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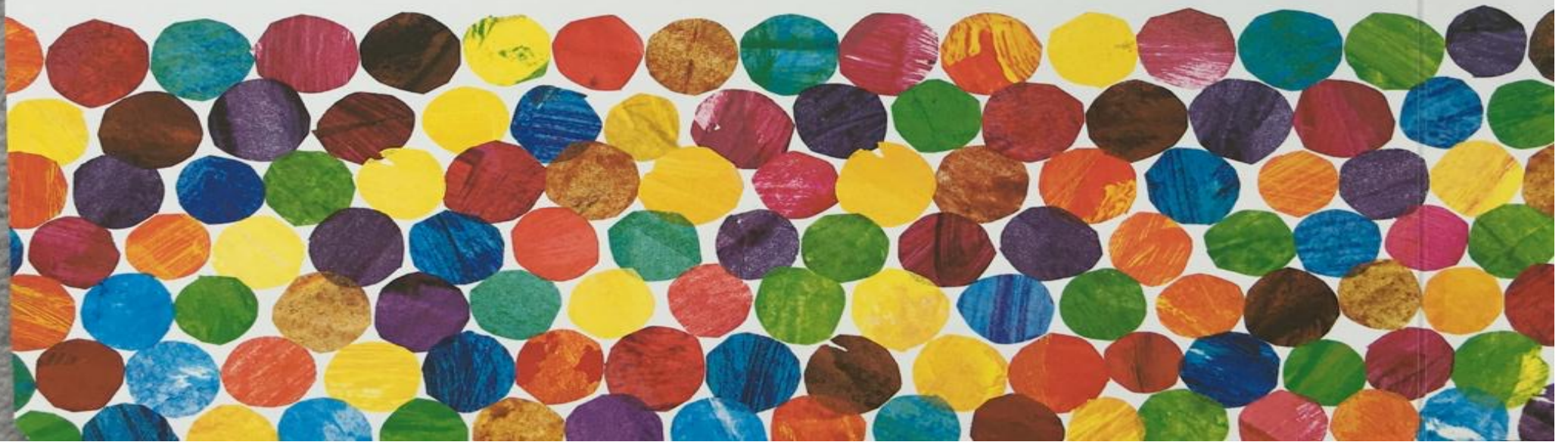
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a big **BIG** board book



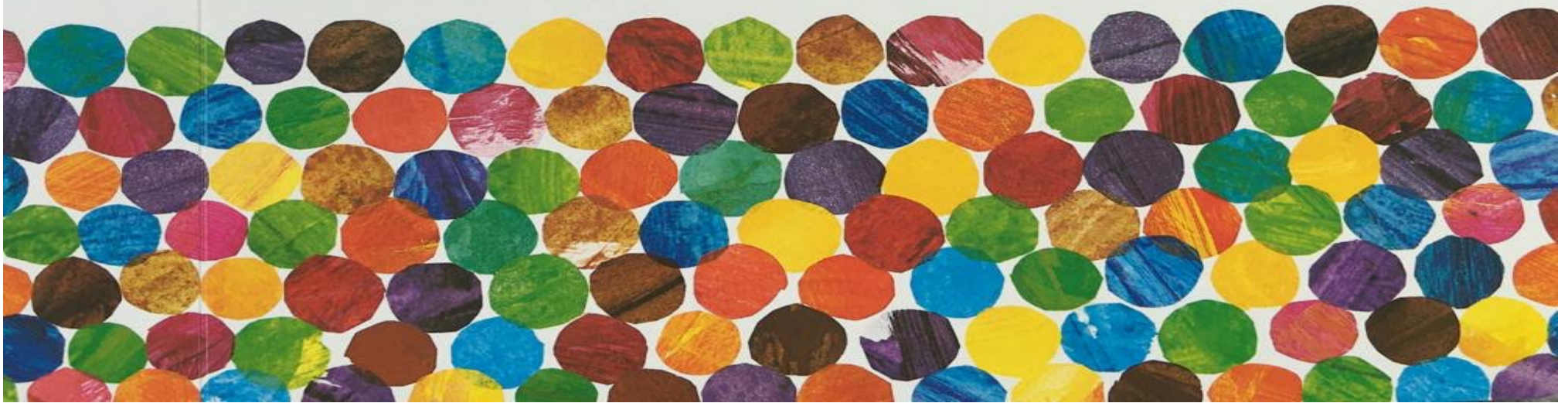
For my sister Christa





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In the light of the moon  
a little egg lay on a leaf.







He started to look for some food.



On Monday  
he ate through  
one apple.  
But he was still  
hungry.



