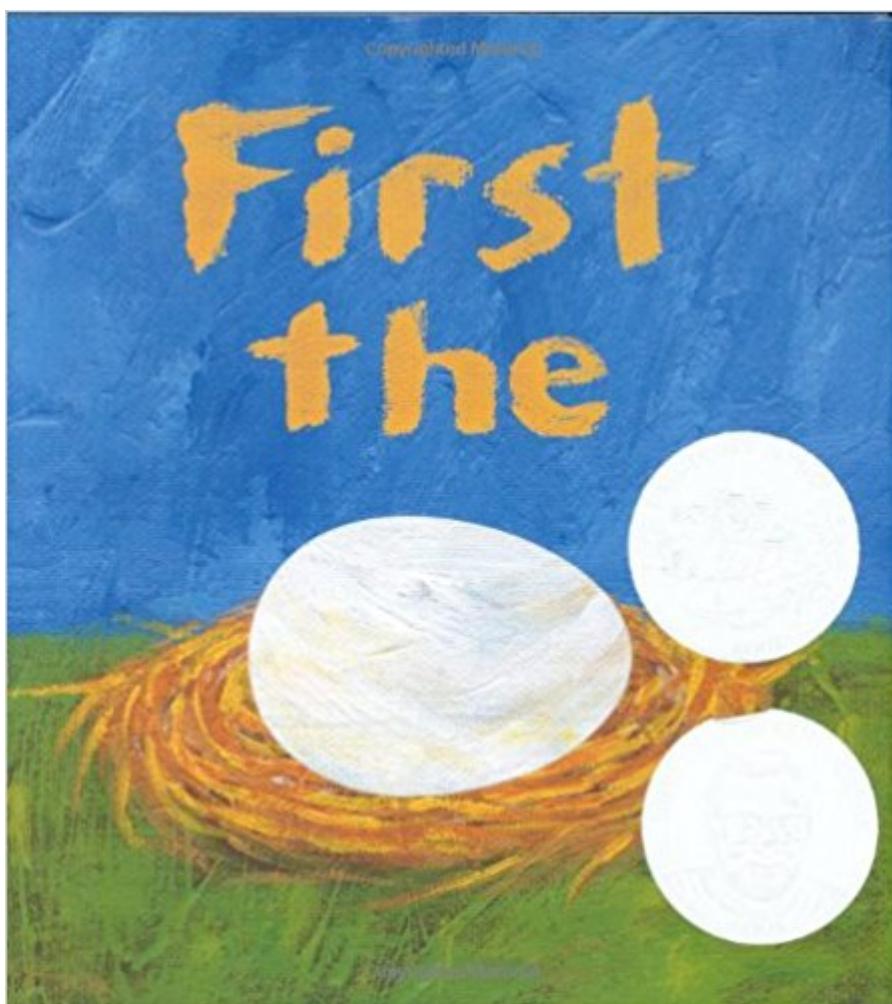


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# First The Egg (Caldecott Honor Book And Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Book (Awards))



## Synopsis

WHICH CAME FIRST? The chicken or the egg? Simple die-cuts magically present transformation--from seed to flower, tadpole to frog, caterpillar to butterfly. The acclaimed author of *Black? White! Day? Night!* and *Lemons Are Not Red* gives an entirely fresh and memorable presentation to the concepts of transformation and creativity. Seed becomes flower, paint becomes picture, word becomes story--and the commonplace becomes extraordinary as children look through and turn the pages of this novel and winning book. *First the Egg* by bestselling author and illustrator Laura Vaccaro Seeger is a 2008 Caldecott Honor Book and a 2007 New York Times Book Review Best Illustrated Book of the Year. This title has Common Core connections.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 2 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

## Customer Reviews

Beginning with the die cut on the cover, which completes the title and hides a secret underneath, this delivers a string of delightful surprises as Seeger crisply explores the stages of development in the natural world and, then, how a story grows. Thickly textured backgrounds provide visual energy for minimalist images that cleverly incorporate additional die cuts. "First the EGG," reads the text on the opening spread, which pictures the egg through an appropriately shaped hole. When children flip the page, they'll find a fuzzy chick and its adult

counterpart—“then the CHICKEN.” So it goes through the life stages of frog, flower, and butterfly. Suddenly, Seeger turns away from nature. “First the WORD,” she writes, “then the STORY.” A painting that pulls the book together, showing a chicken, a flower, a frog, and butterfly enjoying a beautiful day together. A funny finale sets up the book’s beginning. Pages are sturdy enough to support poking fingers and repeated viewings, both of which are guaranteed.

