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Margery S. Stewart was born in Salt Lake City, next to the oldest of nine children, arriving only fifteen minutes after her twin brother. Almost from the time she could talk she was telling stories and reciting poetry to her attentive younger brothers and sisters. At sixteen, family finances forced her to drop out of school and go to work as a messenger girl in a department store. By reading constantly, she managed to pioneer her own way through an education. She has sold many of her poems, some to markets like *Good Housekeeping* and the *Ladies Home Journal*, others to the *Relief Society Magazine*, *Improvement Era*, and to the *Washington Post*. She has won the *Deseret News* Christmas Contest three times and the Utah State poetry contest several times. Her biggest thrill next to her children, was being included in *Poetry Awards, 1949-1951*.

Eunice V. Buck was born in Missouri. When she was very young, her parents moved to La Grande, Oregon, where she was educated in the public schools. As a small child she won first prize at a department store for drawing the best picture of Santa Claus at Christmas time. This encouraged her to continue her drawing, painting, and sewing and, after graduating from high school, she became an apprentice in a millinery shop. Later she was a designer of ladies' hats.

After her marriage she taught her children by telling stories to them. This new interest led her to join with other writers and, ultimately, to collaboration with Margery S. Stewart in the writing of STRANGE BABIES.

Mrs. Buck is the author of many children's stories and poems. She has received awards from the League of Utah Writers and the National League of American Pen Women for her juvenile stories. The mother of two children, now grown, she and her husband have resided for the past fifteen years in Salt Lake City.