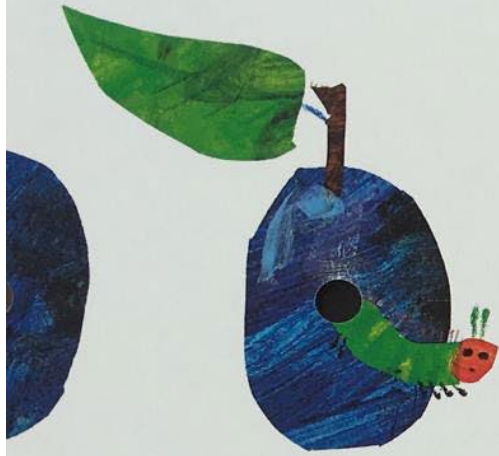


On Tuesday  
he ate through  
two pears,  
but he was  
still hungry.

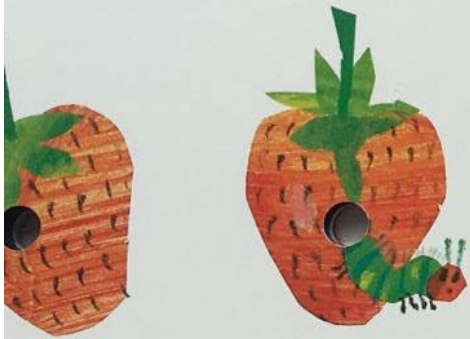


On Wednesday  
he ate through  
three plums,  
but he was  
still hungry.





On Thursday  
he ate through  
four strawberries,  
but he was still  
hungry.



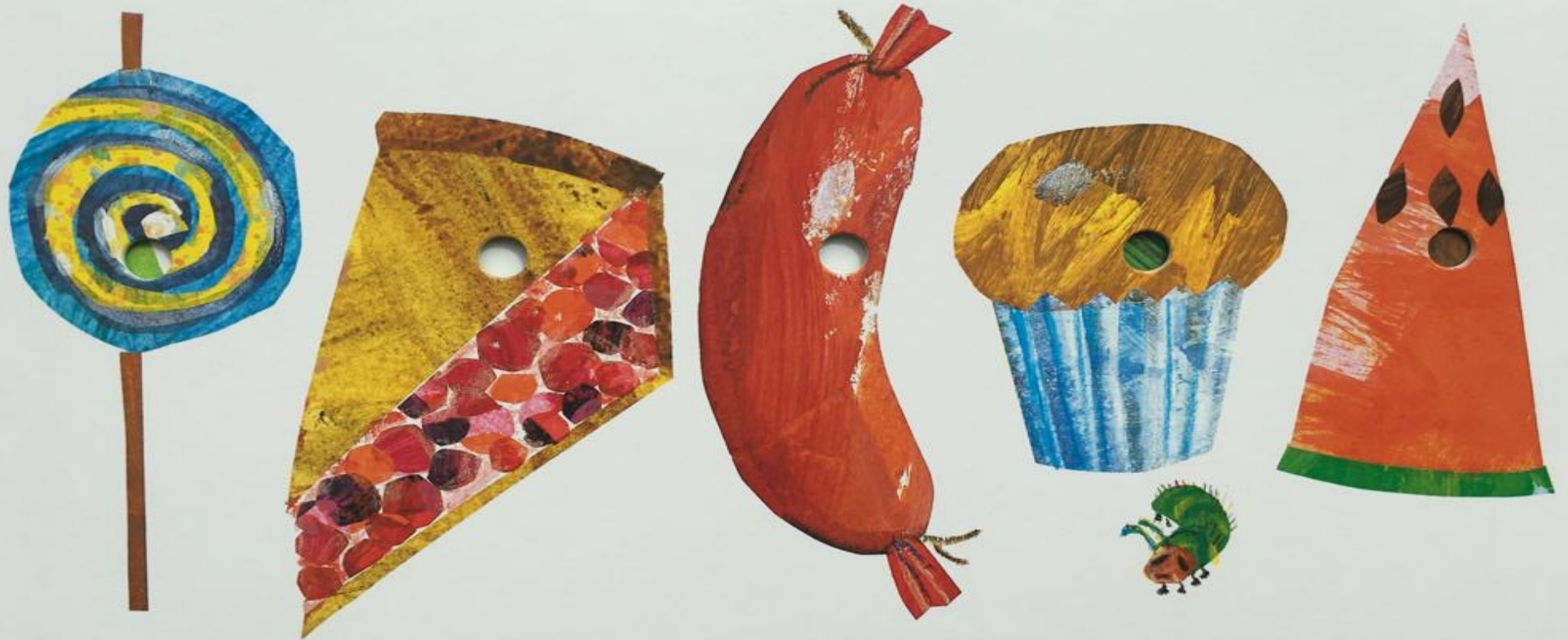
On Friday  
he ate through  
five oranges,  
but he was still  
hungry.



