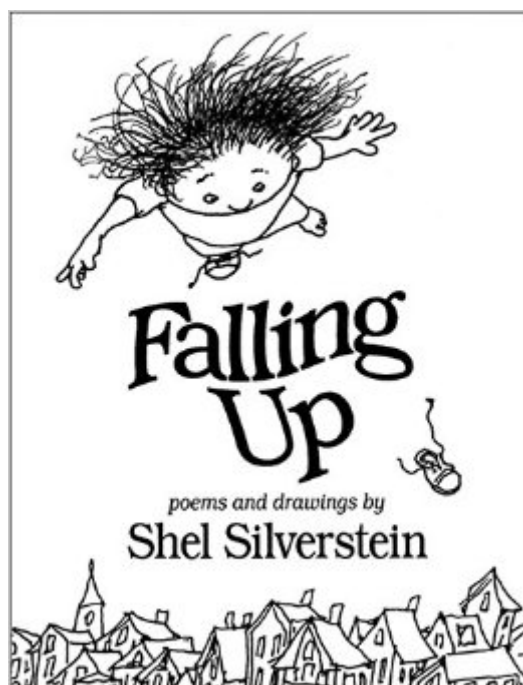


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# Falling Up



## Synopsis

Millie McDeevit screamed a scream So loud it made her eyebrows steam. She screamed so loud Her jawbone broke, Her tongue caught fire, Her nostrils smoked... Poor Screamin' Millie is just one of the unforgettable characters in this wondrous new book of poems and drawings by the creator of *Where the Sidewalk Ends* and *A Light in the Attic*. Here you will also meet Allison Beals and her twenty-five eels; Danny O'Dare, the dancin' bear; the Human Balloon; and Headphone Harold. So come, wander through the Nose Garden, ride the Little Hoarse, eat in the Strange Restaurant, and let the magic of Shel Silverstein open your eyes and tickle your mind. Supports the Common Core State Standards

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## Customer Reviews

What can I say, except my 10 year old fifth-grader who does not like to read much at all, enjoys reading this book of poems before going to bed each night. I am so grateful he enjoys reading them. I have read some of them outloud to him and they are funny, they rhyme and they have great imagination. If you have a child of any age, I recommend this book to expose him/her to the creative art of poetry and just because they're fun!

I have read this book so many times I can't even count, and it never seems to get old. This book is

full of great poems written by a great poet. I have read every one of his books and they all are wonderful. I recommend this book to anyone at any age who enjoys a poetry.

I purchased *Falling Up* on a whim, not sure if my 4 year old daughter would like it since much of the humor is derived from plays on words or double meanings. However, she absolutely loved it. *Falling Up* is a regular request at bedtime - one that I actually don't dread reading for the 100th time. She's even memorized a couple of the shorter poems on her own. I can't say enough about this book. The first time I read it, I had hysterical fits - some of the poems/drawings are just so cleverly ridiculous! The "Horn Book" review above is way off base. I found Silverstein's previous collections less clever, less consistent in meter, and actually more bizarre. After going back and reading his earlier works, I assumed he'd settled down a bit in his old age. I think the reviewer (if they even read the whole book) was comparing their experience with their memory of encountering his earlier works for the first time. I think Silverstein's poems are so unexpected that the first book you read becomes your favorite, and all others fail to measure up. A family friend swore we would like "Where the Sidewalk Ends" better, and my mother felt the same about "A Light in the Attic". WRONG - after a week or so of each, we were ready to trade back and read some more "Falling Up". "Falling Up" is definitely our family's favorite, so if you get only one of the three collections, I recommend you make it this one.

"Falling Up" by Shel Silverstein, Is full of witty and whimsical rhymes, Page after page, line after line, From rainbow beauty to slippery slime, Shel's poetry settles into your mind, Making you laugh, time after time, No matter your age, they read fine, A book so great I plan to share mine. Beverly J Scott author of *Jena's Choice*

*Falling Up* is the third collection of poems and drawings offered to us by the multi-talented Silverstein. This book will appeal to the child and inner-child alike. Regarding age, this book like: "Where the Sidewalk Ends" and "A Light in the Attic", knows no boundaries. In addition to being a poet, Shel Silverstein is an accomplished cartoonist, playwright and lyricist. Mr. Silverstein played a big part in the early career of Dr. Hook, writing such hits as "The Freaker's Ball", "Cover of the Rolling Stone" and many others. The popular country classic "One's on the Way" by Loretta Lynn was penned by Shel Silverstein. The Irish Rover's signature song "The Unicorn" was also written by Silverstein and can be found in "Where the Sidewalk Ends". If the author is Shel Silverstein, you can't miss, as the copy within is sure to be a hit!

This is the third hardcover book I have read (Falling Up: Poems and Drawings by Shel Silverstein) by this author. As I have mentioned previously, this author has an original and unique talent to create unusual poems spiced with his drawings making his books interesting reads. I enjoyed this volume the most out of the three books I have read by Silverstein. Each of the wonderful poems also includes the author's own original and unique drawings. The combination makes for a fun to read book for both adults and younger readers. Like a lot of Silverstein's books, there are messages and lessons of life we can all relate to reading his poetic words. I really liked most of the poems in this volume, but some of my favorites in this book include the following: Sun hat, snow ball, unfair, crystal ball, no thank you, safe, my robot, sidwaling, Pinocchio, big eating contest, bad cold, people zoo, hypnotized, mirror, mirror, haunted, a battle in the sky, the mummy, a cat, a kid, and a mom, Lyin Larry, no, the smile makers and when I was your age. If you are a Shel Silverstein fan you will love this book. I found it to be refreshing, amusing and entertaining. Rating: 5 Stars.

Joseph J. Truncale (Never trust a politician: A critical review of politics and politicians.

Falling up by Shel Sylverstien is one of the all time greatest poem books. This is a great book for someone who just wants to relax and enjoy reading something silly not serious. It is good to laugh and even better to laugh at what you are reading because at the same time you are working your brain as well as exercising your sense of humor. Mr. Sylverstien uses the most interesting words to express himself in his poems. It amazes me at how he can pull all of these funny things out of his head. There are so many great poems in this one book so that I could not possibly tell you about just one. Some of the poems are so outrageously funny and the few serious ones are still a little humorous which is what makes the poems so good. Shel wrights many poems and has published many books. It surprises me that all of these different ideas and feelings can come from one man. From a tattooed suit to a pet snowball, from a pencil made wrong to a world where things are completely opposite, even the stories that are about life lessons are still really good. Some books by Shel Sylverstien are Where The Sidewalk Ends, A Light In The Attic, and The Giving Tree. Those stories are just as good as Falling Up. The author Shel Sylverstien, the book, Falling up. It is an enjoyable read that can be found at most bookstores, libraries, and online.

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