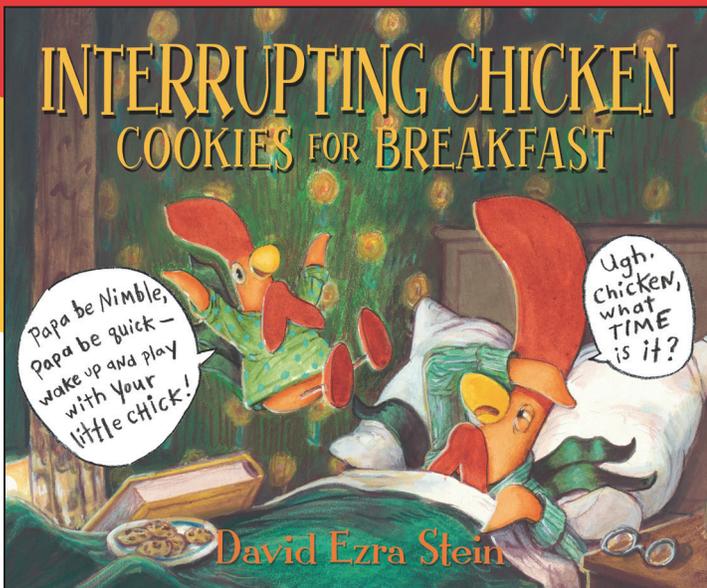
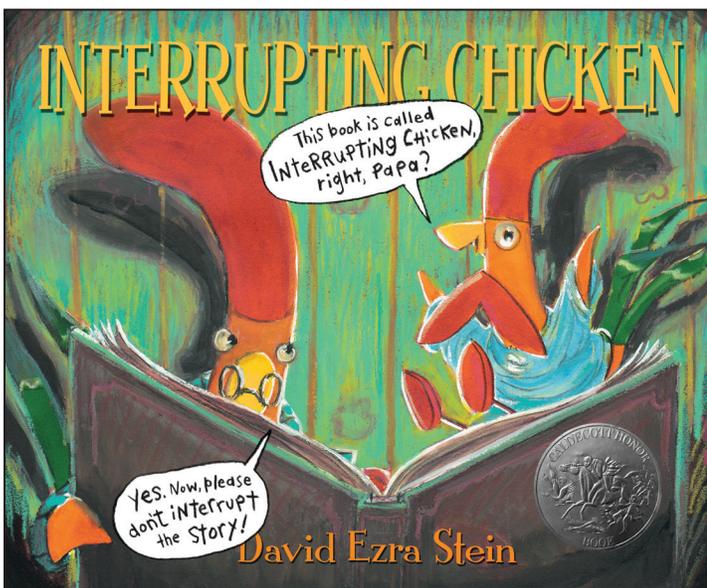


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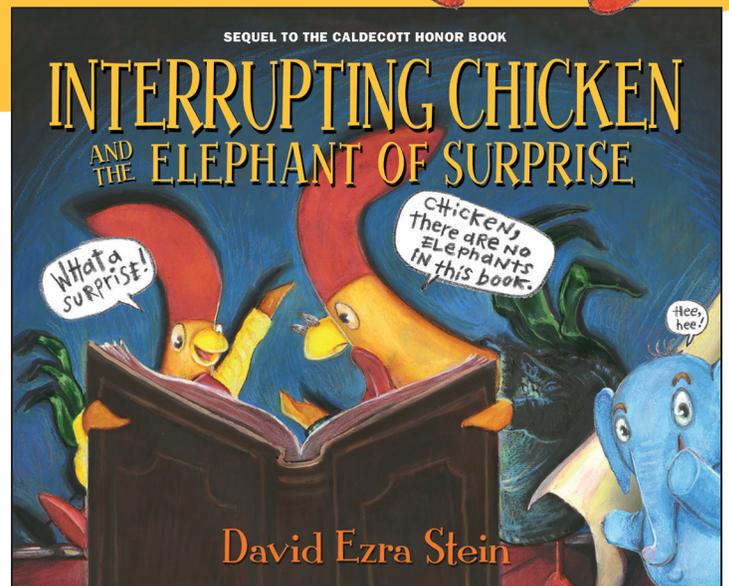
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# Activity Ideas



Here are some fun activities based on David Ezra Stein’s *Interrupting Chicken* books to use in your bookstore, classroom, or library! You can host a dedicated Chicken party or hand out the activity sheets for use at any time.

