

# Nursery Wall Seek & Find!



Charles Schulz painted this nursery wall mural in his Colorado Springs home in 1951 for his oldest daughter, Meredith. Subsequent owners of the home had painted over the characters at least four times when owner Polly Travnicek learned that Schulz had created a mural underneath. Using sanding liquid and cotton balls, she set to work on the 96-square-foot wall one inch at a time! Now on view at the Schulz Museum, it is a wonderful example of Schulz's early art. It shows some original *Peanuts* characters plus several characters inspired by the Little Golden Books series.



Look at the nursery wall above and find the characters described below!

1. This *Peanuts* character is usually pictured wearing a yellow shirt.
2. In the Little Golden Book *Tootle*, this character goes to train school.
3. This jungle animal spends his time trying to figure out what kind of animal he is with saggy, rough skin, floppy ears, and a very long nose.
4. In a book about a hungry lion, this animal convinces the lion to hop home to his burrow for a delicious meal of carrot soup.
5. This jungle animal from a 1949 children's book gets tricked out of eating a child and eventually turns itself into butter that gets used to make pancakes.
6. This character appears in the very first *Peanuts* strip on October 2, 1950, but by 1966 fades from the 50-year run of the comic.
7. Inspired by Charles Schulz's real-life dog, this *Peanuts* character is famous all around the world.
8. This cuddly creature stars in a 1949 children's book by Margaret Wise Brown, *The Color Kittens*.

See the answers on the next page...

## Did you find...



1. Charlie Brown appeared in the very first *Peanuts* strip in October 1950, but his famous zigzag shirt didn't appear until December 21, 1950.
2. Tootle is a train in the 1945 Little Golden Book bearing his name.
3. Sooki the elephant appears in the book *The Saggy Baggy Elephant* by Kathryn and Byron Jackson.
4. The rabbit resembles the one featured in Kathryn Jackson's 1952 book, *The Tawny Scrawny Lion*, in which he turns a hungry lion into a healthy and happy vegetarian.
5. This looks like one of the four tigers in *Little Black Sambo*, by Helen Bannerman. The title, text, and illustrations have undergone considerable revisions since first published due to concerns they were racist.
6. Patty was the first and only female character in *Peanuts* until she was joined by Violet in 1951. Patty was named after Charles Schulz's cousin, Patricia Swanson.
7. Snoopy was inspired by Schulz's real-life dog, Spike, and first appears in *Peanuts* on October 4, 1950.
8. Less recognizable as a Little Golden Books kitten than the other characters on this wall, a former editor of the Little Golden Books series helped identify the character for the Schulz Museum.

The Nursery Wall was gifted to the Museum from the Travnicek family and transported in 2002. It is now on display in the Museum's Biographical Gallery.

