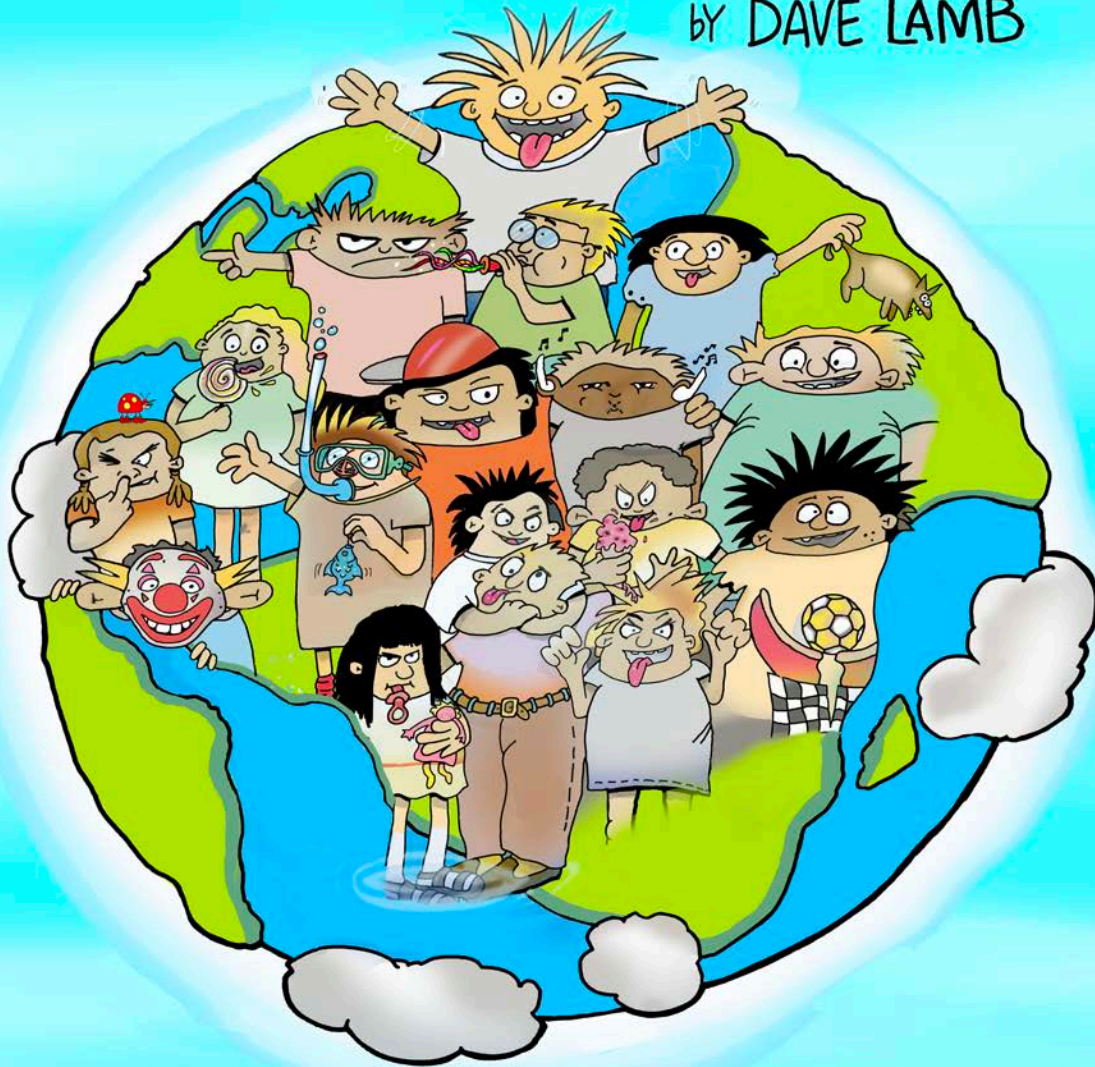


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Varmit House



Dedicated to my brother Dave, who made the world  
a better place through his humor and creativity.

To my grandson Elvis, whose love for The Varmits helped  
me see it was time to give Dave's story a new life.

Special Thanks to:

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Garrett, Katheryne, Austin, Mary, Gabby, and of course Elvis, I love you.



Varmits...



Varmits  
live in every town.



Every now and then,  
one comes around.



Everybody hides if  
there's one in sight,



GET OUT OF MY WAY CLOWN!

UMPH

because varmits are children  
who are not polite.





They can be short, tall,  
big or skinny.



When it comes to manners,  
they don't have any.





DUH

HI NEIGHBOR!