- ➔ Give each child a name tag and invite them to make a chicken hat (templates follow).
- ➔ Create an Elephant of Surprise hunt—make copies of the Elephant of Surprise page in this kit, cut the elephants out, and tape them around your store, classroom, or library in both obvious and hard-to-find places. Invite children to try to spot them all.
- ➔ Play a version of Duck-Duck-Goose, called Chicken-Chicken-Papa. Have the children sit on the floor in a circle. One child goes around the circle, gently tapping each head or shoulder and saying “Chicken,” until she surprises one child by declaring “Papa!” The “Papa” child chases the tapper as they run around the circle to the vacated space.
- ➔ Invite children to create a story together. Have an adult leader start the story: “Once there was a little red chicken who loved stories. . . .” Going around the room or circle, invite each child to add a sentence or two. If a child gets stuck, the adult leader can prompt with “What happened next?” The sillier the story, the better!
- ➔ Have kids make an “I’m a Fan!” fan (template follows). A photo of your group with everyone holding a fan makes for a cute social media post or classroom photo. Tag @Candlewick on Twitter and @CandlewickPress on Instagram.



# Name Tags

Print these tags onto Avery 5163 labels or onto any sticker paper and cut them out.

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# Chicken Hat

Cut along the outside edge of the red border. Hold the semicircle (plain side facing up) with the flat edge along the top. Pull the two corners toward you to meet along the straight edges. Tape the two edges together to create a chicken comb shaped hat.

I'm a Chicken!



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# The Elephant of Surprise

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# I'm a Fan!

Copy this page onto card stock. Invite children to cut where indicated and attach a craft stick to the bottom to create a fan.



