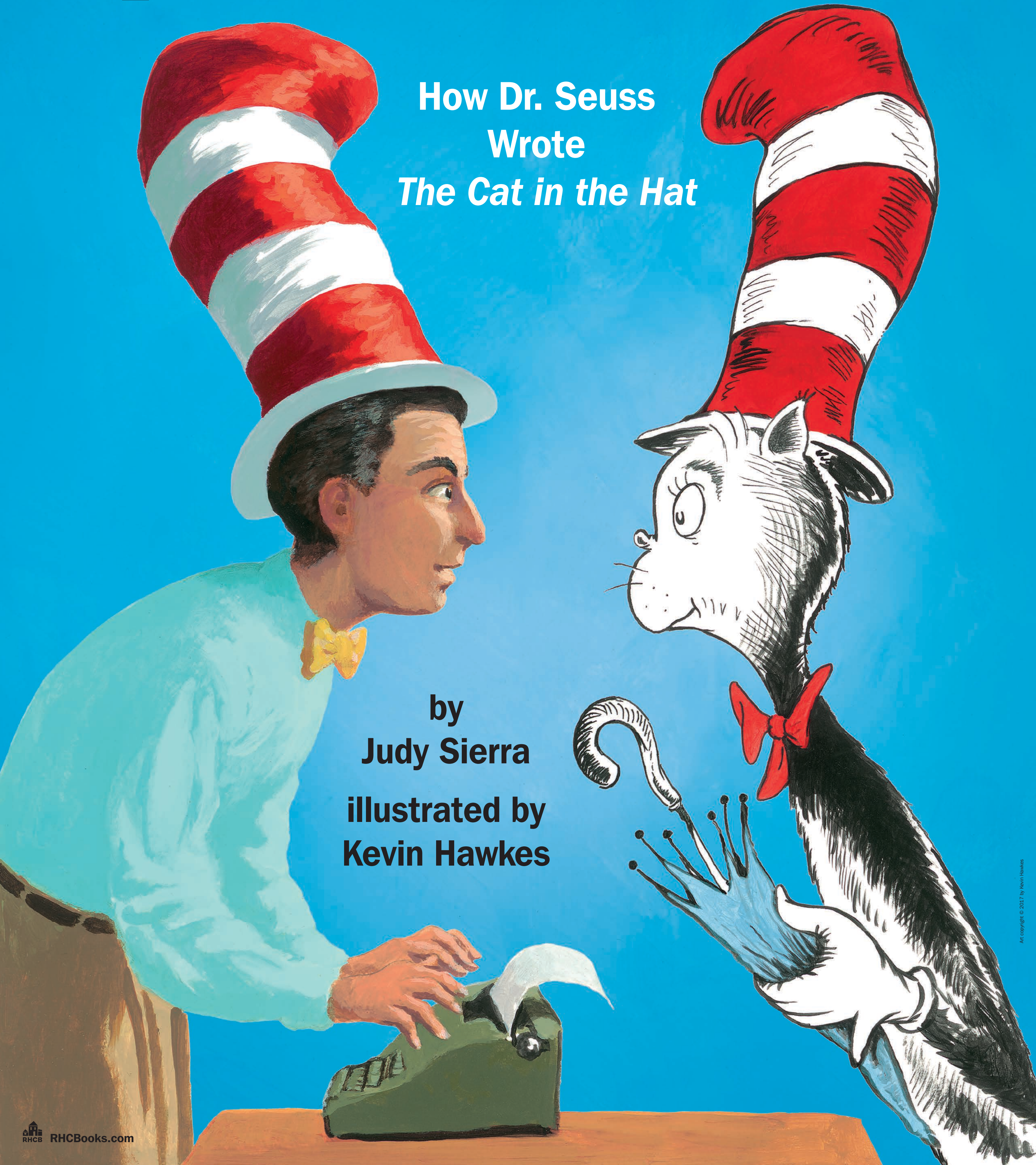


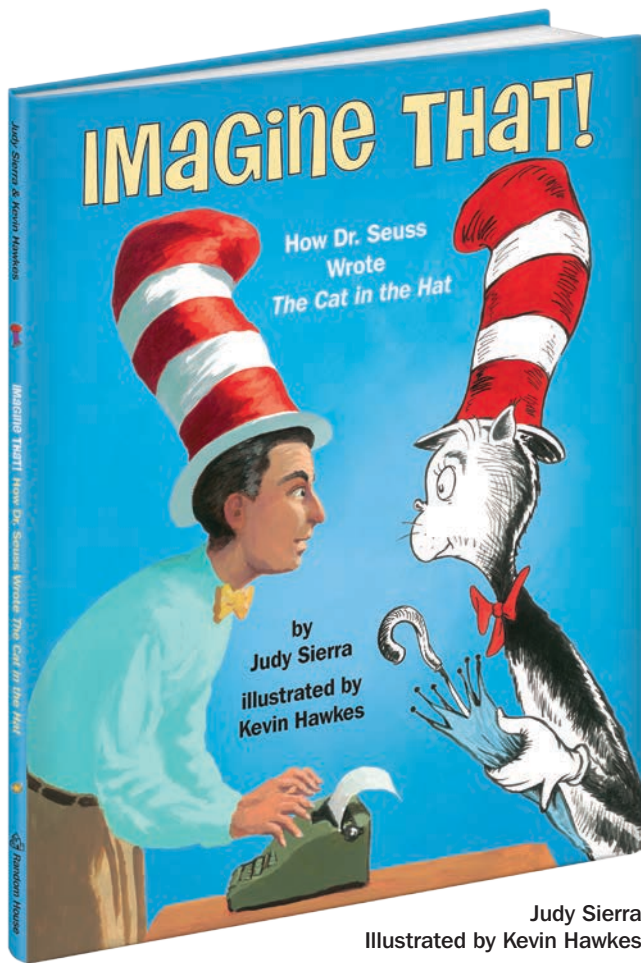
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How Dr. Seuss
Wrote
The Cat in the Hat

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About the Book

Have you ever wondered how the great Dr. Seuss wrote his most famous book? Did you know that he wasn't allowed to make up the fun words he was known for, like Oobleck and It-Kutch and Hippo-no-Hungus? He was only allowed to use words from a very strict list!

This true-to-life account of Ted Geisel's early career offers a peek into his creative process. Kid-friendly prose (with Seussian rhyme for Ted's dialogue) and stunning illustrations from award winner Kevin Hawkes elevate this biography.



