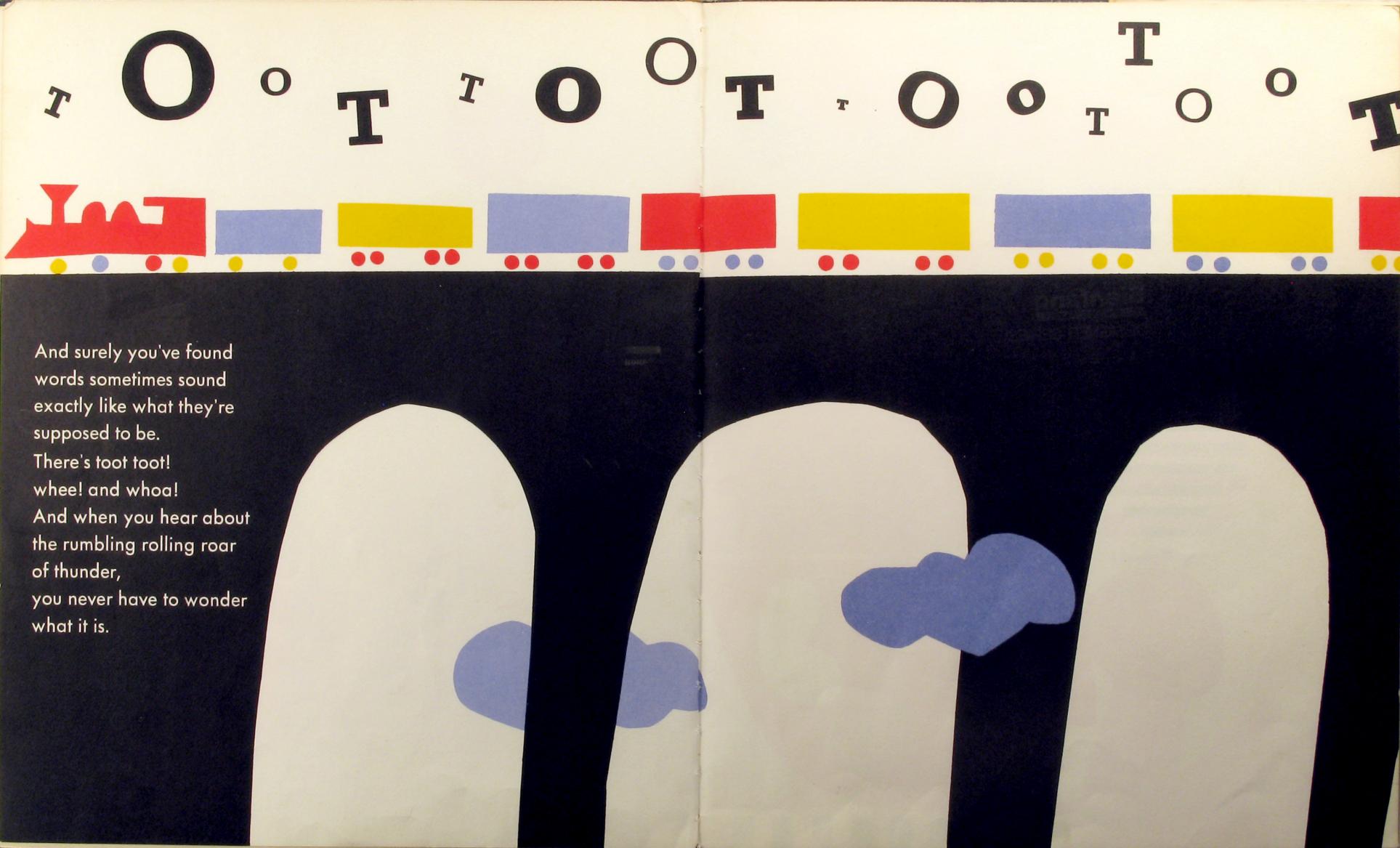
Words are "Yes I will" and "No I won't," but they are polite too like please and thank you. TINTINIAB

Some words are as big as tintinnabulate, while a word like <u>a</u>, as you can see, is just as small as a baby bumblebee.