# I, M A FAN

*of Interrupting Chicken*

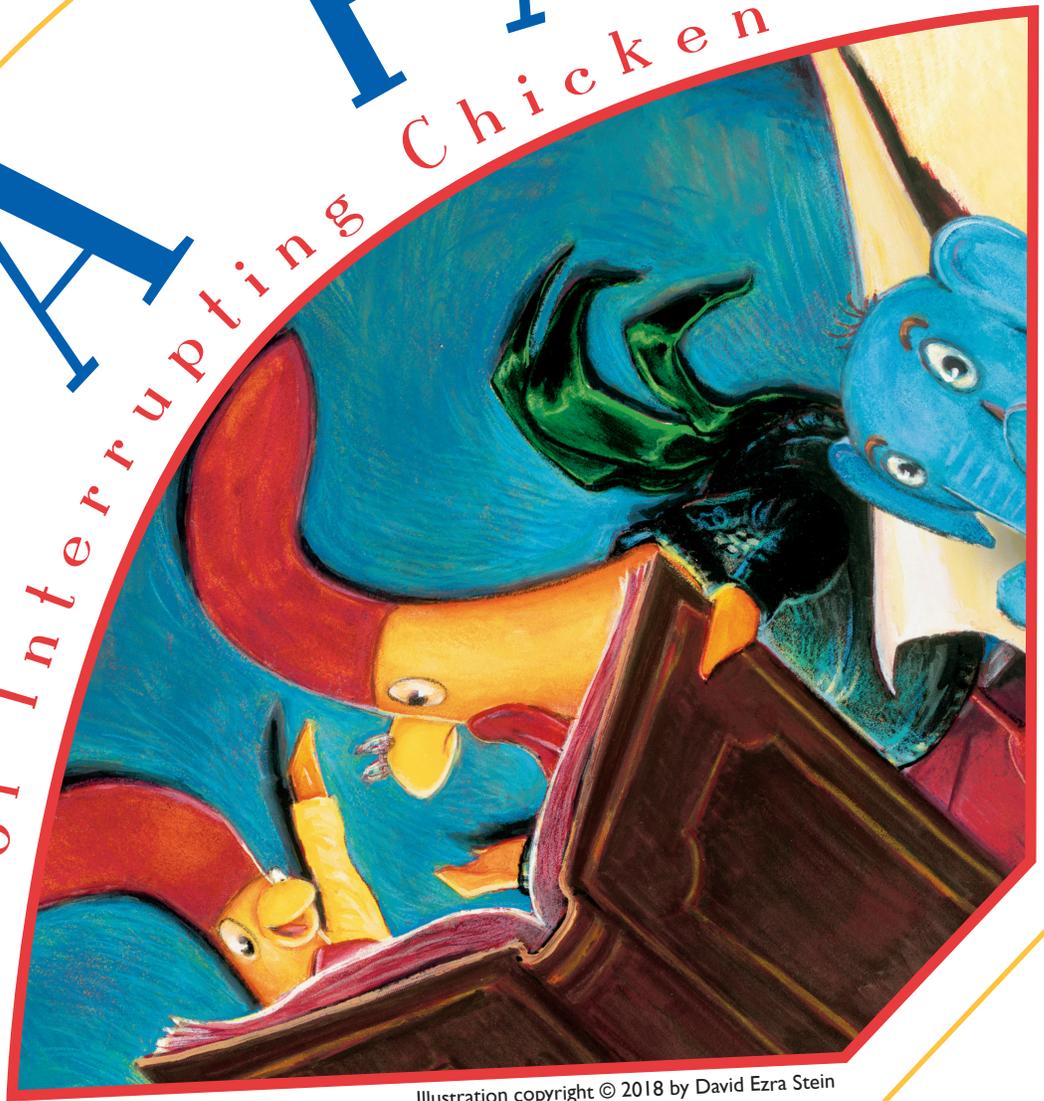
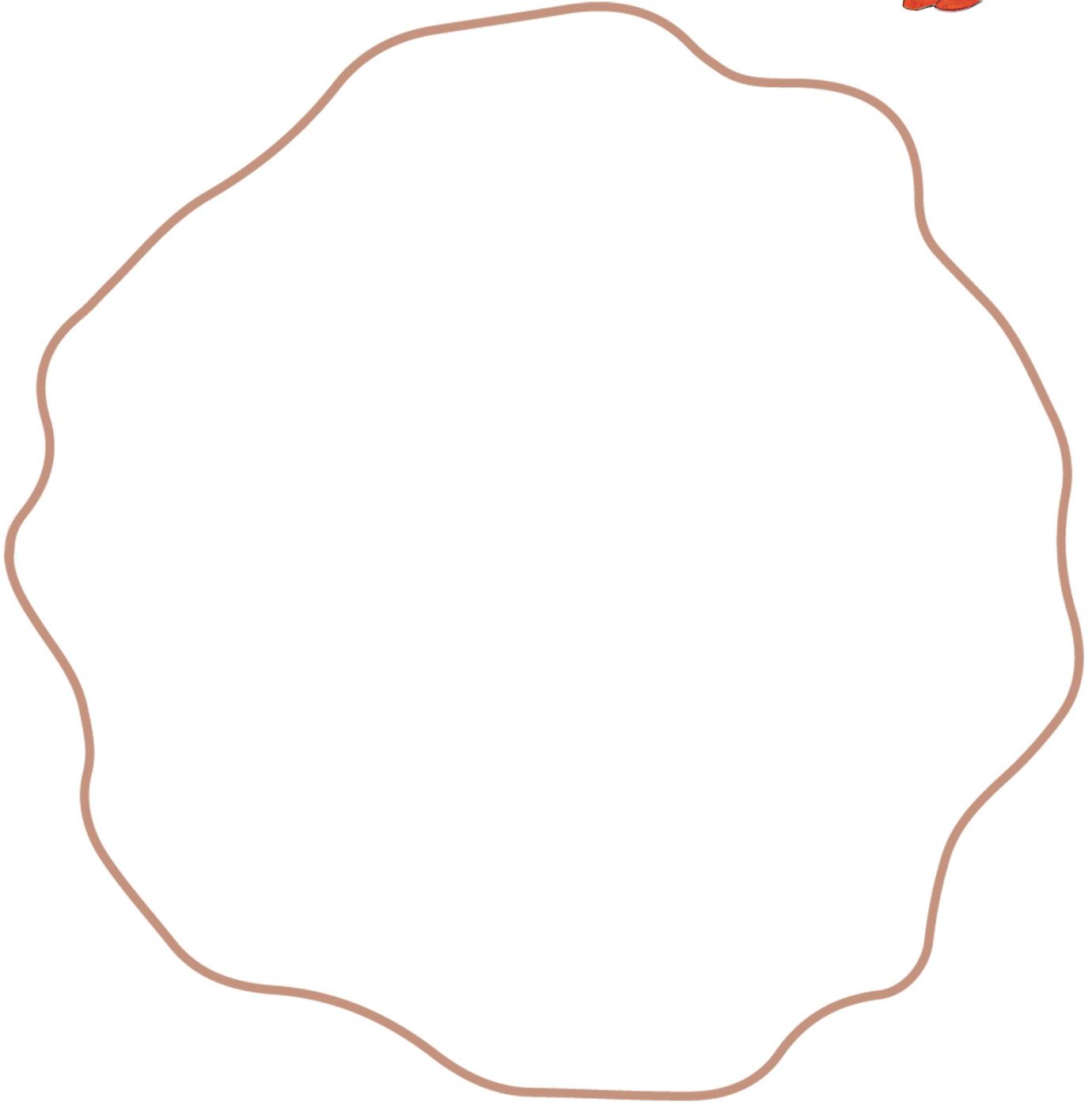


