



# ADVENTURE GUIDE

# Mobile Storybook Scavenger Hunt

**Get the  
mobile app.**

**Hunt for the  
sculptures  
ALL YEAR  
LONG.**



## Here's what you do:

1. Download the free **GooseChase app** for Android or iPhone.
2. Sign up and select a user name. Team members can download the app on their own phones but must use the same user name for log in.
3. Join the game by searching for **Storybook Sculpture Scavenger Hunt**.
4. Complete as many missions as possible. Missions are completed by submitting creative photos from within the app.
5. Keep an eye on the real-time rankings and photo feeds to see what everyone else is up to!
6. Do not climb on the sculptures to take photos.
7. Earn a **Storybook Capital button** for completing the missions! Pick up your button at the T&P Depot, 1101 N. 1st St., during business hours.

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# Storybook Sculpture Project

## Downtown Abilene

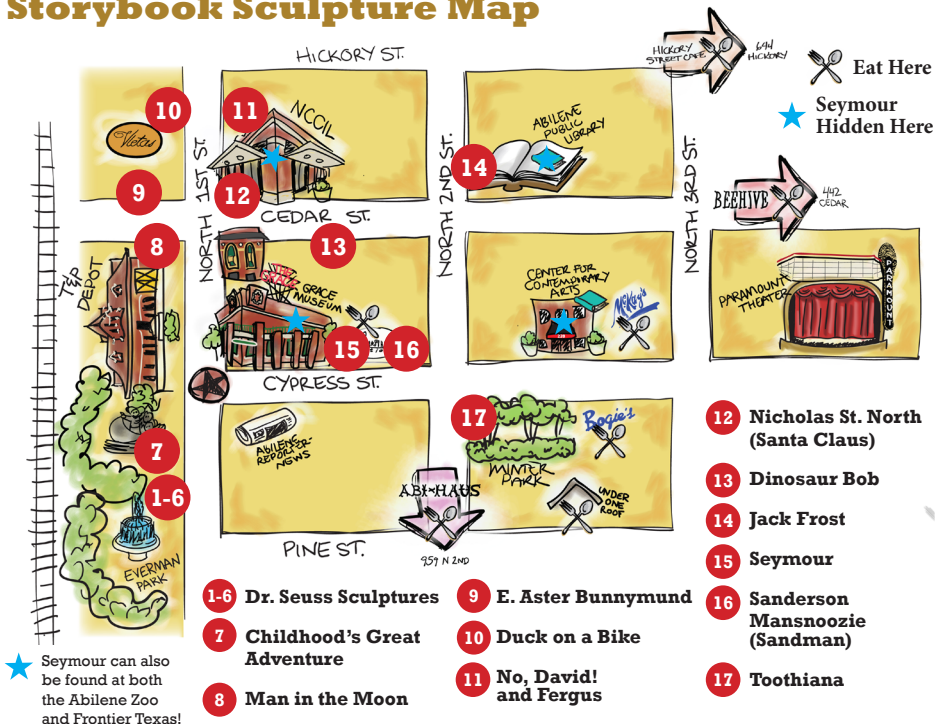
The Storybook Sculpture Project started in 1996, when the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council commissioned “Childhood’s Great Adventure” based on the William Joyce book “Santa Calls,” which was set in Abilene, Texas. Joyce was the inspiration behind the National Center for Children’s Illustrated Literature. More sculptures followed over the years, populating downtown with whimsical residents who have leapt off the pages of children’s literature and into our hearts. New sculptures are dedicated during the Children’s Art & Literacy Festival in June. **#storybookselfie**

*William Joyce, center, with “Toothiana” sculpture at CALF 2014*

*Photo by Becca Rhodes*



## Storybook Sculpture Map



## Seymour Passport Project

For the 2013 Children's Art & Literacy Festival, six 3-foot-tall Seymour characters were permanently hidden at different Abilene locations. Seymour is a character created by Walter Wick, the 2013 CALF honoree. To help children find each Seymour, a passport was created. Visitors to each destination can have their passport stamped and receive a Seymour sticker. The passports are free. No admission is charged to find the Seymours. The six locations are: The Grace Museum, Frontier Texas, The Center for Contemporary Arts, Abilene Public Library, National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature and the Abilene Zoo.



## Dr. Seuss Sculptures

*Location:* Everman Park

*Sculptor:* Leo Rijn

*Author/ Illustrator:* Dr. Theodor Seuss Geisel

### The Lorax

*Sponsors:* See website for complete list.

*Installed:* 2013

The book chronicles the plight of the environment and the Lorax, which speaks for the trees against the greedy Once-ler.



### Green Eggs and Ham

*Sponsors:* See website for complete list.

*Installed:* 2013

Sam I Am is determined that an unnamed character in the book should try green eggs and ham whether it is in a boat or with a goat or here or there or anywhere!



### Yertle the Turtle

*Sponsors:* See website for complete list.

*Installed:* 2013

“Yertle the Turtle,” king of the pond, stands on his subjects in an attempt to reach higher than the moon — until the bottom turtle burps and he falls into the mud, ending his rule.



