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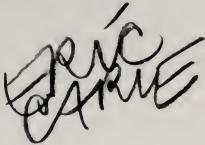


Dear Friends,

When I learned that Kohl's wanted to include my books *Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother, Too?*, *The Lamb and the Butterfly*, *From Head to Toe* and *The Secret Birthday Message* in the "Kohl's Cares for Kids Children's Program" I was thrilled. I am happy to participate in this program that opens doors for so many children across the country for health and educational opportunities.

By purchasing these books you become an important participant in this far-reaching program. Thank you for taking the time to care. I hope you will enjoy reading these books to the special children in your life.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Carle". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

July 23, 2006

Happy Third Birthday Lily!

We love you lots —

Grammy & Grandad



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For Bill Martin



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On the night before Tim's birthday he found a strange envelope under his pillow. He sat up straight in his bed and opened the letter. Inside was a Secret Message!

And this is what it said:



WHEN THE  COMES UP

LOOK FOR THE BIGGEST .

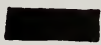
BELOW IT YOU'LL SEE A .

BEHIND THAT IS THE . GO IN.

LOOK UP TO FIND A . CRAWL THROUGH.

GO DOWN 

WALK STRAIGHT AHEAD TO A . OPEN IT.

YOU WILL SEE A  CLIMB UP AND THROUGH.

THAT'S WHERE YOU'LL FIND YOUR BIRTHDAY GIFT!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



When the moon comes up





Look for the biggest star.





Below it you'll see a rock.





Behind that is the entrance to a cave.

Go in.





Look up to find a round opening. Crawl through.

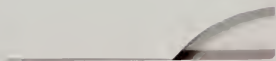






Go down the stairs.





Walk straight ahead to a door. Open it.





You will see an opening. Climb up and through.

That's where you'll find your birthday gift!





(Can you find your way back? See the next page!)



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY





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Born in the United States, Mr. Carle spent his early years in Germany, and studied at the Akademie der bildenden Künste in Stuttgart. His books have been published in Japan, England, and many countries in Europe, as well as in the United States, and one of them was chosen the best picture book at the International Children's Book Fair in 1970. *Do You Want to Be My Friend?*, published in 1971, was an Honor Book in *Book World's* Children's Spring Festival.







Also by Eric Carle

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