Ribbit

If you see a varmit  
he won't say "Hi,"

GOODBYE NEIGHBOR!

DUH

and when you walk away  
he won't say "Goodbye."

# GRAB

I WANT A BITE!

MY ICE CREAM!  
CAN'T YOU SAY  
PLEASE?

She won't say "Thank You"  
and hates to say "Please".



She won't cover her mouth  
when she starts to sneeze.



He slams the door so hard  
it could fall off the wall,



and sometimes he won't  
even close it at all.



Dinner time finds her very rude.  
Her arms are on the table

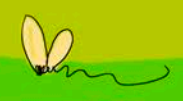


or her hands are in her food.





He cheats at games  
he likes to play.





Though he knows the rules,  
he will cheat anyway.



She will always try to  
take cuts in line,

HEY!  
LET ME IN THERE, SPORT!





**PLEASE**  
NO  
SKATEBOARDING

and you will never see  
her obeying a sign.



MAY I PLEASE PLAY  
WITH ONE OF YOUR  
SWELL TOYS?

NO WAY JACK!  
GO BUY YOUR  
OWN!

You can't play with his toys  
because he hates to share.



THEN I WON'T LET YOU PLAY  
WITH MY NEW WALKING DUCKIES.

HEY! THAT'S  
NOT FAIR!

But if he can't play with yours,  
he thinks it's not fair.

Rabbit  
Rabbit





By reading this story it's not hard to tell,  
that varmits do not get along very well.



I WONDER WHY  
I DON'T HAVE  
ANY FRIENDS!?

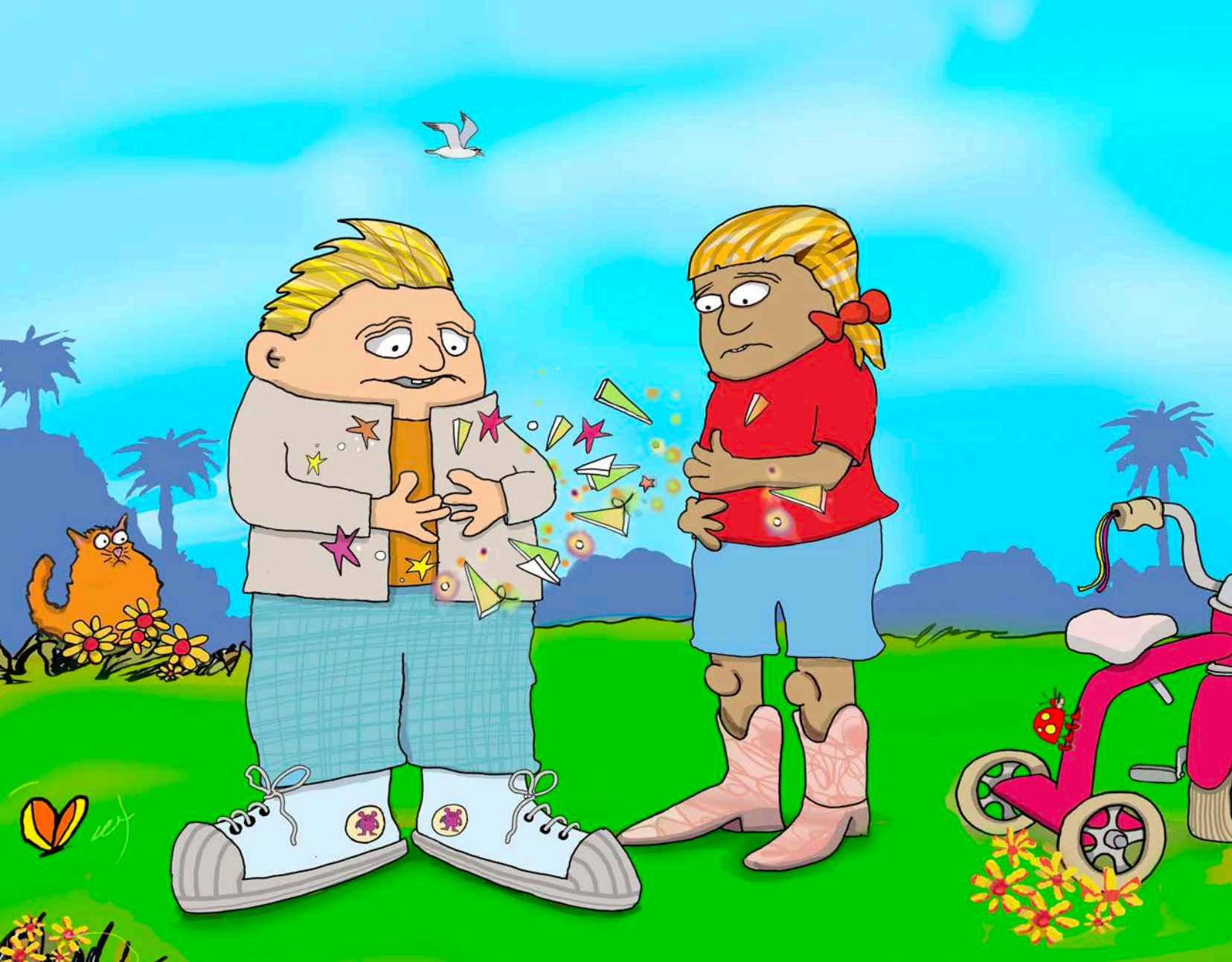
GEE,  
NOBODY LIKES ME,  
NOT EVEN MY  
DOLLY -