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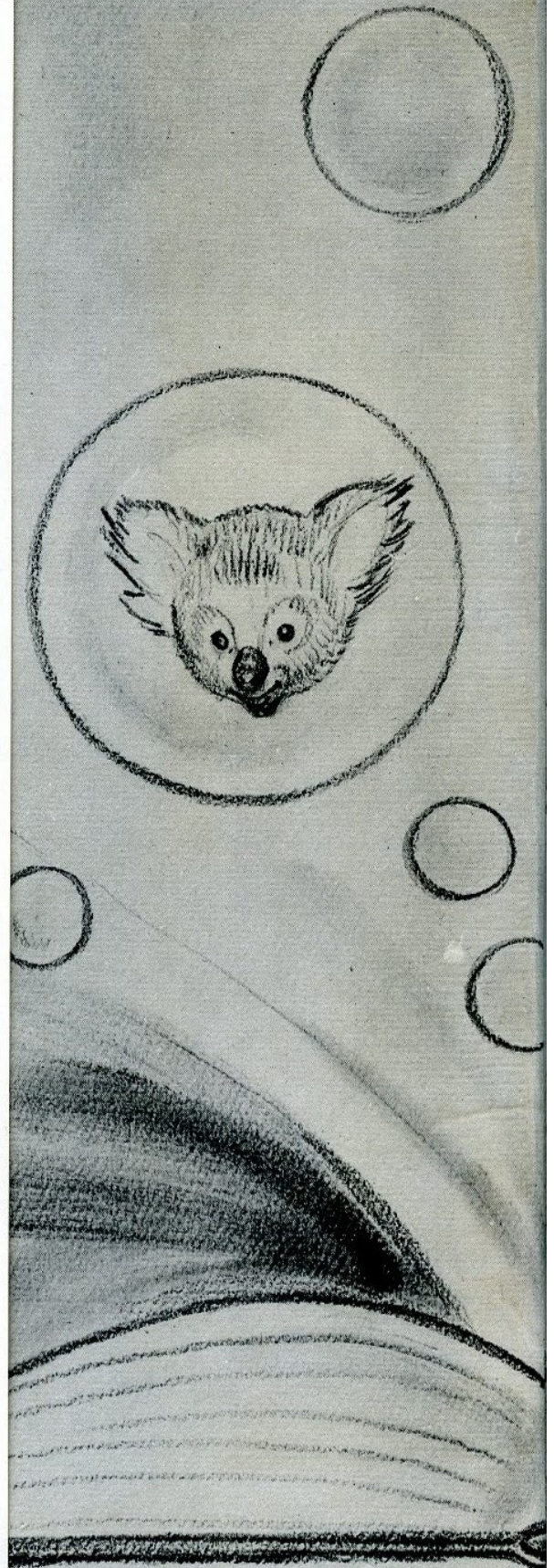
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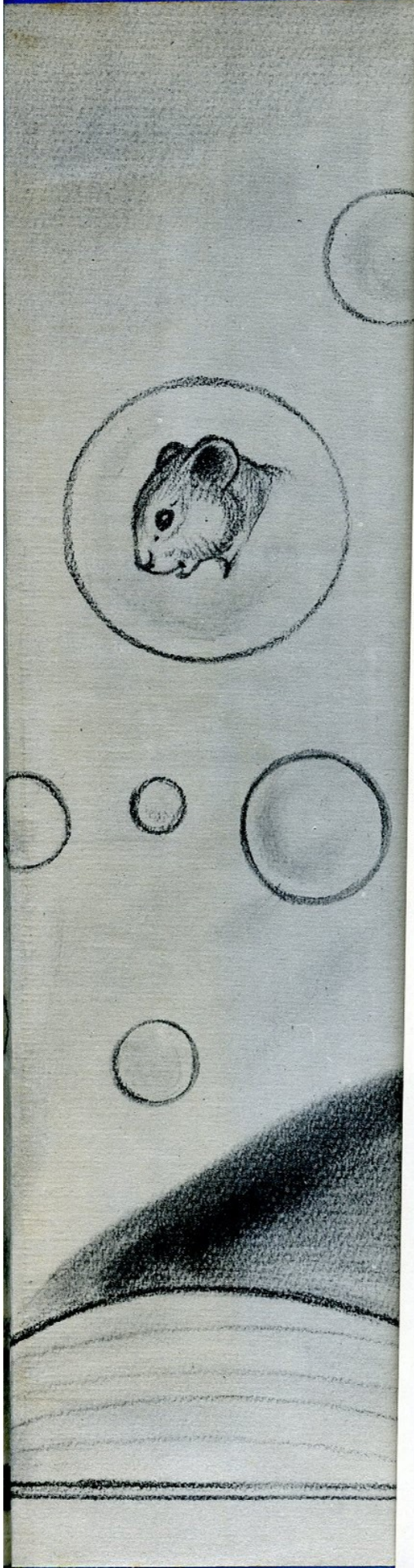
(Ages 7-11)

Margery S. Stewart and Eunice V. Buck have written a unique book, a colorful little volume which recounts the adventures of some little-known personalities of the animal kingdom. In stories told with wit and charm, the authors introduce to children such endearing new friends as Shasta, the liger baby, who was wanted by neither her tiger mother nor her lion father nor by her neighbors in the zoo. But she found her place in the world.

Readers are also introduced to Penny Penguin, the ice baby who lived in the cold and snow. Penny was afraid to learn to swim, and some called him stupid and afraid. Then he proved himself the bravest of them all!

Ozzie the Ostrich surprised everyone with his great prowess as a runner—and was himself surprised to lose the greatest race of his career.





Children will delight in the adventures of Rusty with his lovable koala bear, and they will be especially drawn to Popo the Pika, a little-known rabbit-like animal who possesses an unusual gift which has been bestowed upon him by Mother Nature.

The five stories contained in **STRANGE BABIES** will provide informative and fascinating reading for boys and girls from seven to eleven as they meet new friends from the animal world.

The illustrations are by Helen Hughes Wilson, the illustrator of several Caxton books. She was born in Boise, Idaho, but spent her childhood in beautiful Long Valley, in central Idaho. Since her marriage in 1933 to George Evans Wilson, she has lived in eastern Oregon, except for summers spent at McCall, Idaho, and in Hell's Canyon, where her husband maintains a sheep ranch.