### Horton Hears a Who

*Sponsors:* W.B. & Sadie Adamson and Dick & Kaye Spalding

*Installed:* 2013

Horton, the elephant, hears a small speck of dust talking to him and vows to protect it because “a person’s a person no matter how small.”



### The Grinch

*Sponsors:* J.L. & Joyce Truitt-Geis

*Installed:* 2013

The main character of “How The Grinch Stole Christmas!” is a cold and heartless green recluse who tries to sabotage Christmas for Whoville, only to find the true meaning of Christmas, and his heart “grew three sizes that day.”



### Cat in the Hat

*Sponsors:* See website for complete list.

*Installed:* 2012

The Cat in the Hat entertains two small children on a rainy day with wild hijinks. This book is one of the best-selling children’s books of all time.





## More Storybook Sculptures



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### Childhood's Great Adventure

*Book:* "Santa Calls"

*Author/Illustrator:* William Joyce

*Sponsors:* See website for complete list.

*Location:* Everman Park

*Sculptor:* Rick Jackson

*Installed:* 1996

Art Atchinson Aimesworth, his sister Esther and Spaulding Littlefeets sail to the North Pole in this sculpture depicting a scene from the William Joyce book.



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### E. Aster Bunnymund (Easter Bunny)

*Book:* "E. Aster Bunnymund and the Warrior Eggs at the Earth's Core!"

*Author/illustrator:* William Joyce

*Sponsor:* Family Vision Associates; Dorothy Preston, O.D.; Steven Ezzell, O.D.; Darren Postelwait, O.D.

*Location:* Corner of Cedar and N. 1st streets

*Sculptor:* Steve Neves *Installed:* 2014

A philosophical warrior rabbit skilled in martial arts, E. Aster Bunnymund is one of William Joyce's Guardians of Childhood. His greatest temptation is chocolate.



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### Man in the Moon

*Book:* "The Man in the Moon"

*Author/illustrator:* William Joyce

*Sponsor:* Union Pacific Railroad

*Location:* T&P Depot, 1101 N. 1st St.

*Sculptor:* Pedro Rivera *Installed:* 2014

The first picture book in William Joyce's The Guardians of Childhood series tells the adventure of the boy who became Tsar Lunar, the very first Guardian who watches over the dreams of all the children of Earth.



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### **Duck on a Bike**

*Book:* "Duck on a Bike"

*Author/illustrator:* David Shannon

*Sponsor:* Union Pacific Railroad

*Location:* 1201 N. 1st St.

*Sculptor:* Steve Neves *Installed:* 2015

One day on the farm, Duck gets the wild idea he can ride a bike. After riding past the other farm animals, they decide they want to try bike riding, too.



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### **No, David! and Fergus**

*Book:* "David Gets in Trouble"

*Author/illustrator:* David Shannon

*Sponsor:* Abilene Arts Alliance

*Location:* National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature, 102 Cedar St.

*Sculptor:* Steve Neves *Installed:* 2015

Everywhere David goes, he seems to get in trouble. But he always has an excuse. After thinking about his mistakes, David decides it's time to say he's sorry.



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### **Nicholas St. North (Santa Claus)**

*Book:* "Nicholas St. North and the Battle of the Nightmare King"

*Author/illustrator:* William Joyce

*Sponsor:* W.B. & Sadie Adamson

Dick & Kaye Spalding

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In honor of our grandchildren who still believe

Pat & Mike Dunnahoo

Hunter's Texas Stone

*Location:* National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature, 102 Cedar St.

*Sculptor:* Steve Neves *Installed:* 2014

Before he was St. Nick, he was a daredevil named Nicholas St. North. But when he becomes one of William Joyce's Guardians of Childhood to save the children from bad dreams, his metamorphosis into the beloved Santa Claus begins.



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### **Dinosaur Bob**

*Book:* "Dinosaur Bob and His Adventures with the Family Lazardo"

*Author/illustrator:* William Joyce

*Sponsor:* Citizens of Abilene

*Location:* 133 Cedar St.

*Sculptor:* Bob "Daddy-O" Wade *Installed:* 2000

The sculpture was created for the 20th annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit in 2000 and depicts the William Joyce character, Dinosaur Bob, playing with an orange Volkswagen.

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### **Jack Frost**

*Books:* "The Guardians of Childhood" series

*Author/illustrator:*

William Joyce

*Sponsor:* Abilene Arts Alliance

*Location:* Abilene Public Library, 202 Cedar St.

*Sculptor:* Steve Neves

*Installed:* 2014

The Guardian of Fun who can manipulate snow and ice, Jack Frost is well known for his role in the animated movie "Rise of the Guardians" in which he assists the other Guardians in battling Pitch, the Nightmare King.



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### **Seymour**

*Books:* "Can You See What I See?" series

*Author/illustrator:* Walter Wick

*Sponsor:* Abilene Cultural Affairs Council

*Location:* 174 Cypress St. (balcony)

*Sculptor:* Randy Gilman

*Installed:* 2013

The Seymour character, who is a boy made of beads, is hidden on every page of Wick's "Can You See What I See?" book series.