It is also very easy to see, that a Varmit  
is someone you would not want to be.



If people don't like you,  
they may run and hide.



then you really won't feel  
very happy inside.



WELL HI THERE  
YOU POLITE  
YOUNG MAN!

WAVE  
WAVE

HELLO  
NEIGHBOR!

MINDING MY MANNERS  
MAKES ME FEEL GOOD!

PLEASE  
NO  
SKATEBOARDING

If you watch your manners  
in everything you do,



I FEEL SO  
HAPPY!

I FEEL  
AWESOME!

ME TOO!

you will like yourself better  
when the day is through.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY WITH ONE OF MY SWELL TOYS?

COOL! YOU CAN PLAY WITH MY NEW WALKING DUCKIES!



If you are kind and treat others like a friend



LOOK AT THOSE DUCKIES GO!

WOW! WHAT A COOL TOY!

there's a good chance they  
will want to play again.





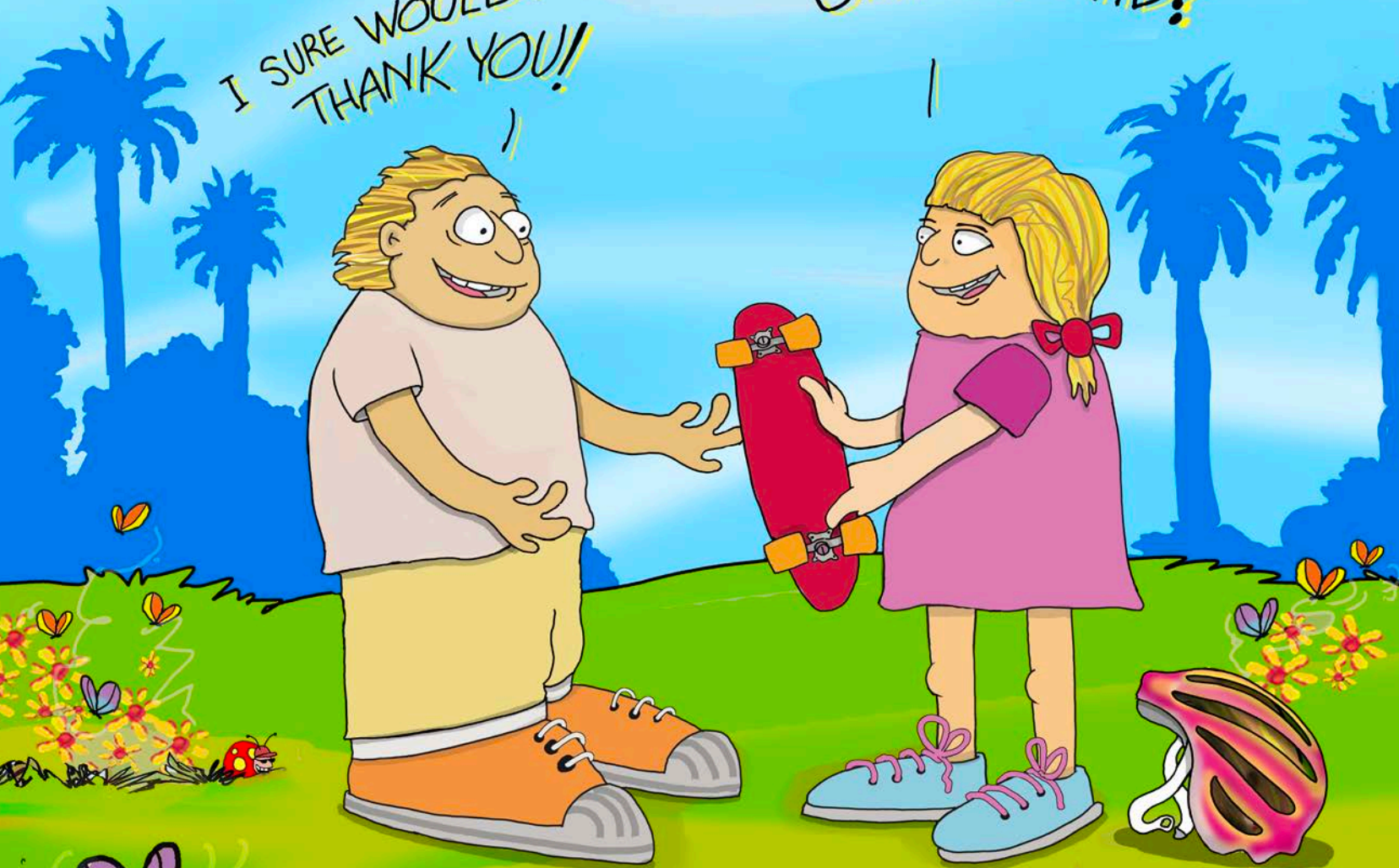
WOULD YOU LIKE A YUMMY BEAR?

