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**Hugh Gray Lieber** was the head of the Department of Fine Arts at Long Island University. He illustrated many books written by his wife Lillian.

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