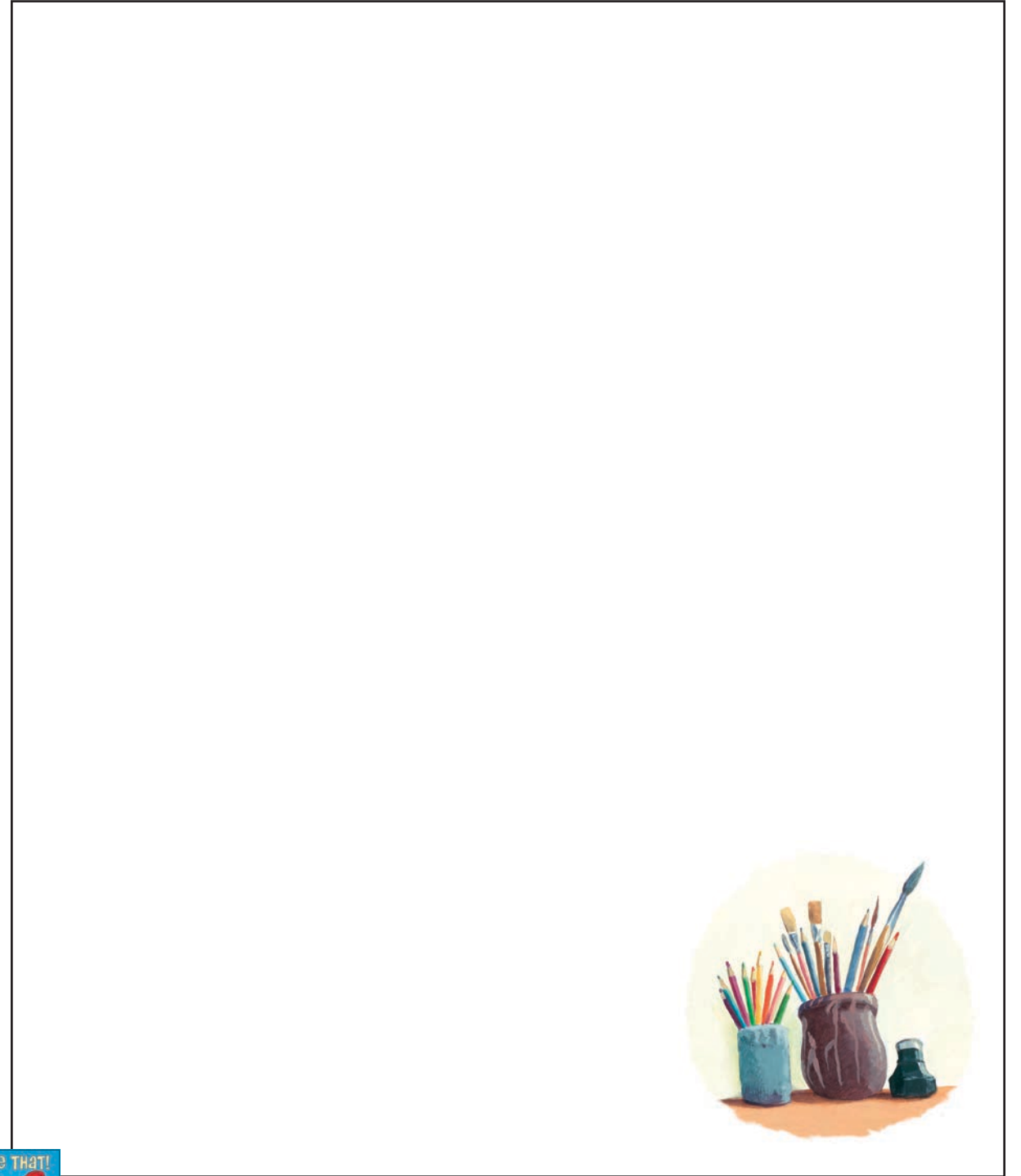
About the Author & Illustrator

JUDY SIERRA has written over thirty-five books for children, many of which have won awards, received glowing reviews, and made bestseller lists. Before she became a full-time writer, Judy worked as a children's librarian, a puppeteer, and a college professor. She grew up in Falls Church, Virginia, and now lives in Portland, Oregon, with her husband, Bob Kaminski, and their dog, Keiko. Visit her on the Web at judysierra.net.

KEVIN HAWKES is the illustrator of over forty acclaimed picture books and chapter books, including *Chicken Cheeks*, *Library Lion*, *The Librarian Who Measured the Earth*, *Weslandia*, and *Sidewalk Circus*. Vibrant colors, unusual perspectives, and a dry sense of humor are hallmarks of his work. He lives with his charming wife and children in southern Maine, where he can often be found wandering aimlessly in his garden. When forced indoors, he works quite happily painting cobalt-blue skies, imaginary landscapes, and flying pianos. Visit him on the Web at kevinhawkes.com.

Doodle Time!

Dr. Seuss's ideas often began with a doodle. Use the space below to doodle, and see what story your creation might inspire.



Ready, Set, Rhyme!

You can rhyme just like Dr. Seuss! See how many words you can think of that rhyme with "cat" and with "ball."

Words that rhyme with CAT:

Words that rhyme with BALL:

Pick a word of your own, and then come up with words that rhyme with it.

Write your word here.



Pair Up!

Dr. Seuss chose "cat" and "hat" for this book because they rhymed. Think of pairs of rhyming words and write them down. Then use your word pairs to write your own rhyming story!

Use this space to write your pairs of rhyming words:

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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Use this space to work on your story:



Copy your story
onto a new
sheet of paper
and illustrate it!