YES I WOULD, THANK YOU!

When you ask with a please  
and offer to share,

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RIDE MY  
SKATE BOARD?

I SURE WOULD.  
THANK YOU!!



you will make pals  
almost anywhere!



YOU'RE MY BEST PAL!

YOU'RE MY BEST PAL TOO!

When you are polite,  
it's a very sure Sign

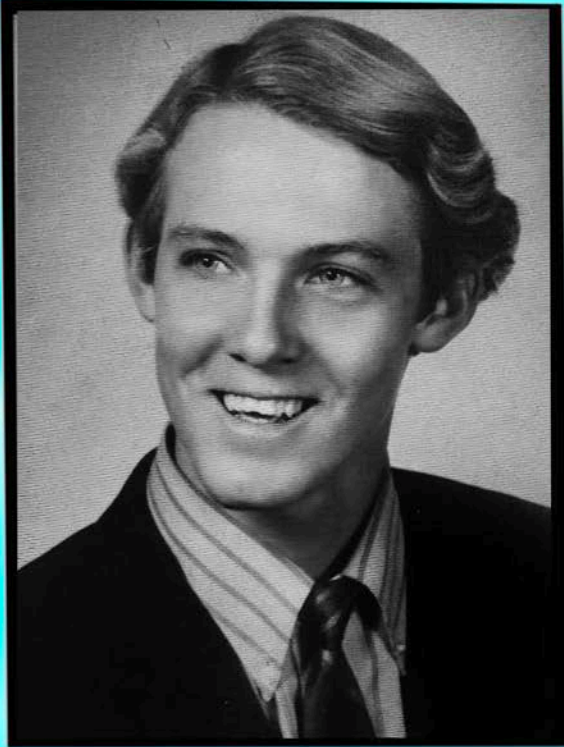


I SURE LIKE HAVING A FRIEND  
LIKE YOU TO PLAY WITH!  
ME TOO!

that people will be proud to say  
"You're a friend of mine!"



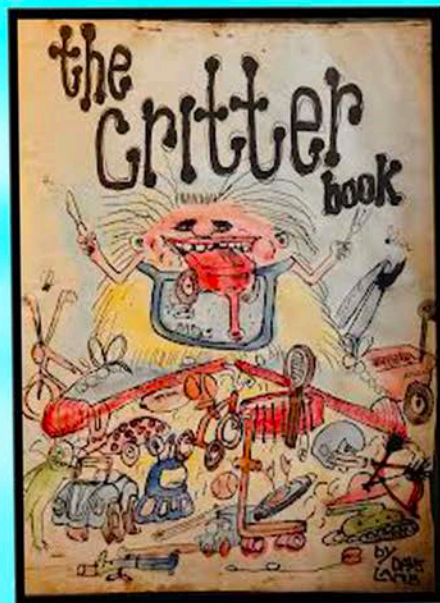
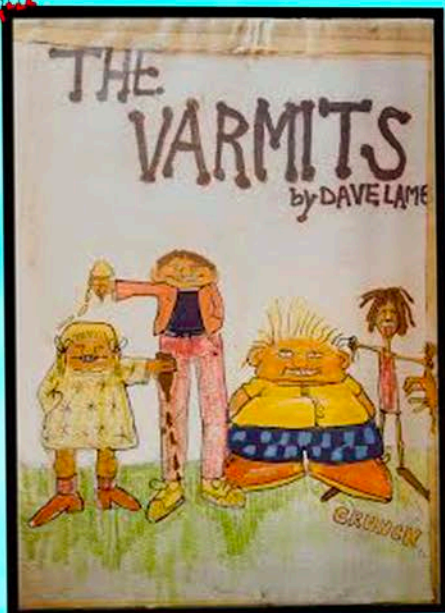
## About the Author & Illustrator



Dave Lamb was born in 1952. At an early age, showed a talent for drawing, painting, and all things related to the creative arts.