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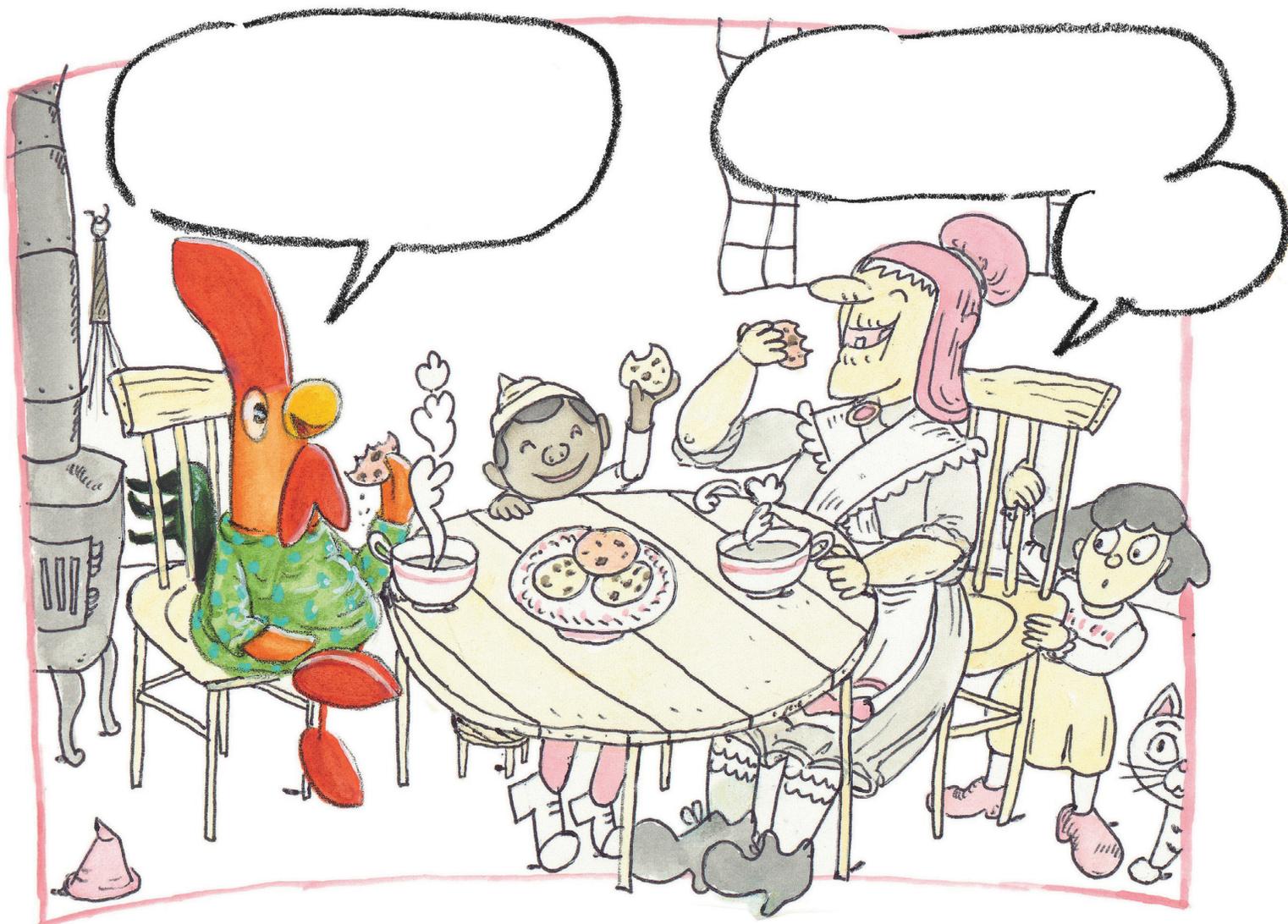
# Breakfast Cookie

