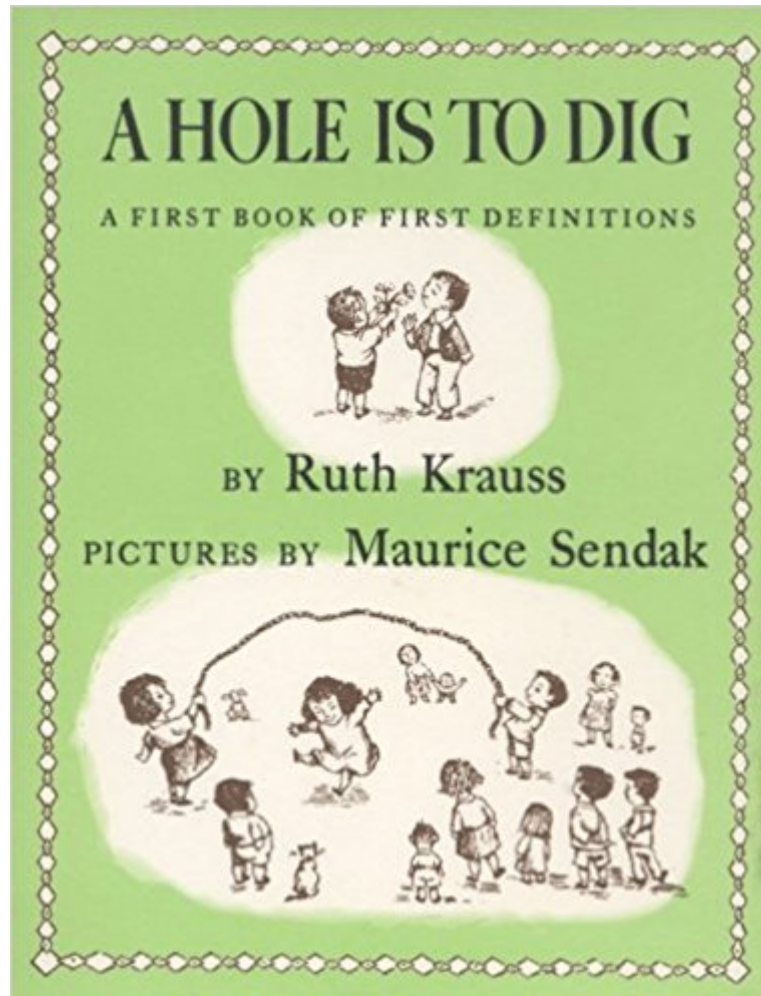




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# A Hole Is To Dig



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## Synopsis

What would you say about eye-brows? Miss Krauss and the many children who made suggestions, re-visions, additions (and subtractions) to this book say, "Eyebrows are to go over eyes." A face? "A face is something to have on the front of your head." Also, "a face is so you can make faces." Hands? Well, hands are to hold. And also "a hand is to hold up when you want your turn." "A party is to say how-do-you-do and shake hands" and also "a party is to make little children happy." Of course, a brother is to help you, a package is to look inside, arms are to hug with, and a book is to look at. And children will take this book of words and pictures to their hearts.

## Book Information

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First published in 1952, this hilarious classic is now available in paperback to a new generation. Krauss's definitions--from "toes are to wiggle" to "a hat is to wear on a train"--tell what's what--and Sendak's inimitable early illustrations show how. All ages. Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

"A unique book . . . with drawings bouncing with action and good humor." --NYT

"A Hole Is to Dig" is a humorous dictionary for very young children. Text by Ruth Krauss and artwork by Maurice Sendak tip top.

I loved it so much I had to order two!

A publisher should re-issue this wonderfully zennish book that every kid I know loves.

I bought this book after a glowing recommendation in Honey For a Child's Heart. To say it did not disappoint is the understatement of the century. This book is so cute, as soon as I got it, I checked to see if there were any more used copies available for the price I got mine. Alas, none were available, so now I have to just be thankful for the one that I got at an awesome price rather than buying one for every child I know. Buy it. Buy it. Buy it.

I have had a copy of this book since I was a very little girl, and just purchased it for my little granddaughter. The definitions are quirky and clever (I believe that Ms Krauss got the definitions from children, so it's not a grownup making them up). The pictures are by Maurice Sendak, and this was his first published book. Sweet, silly, and sure to delight a small child (and their grown-ups). Probably best for 3- or 4-year-olds and up.

If I could I'd give this little book 10 stars! It was first introduced into our family nearly 62 years ago when bought for a family member back then. It was recently purchased for a great-grandchild and I still love reading it.

One of my favorites from childhood, even before I knew who Maurice Sendak was! Gave this as a baby shower gift....

I spent HOURS with this book as a child -- the hands down favorite in our family then and now with another generation -- I have bought oodles of copies for kids I know. Great illustrations, hilarious "definitions"... and always, always, in the world of Krauss and Sendak, safety, love, compassion, respect, and hilarity. Absolutely captures the world(s) of children. Ruth Kraus spoke with preschoolers to get their sideways views of the world. The tiny illustrations and compendium-like organization really do capture the "tiny"-yet-expansive world of kids. This is joy between two covers!

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