Preschool-Kindergarten. --Stephanie Zvirin

“In another nimble page-turner, Seeger (Black? White! Day? Night!) toys with die-cuts and strategically paired words. She introduces a chicken-or-egg dilemma on her book’s cover, picturing a plump white egg in a golden-brown nest. Remove the die-cut dust jacket, and a hen appears on the glossy inner cover. The eggshell, thickly brushed in bluish-white and cream, also serves as the chicken’s feathers. This “first/then” pattern is repeated (“First the egg/ then the chicken./ First the tadpole/ then the frog”), with a die-cut on every other page. By flipping a page, readers see the cutout in two contexts. For instance, when an ovoid shape is superimposed on a white ground, it’s an egg; on a yolk-yellow ground, it’s the body of a baby chick. Seeger lines up the recto and verso of every sheet, maintaining a casual mood with generous swabs of grassy greens, sky blues and oxide yellows on canvas. Given the exuberant imagery, the occasional cutout (like the fingernail-size seed of a blowsy peony-pink flower) looks none too impressive. But if minuscule die-cuts seem barely worth the trouble, they do imply the potential in humble sources. Seeger’s clever conclusion brings all the elements together in an outdoor scene that returns readers to the opening: “First the paint/ then the picture” / First the chicken/ then the egg!” Ages 2-6. (Sept.)

Publishers Weekly “A deceptively simple, decidedly playful sequence of statements invites readers to ponder, what comes first: the chicken or the egg? Carefully choreographed page turns and die-cuts focus on the process of change and becoming, so “First” sits alone on a yellow background, facing “the EGG”—an egg-shaped die-cut revealing a white egg against an orange-and-brown background. Turn the page, and “then” appears, the egg-shaped die-cut now forming the yellow body of a chick emerging from the shell, facing “the CHICKEN”—the white hen whose body gave color to the previous spread’s egg. Tadpole and frog, seed and flower, caterpillar and butterfly all receive the same treatment, then word and story, paint and picture bring all the disparate elements together, nature being the catalyst for art. Seeger’s vibrant, textured oil-on-canvas illustrations contain a wealth of subtlety, allowing the die-cuts to

reveal cunning surprises with each turn of the page. Children and adults alike will delight in flipping the sturdy pages back and forth to recreate the transformations over and over again. Another perfectly pitched triumph from an emerging master of the concept book. (Picture book. 2-6)                                  <img alt="Kirkus star icon" data-bbox="850 26205 885 2656

predict what the next part may be (i.e. first the egg then the chicken!) but the story is also great for elementary children. the prediction is fun, but the story continues into the writing and illustrating process (i.e. first the word then the story). i loved that it ended in such a creative way - as a teacher, i'd love to use this model and have students create their own "first the..." books. an excellent book that i would recommend to both parents and teachers.

I see why this won awards! Wonderful book for young readers!!

It's obvious why this book was awarded the Caldecott. The illustrations are absolutely brilliant and lead children through the text in a way that promotes higher order thinking. The story itself is extremely satisfying in that it comes full circle and implies the question, "which came first?" What a wonderful teaching tool to have in your toolbox.

I'm really pleased with this book. It has only a simple word or two on each page, the illustrations are very bright, and it is a quick little science lesson that goes full circle. I actually bought it for my 18 month old granddaughter but have found that every time I read it to her, her 3 and 4 year old siblings come running and listen to every word, too. It's sure to be a family favorite.

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