Papa says cookies are not for breakfast, but what if it's a special breakfast cookie? What can you add to this cookie to make it good for breakfast?



# Cookie Chat

The little red chicken and the old woman who lived in a shoe are enjoying cookies and tea. What are they talking about? Fill in the speech bubbles!



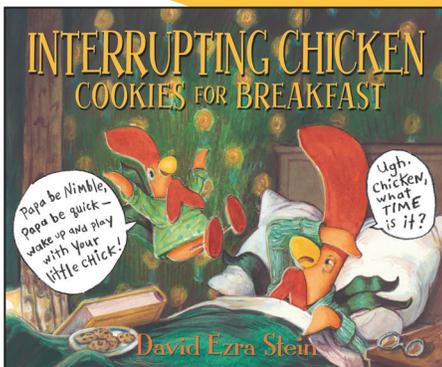
# Meet DAVID EZRA STEIN



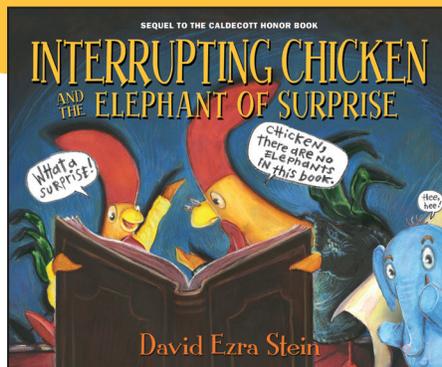
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Award-winning children's book author and illustrator **DAVID EZRA STEIN** was born in Brooklyn, New York. A voracious reader and doodler from a very young age, he went on to study at Parsons School of Design in Manhattan. After graduation, he worked as a window display artist, puppeteer and puppet builder, interior and set-design illustrator, and *New Yorker* cartoonist. He published his first children's book in 2006 and has published twenty more since then, including *Interrupting Chicken*, which was named a Caldecott Honor Book.

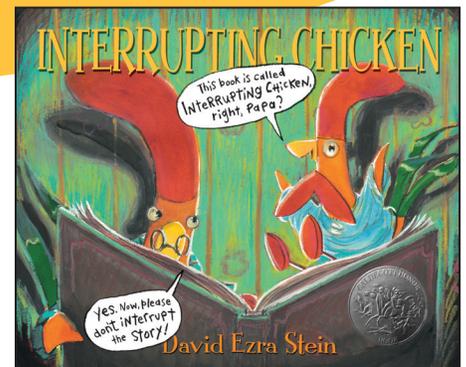
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