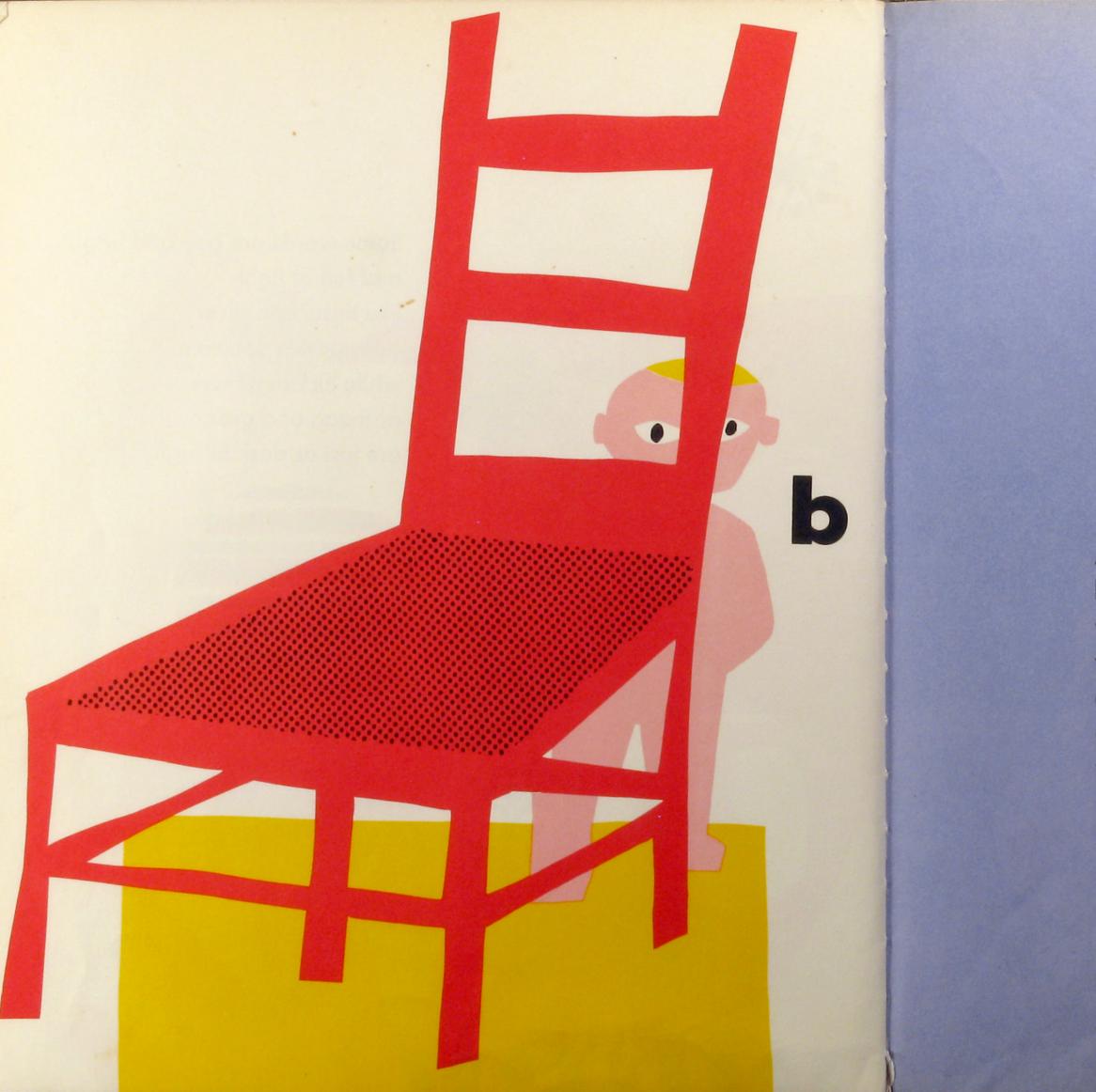










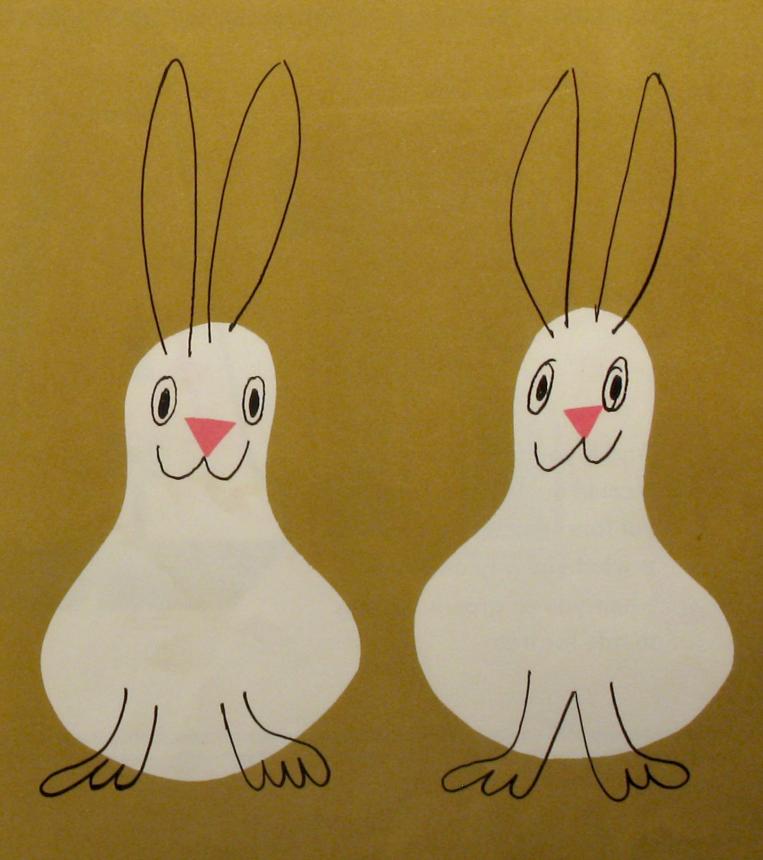


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A word is something you shout, bang! or boo! when you jump out from behind a chair, or something to whisper softly as the little breeze that says "hush hush" as it rustles the leaves.

A word can warn that someone's sick or bring somebody running quick!

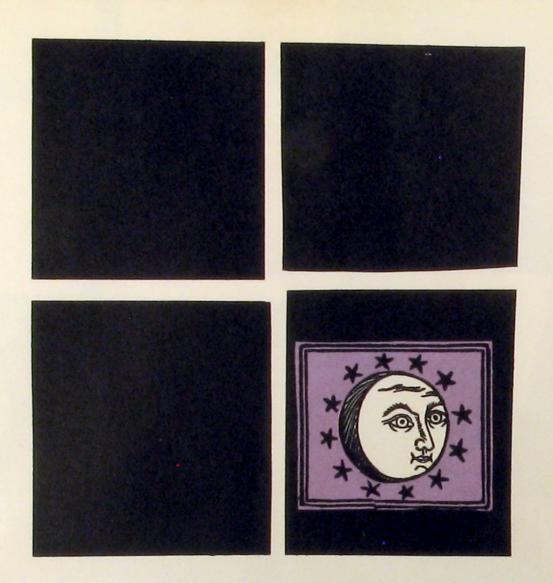
Sometimes one word sounds the same as another like hair and hare or pair and pear.







Words can say,
wake up, wake up!
The day is fine,
the sun will shine.



Words can sing a song or say "good night, Mother."

This is what words are for.
All these and many more teach us how to talk to one another.



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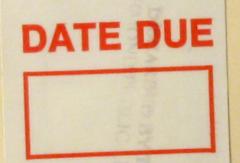


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I Know a Lot of Things

Everyday wonders of a child's world, such as the way cats and dogs talk by saying "Meow" and "Bowwow," the excitement of climbing a tree "high as the sky to watch a bird fly by," and the wider knowledge of such eternal mysteries as "the moon is a light for the night," are described here in simple, rhythmic prose and imaginative, colorful pictures. With remarkable sureness and insight, the author and artist have caught the fresh joy of childhood in things both large and small.

A leading artist-designer in this country and abroad, Mr. Rand for the first time has turned to the field of children's books...a major event... and, with his wife, has made for their own small daughter and for young children everywhere a distinguished book of lasting delight.

Chosen one of the ten "Best Illustrated Books of the Year" by a New York Times art jury.



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