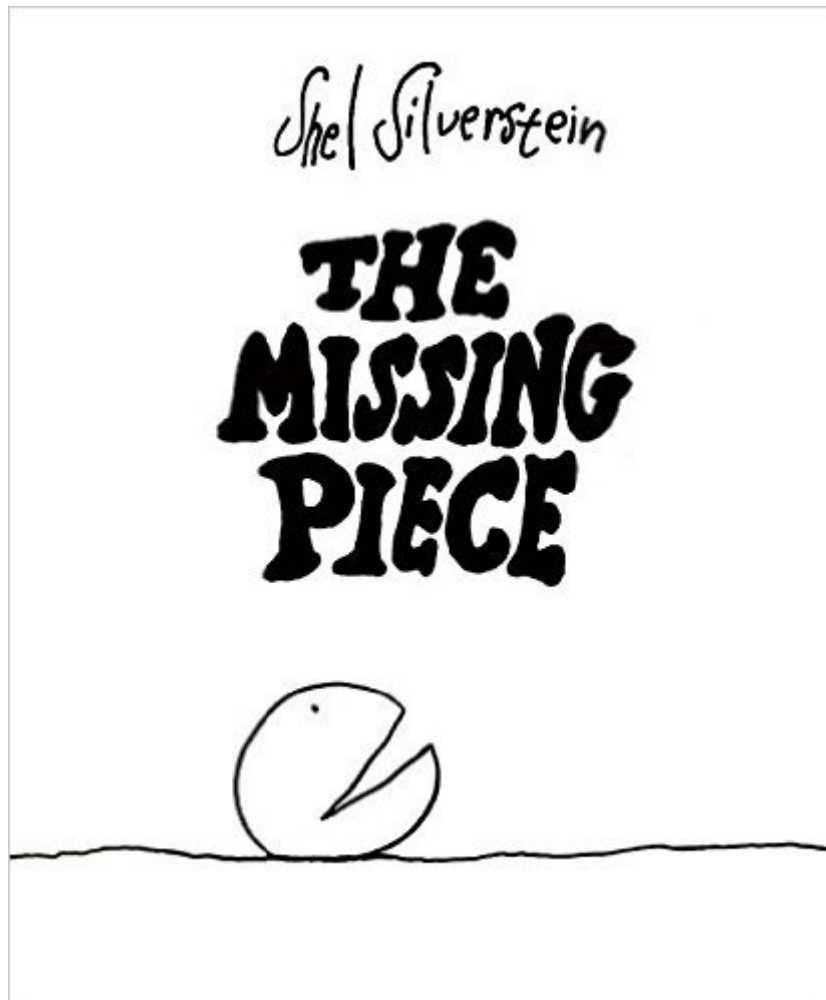


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# The Missing Piece



## Synopsis

It was missing a piece. And it was not happy. So it set off in search of its missing piece. And as it rolled it sang this song - Oh I'm lookin' for my missin' piece I'm lookin' for my missin' piece Hi-dee-ho, here I go, Lookin' for my missin' piece. What it finds on its search for the missing piece is simply and touchingly told in this fable that gently probes the nature of quest and fulfillment. Supports the Common Core State Standards

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Age Range: 1 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

Shel Silverstein's "The Missing Piece" is truly entertaining, capturing the essence of the human spirit in the simplicity of a circle. Like a person searching for his 'soul mate', the Circle is happy in life, but feels incomplete, and longs for the day when it will finally find what it has been missing. We see the Circle finding many pieces, all perfectly fine alone, but just not the right fit with our Circle. Some are too large, or too small, or too pointy. Still, the Circle doesn't give up. It just merrily rolls along, talking to a worm, or smelling a flower, and singing its song. Human beings, like the circle, find that they have many relationships with other people who just aren't right for them, the 'halves' don't fit together right, shall we say. Silverstein has created a remarkably versatile story that when read to children, is a lovely tale they will request to hear nightly, (much like Shel's other fantabulous works) yet when read by adults, carries a hidden meaning, another story tucked away between the lines

that so carefully reflect our own souls in their tightly connected thoughts. I always enjoy the simplicity Shel Silverstein creates, and would highly recommend this story to all those who have ever longed for the perfect relationship, been in it, lost it or have it. As well, anyone wishing to fulfill both her and her child's reading desires with a wholesome, entertaining tale. It is definitely a wonderful piece of work!

Yes, the artwork is simple, but that's missing the point. The Missing Piece means even more to me as a college student than it did as a child. EVERYONE should read this book (along with its sequel The Missing Piece Meets the Big O) every 5 years. Together they are a testament to individualism, and the idea that life is in the journey, not the destination.

One of the best books I've found to remind people, young and old, that they have to be their own piece long before they can be anyone else's! Happiness comes from the inside, and Mr. Silverstein demonstrates that elegantly and precisely in this beautiful life lesson, disguised as a children's book. A must-have for readers of all ages!

I was given this book as a child and it continues to delight me every time I read it. I have never found another book that sums up how to look at life in such a simple and creative way. I live my life a certain way because of this lovely story.

Once, when I was a very young boy, I had the privilege of experiencing Shel Silverstein reading this guidebook to personhood at the Chicago Public Library. At the time, I appreciated it as a story about a Pac-Man figure, (Which was my primary focus at the time), who couldn't find "a missing piece." As I have grown now, in age, intellect, character, loss, and all other forms of life experience, I understand so much more what he was really trying to say to us. He was speaking, in very clear terms about all that is good and beautiful about realizing the worth of one's self, in a simple manner that we will understand well into senescence as well as we understood it in our youth. In summation...purchase this book, share it with those that you love, and most importantly, understand it for yourself. Peace be with you.

Shel Silverstein has done it again! Every book I have read of his has intrigued me. This is a great story about a lonely circle that is missing a piece. He is sad because of this and searches for his piece. He searches high and low. He does not realize that he is happy without his piece....You

should find out why by reading *The Missing Piece*. It demonstrates well that u can be happy without having everything you want. You just need to find it in yourself.

Shel Silverstein can say more with a few words and a few lines than someone with all of the vocabulary and artistic mediums of the universe. This simple book carries a beautiful message about the search for fulfillment. Don't let the label of "children's book" turn you away... *The Missing Piece* and it's sequel *The Missing Piece Meets The Big O* are brilliant books dealing with this journey we call life. Enchanting and moving.

Searching, looking, seeking, just can't find the missing piece. This is one of those books where you have buckets of fun and is easy to understand. I think this book is for all readers young to old or beginner to experienced. They will all have fun reading this book. This book is about a part of a circle who can't find his missing piece. He looks all over and can't find his missing piece, or does he. Get this amazing book and read it for you self.

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