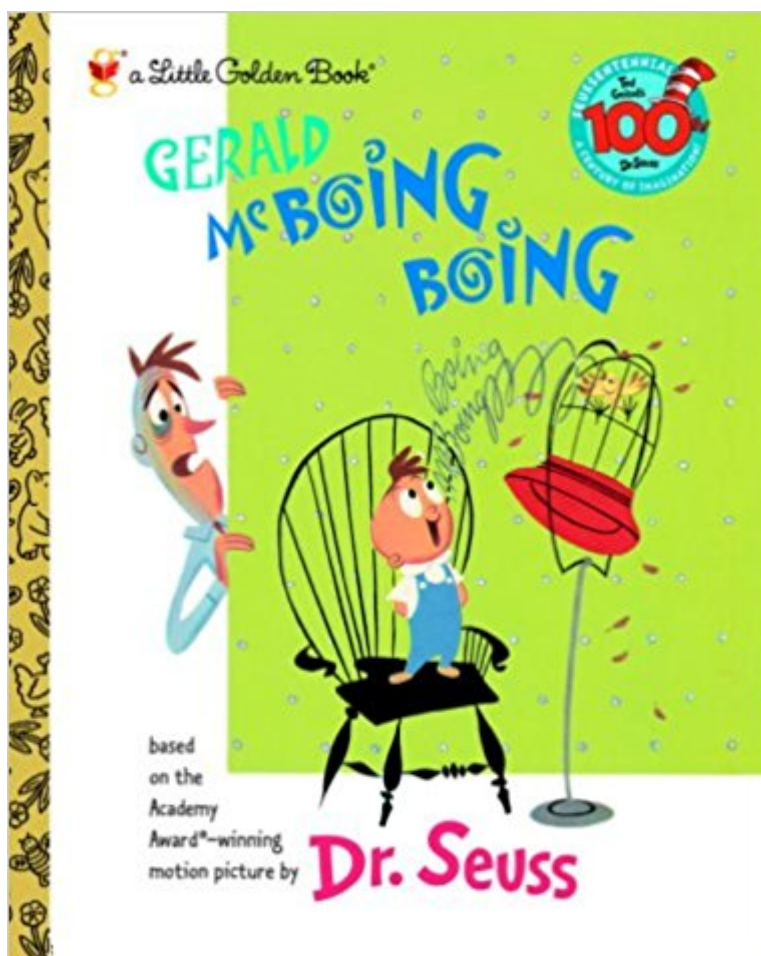


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# Gerald McBoing Boing (Little Golden Book)



## Synopsis

They say it all started when Gerald was two. That's the age kids start talking--at least, most of them do. Well, when he started talking, you know what he said? He didn't talk words--he went boing boing instead! So goes the hilarious tale of a boy who was a little bit different--a tale that only Dr. Seuss could create. Based on the Academy Award-winning motion picture!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"Just suppose," said Ted "Dr. Seuss" Geisel, "there was a little kid who didn't speak words but only weird sounds?" Thus Gerald McBoing Boing was born, brought to life by a studio called United Productions of America as an animated cartoon. This delightful, rhyming story went on to win an Academy Award in 1951, and was briefly made available as a book at the time of the movie's release. And now it's back! When Gerald McCloy turns two, he doesn't start talking like most children--he says "Boing boing!" instead. His George Jetson-style father, turning gray, rushes to call Doctor Malone, who decrees there is no cure. In time, Gerald only increases in volume, shouting "Boom!" like a big keg of exploding powder. School is no help, either. He cuckoos and honks in the classroom, "And as little Gerald/ grew older, he found/ When a fellow goes BAM!/ no one wants him

around." Outcast, forlorn, he runs away from home. But just as he is about to board a slow-moving freight, the owner of the BONG-BONG-BONG radio station accosts him by the tracks. "I need a smart fellow/ to make all the sounds,/ Who can bark like a dog/ and bay like the hounds!/ You're GONG is terrific,/ your toot is inspired!/ Quick come to BONG-BONG-BONG,/ McBoing Boing--you're hired!" This fun and funny picture book--soaked in muted Fiestaware colors--lilts and bounces and boings like a good read-aloud should. Children will discover that sometimes it's our quirks that end up making us special. (Ages 3 and older) --Karin Snelson --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

This nostalgic adaptation of a 1950 Academy Award-winning animated cartoon features Dr. Seuss's inimitable rhymes, plus images from Crawford's original animation stills, which he based on Seuss's drawings. Gerald McCloy, a saucer-eyed boy with a rooster's comb of hair, doesn't talk like a normal kid. Instead, he makes noises, "louder and louder/ Till one day he went BOOM!/ like a big keg of powder!" Gerald's onomatopoeic talents shock his parents (shown as a classic '50s shirt-and-tie father and bouffant-haired mother in an apron and heels); further, he earns the unkind playground nickname "Gerald McBoing Boing." Dr. Seuss states the issue succinctly: "When a fellow goes SKREEK!/ he won't have any friends./ For once he says, 'Clang clang clang!'/ all the fun ends." Gerald prepares to hop a train out of town, but he's stopped by a radio mogul in search of a sound-effects specialist. As in *The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins*, eccentricity pays off, big time: "Now Gerald is rich,/ he has friends, he's well fed,/ 'Cause he doesn't speak words,/ he goes boing boing instead!" If the conclusion is a tad materialistic, Gerald does appear happy on the soundstage, dressed as a cowboy for a radio serial. Fans of retro graphics will thrill to the vintage illustrations, in shades of olive green, mustardy ochre and spicy red; the snazzy contrasting typefaces used for the sound effects make it easy for Gerald's admirers to honk and clang energetically along. Ages 5-8. (Feb.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

Very cute book, love Dr. Seuss!

Great book!

Parents do not understand this child with exceptional talents, but he triumphs at the end in this classic from Dr. Seuss. For brave parents to read to very smart kids.

Bought this for my grandson and he loves it!

Bought it for my nephew who loved it!

The book "Gerald McBoing Boing" is a super book I remember from my childhood. I love the story of the little boy who couldn't talk but made noises instead. He is an endearing child who, with his differences, still contributes to the world around him and is loved by others because of those differences. I bought the book to read to my grandson who is still an infant and makes lots of "noise" as he learns to use his voice.

I read this story during the week of Dr. Seuss's birthday. Then I found out he had written this story for a movie. I bought the DVD too. Cute.

I knew this book first as the UPA cartoon. It's a great book, and .com also sells the cartoon, which is wonderful. (The video includes 3 additional Gerald McB-B cartoons that are by "T. Hee" rather than Dr. Seuss and are not so good. But the original cartoon is worth the price.)

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