On Saturday  
he ate through  
one piece of chocolate cake, one ice-cream cone, one pickle,  
one slice of Swiss cheese, one slice of salami, one lollipop, one piece of cherry pie,

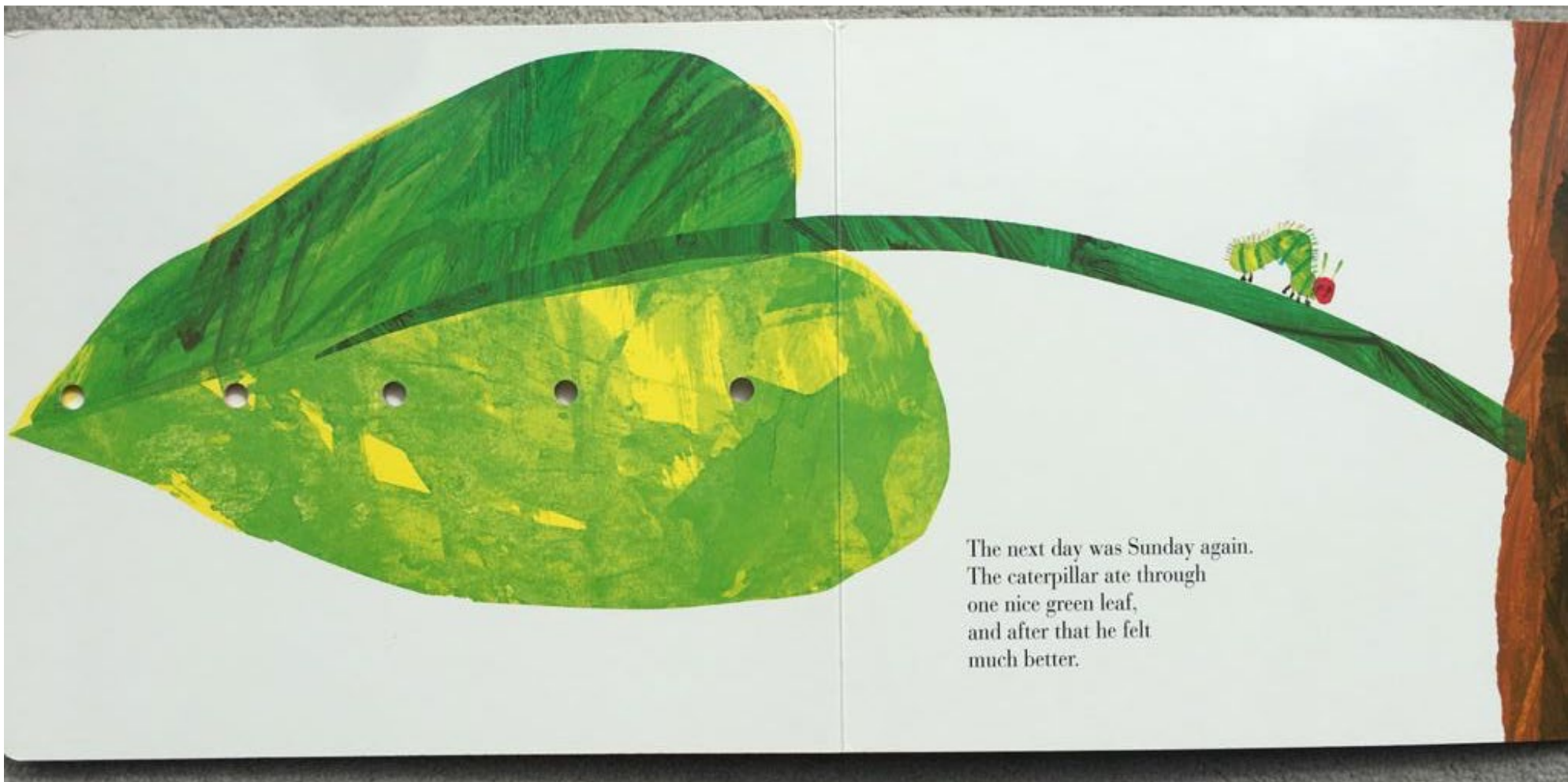


one sausage, one cupcake, and one slice of watermelon.



That night he had a stomachache!





The next day was Sunday again.  
The caterpillar ate through  
one nice green leaf,  
and after that he felt  
much better.

He built a small house, called a cocoon, around himself. He stayed inside for more than two weeks. Then he nibbled a hole in the cocoon, pushed his way out and ...





he was a beautiful butterfly!

