About the Story: In this charming tale, The Jester awakes one morning to find laughter missing in his kingdom and he and his helpmate, Pharley, set off on a quest to find it. They ultimately discover that not only can laughter redeem a weary world, it also can provide the best tonic for anyone facing seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

About the Author: David Saltzman wrote and illustrated The Jester Has Lost His Jingle as his senior project at Yale, before his death from cancer in 1990. His life and optimism continue to inspire children everywhere.


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