In his teens, he wrote and illustrated three children's books. The Varmits was his last. Sadly, Dave passed away at age 18 before illustrations for The Varmits were complete.

Dave's identical twin, John, has now completed The Varmits in the unique style that Dave and John created together.



## About the Co-Illustrator



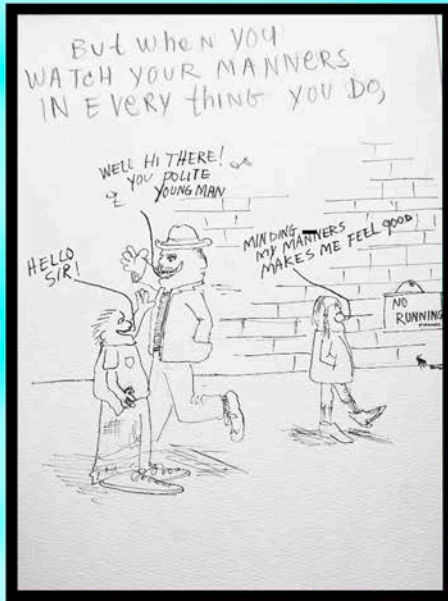
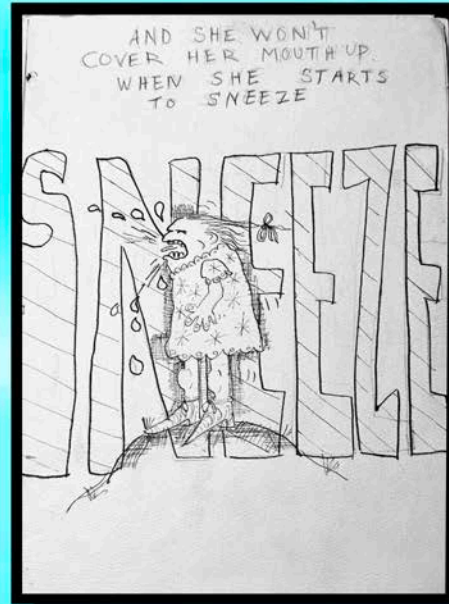
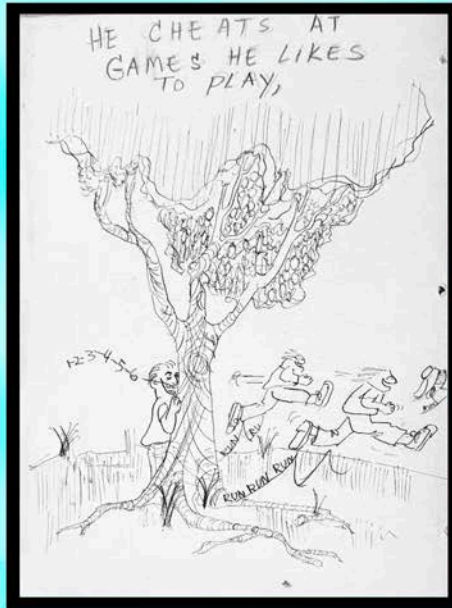
Among his many roles in life, father, artist, author and animator, John Lamb is now a grandfather and remains a working artist.

As identical twins, John and Dave collaborated on all their projects. Raised in a family of scrapbookers, John carefully kept all of Dave's work. Recently, John shared the original black and white copy of *The Varmits* with his grandson, Elvis.

Seeing Elvis' love for *The Varmits*, John realized it was time to finish Dave's work. This full color book is for Elvis, and you.

John won an Academy Award® in 1979 and an Emmy® in 2024 for achievements in Technology and Engineering.

## Original Illustrations by Dave Lamb



## The Varmits' Secret Search

- There is a lady bug on every page. Can you find it?
- Who do you think is the lady bug's best friend?
- How do the animals and insects respond when the children act like varmits?
- Do the animals and insects look happy when the children are happy?
- Who is your favorite character in the story?
- What is the frog trying to catch?
- Does the frog ever catch the fly?
- If you had a friend who acted like a varmit, what would you do?
- Who do you think has more fun? Varmits? Or children who are kind, share and have manners?



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