

# Introducing April's Author of the Month:

## Shel Silverstein



**Who is Shel Silverstein?** Shel Silverstein was born on September 25, 1930 in Chicago, Illinois, and began writing and drawing at a young age. He became a cartoonist, playwright, poet, performer, recording artist, and Grammy-winning, Oscar-nominated song-writer. Silverstein is best known as the author of iconic books of prose and poetry for young readers, such as *Where the Sidewalk Ends* (1974) and *A Light in the Attic* (1982). Silverstein's unique imagination and bold brand of humor are beloved by countless adults and children around the world. He died on May 10, 1999. (source: poets.org)

### Key Features in Shel Silverstein's

#### Works:

- Deft mixing of the sly, serious, and silly.
- Unique imagination and bold brand of humor.
- Poems and drawings that are at once outrageously funny and profound.

### Books We Are Reading this Month by

#### Shel Silverstein:

- *Where the Sidewalk Ends*
- *A Light in the Attic*
- *The Giving Tree*
- *Falling Up*
- *A Giraffe and a Half*

