

SC-143 Gelett Burgess' Goop Tales book

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Burgess, Gelett. Goop Tales Alphabetically Told: A Study of the Behavior of some Fifty-two Interesting Individuals, Each of Which While Mainly Virtuous, yet Some One Human & Redeeming Fault; With Numerous Illustration. New York: Frederick A. Stokes Company, 1904.

Item List

1. Book – Goop Tales which is a collection of children's poems and short stories on good manners and proper etiquette. Burgess' is credited for adding such words as blurb, bromide, and goop into the English language. The book was given by Katharine Wright to Elizabeth Rehling (nee Beck) upon her birth in 1916. It is inscribed for Betty Beck from Aunt Katharine. Elizabeth is the daughter of Agnes Beck a friend of Katharine Wright. Orville, Wilbur, and Katharine Wright would read this book to their nieces and nephews and call them goops when they misbehaved.

The book was donated to the Archive by Elizabeth Rehling in 2002.