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This book is dedicated to Susan, Patty, Steve and Larry, Mike and Helene, Nelle, Gina and children everywhere, except Chester Filbert. He's just too dull.
My name is Chester Filbert.
I live at 5264 West One hundred and seventy-seventh Street.
Some places have marching bands
or haunted houses,
courageous hunters hunting
in the name of the law!

Who's there?
ferocious lions and tigers,
pirates and buried treasure,
Indians on the warpath,
SPLASH!

OUCH!
deep-sea divers,
monsters, astronauts, spies licensed to kill, unclimbed mountains to climb
even fireworks.
But nothing ever happens on my block.
When I grow up I'm going to move.