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**Sanderson Mansnoozie  
(The Sandman)**

*Books:* "The Sandman: The Story of Sanderson Mansnoozie"

*Author/illustrator:* William Joyce

*Sponsor:* Fehr Foods, Inc. - Subsidiary of Grupo Nutresa

Dr. Ted and Laura Dyer and Hendrick Sleep Disorders Center

*Location:* 174 Cypress St.

*Sculptor:* Steve Neves *Installed:* 2014

This former captain of a shooting star is the Sandman, the Guardian of Dreams. It is his duty to give sweet dreams to children with his magical dream sand each night.

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**Toothiana (The Tooth Fairy)**

*Book:* "Toothiana: Queen of the Tooth Fairy Armies"

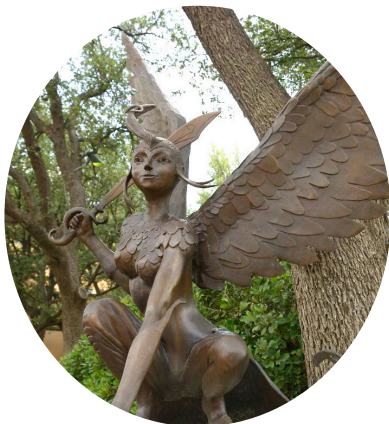
*Author/illustrator:* William Joyce

*Sponsor:* Abilene Pediatric Dental Associates

*Location:* Minter Park

*Sculptor:* Steve Neves *Installed:* 2014

Her Serene Royal Highness, Toothiana, Queen of the Tooth Fairies, is also a Guardian of Childhood. She fiercely guards the teeth she collects because they contain children's memories.



*Bronze casting for Seymour, Jack Frost, The Sandman, Duck on a Bike,  
The Tooth Fairy, and No, David! and Fergus by Geoff Broderick.*



Photo by Jennifer Nichols

## **National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature**

**102 Cedar St.**

The National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature (NCCIL) celebrates the artistic achievements of award-winning children's book illustrators through exhibitions of their original artwork. Highlights during exhibition openings include featured artist's presentation and book signings. The summer artist on exhibit at the NCCIL is the centerpiece of the Children's Art & Literacy Festival.

Admission and all programming is always free. The NCCIL offers educational programming designed to stimulate creativity, to promote literacy and to increase appreciation for the arts. Family Fun Saturdays and Art Adventure allow families to creatively explore visual and verbal literacy. The NCCIL bookstore is your source for award winning and signed children's books.

Museum hours: Tuesday – Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **#nccil**

### **Upcoming Exhibits:**

**Fall 2015:** Provensen

**Spring 2016:** Jon Muth

**Summer 2016:** Mark Teague

(325) 673-4586 [www.nccil.org](http://www.nccil.org)



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## **Children's Art & Literacy Festival** **Second weekend each June**

You could not, would not want to miss a storybook celebration such as this! The second weekend of June, downtown Abilene is transformed into a storybook adventure. The Children's Art & Literacy Festival (CALF) honors the featured summer artist at the NCCIL.

The two-and-a-half day festival starts ArtWalk night on Thursday with a parade, costume contest, artist talk at the Paramount Theatre and storybook sculpture unveilings.

All day Friday and Saturday, enjoy dramatic readings at six different locations, movies at the Paramount, costumed characters, magic shows, book signings, writing workshops, train rides and more! **#abilenecalf**

**CALF 2016:**  
Mark Teague  
(325) 677-1161  
[www.abilenecalf.com](http://www.abilenecalf.com)



## **Texas Legislature proclaims Abilene as the Storybook Capital of Texas**

For countless readers, books open a window to the realm of imagination and possibility, and in recent years, the city of Abilene has undertaken a series of unique efforts to showcase the wonders of children's literature.

For its efforts, the 84th Legislature of the State of Texas designated Abilene as the official Storybook Capital of Texas. The legislation was championed by State Rep. Susan King and State Sen. Troy Fraser.

Abilene is the home of the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature, the only museum in Texas that exhibits and tours original artwork from best-selling, award-winning children's book illustrators. Incorporated in 1997, the NCCIL has curated and toured nearly 60 exhibits in approximately 40 states that are enjoyed by a million people every year.

Further adding to Abilene's whimsical charm is an extensive collection of outdoor sculptures based on characters from children's classics. While walking the length of Everman Park, visitors encounter bronze statues in the likeness of Dr. Seuss' creations and heroes from the works of author-illustrators William Joyce and

David Shannon. Other characters from the pages of children's literature are brought to life throughout downtown as part of the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council's Storybook Sculpture Project.

Young explorers can also receive a free "passport" to help them find Seymour, the character from Walter Wick's "Can You See What I See?" books, who is hidden at six arts and cultural landmarks.

The Storybook Sculpture Project is believed to be the largest public storybook sculpture collection of its kind in any city.

Literary works for children hold a cherished place on the bookshelves of Texas families, and the true greats of the genre weave captivating tales with dazzling artwork that is fondly remembered for a lifetime. By embracing and promoting an essential childhood experience, the residents of Abilene have established a delightful tradition for young and old alike, and their efforts have made the community a must-see destination for readers of all ages.

**#storybookcapital**

