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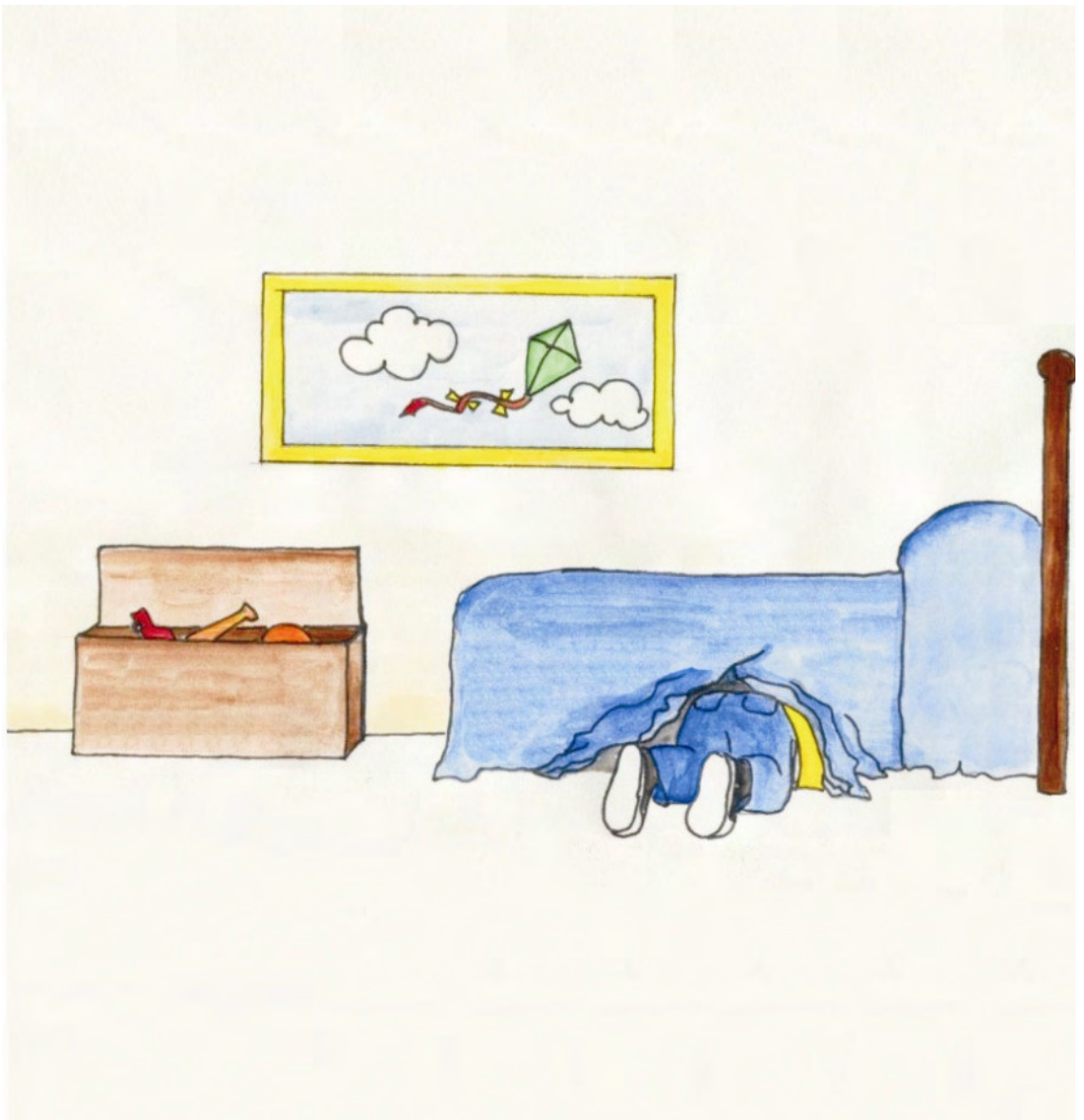
Kids learn a lot from TV and their pops.
That's where I learned everything about cops.



On TV cops shoot at least 10 crooks a day!
They thump on their heads and they haul them away!



Dad says I better be good when I play,
or he'll call up the cops and they'll haul *me* away!



So I hide from the cops, wherever I am.
I don't want 'em haulin' me off to the slam!



Last week this cop who was visiting schools came to our classroom and taught us some rules.



Officer friendly said "always say *NO!*"
to offers of candy from folks we don't know.



I wanted to hide, but I stayed where I sat.
I never imagined cops did things like that!

The Author

During his years in law enforcement, Eric Tackett worked a number of assignments, from patrol to major crimes investigation. One of his favorite assignments was a brief stint as “Officer Friendly” at the local grade school. He still has the “thank you” letters he received from the kids he met.

Like many police officers, one of Tackett’s pet peeves was the parent who, upon seeing him in uniform in a public place would tell the small child accompanying the parent “You see that cop over there? You better be good, or he’ll take you away.”

Although it may be well intended, that little psychological ploy is believed to plant seeds of fear and mistrust of the police that can be counter productive in the long run.

In an attempt to address the situation delicately, and with humor, the author developed the concept of this work, eventually creating the story and text as presented in this book.

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Enlisting the considerable talents of commercial artist Karen Whitfield, he provided her with “stick man” drawings of how he envisioned the finished product and Karen produced the wonderful visual art contained in these pages. Karen’s primary art form can be seen at her web site www.karenwhitfield.com.

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A delightful story about a young lad whose early impressions are molded by a lot of television watching and the psychological ploy common to many parents: "...see that policeman over there? You better be good or he'll take you away."

During one particular week in the lad's life, he meets "Officer Friendly" at school, witnesses a "cop" assisting schoolmates in need, and eventually receives comfort and compassion from a police officer who comes to the lad's aide when he finds himself in an unhappy situation.

The young boy eventually comes to his own conclusion in the matter and the results are sure to bring a smile to your lips as it tugs at your heartstrings.

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