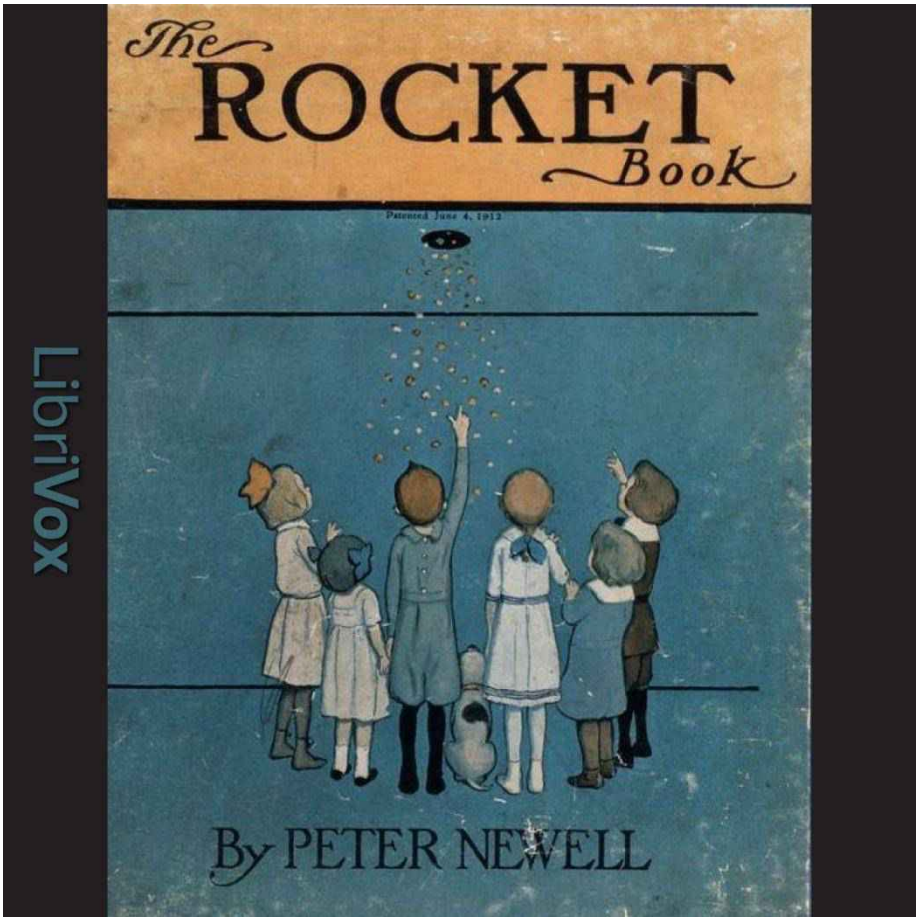

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The Rocket Book

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By Peter Newell (1862-1924)

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The Rocket Book **begins when the son of a building superintendent sets a match to a rocket he discovered in the basement. Suddenly, the rocket blasts its way up through apartment after apartment in a high-rise, disrupting and transforming the humdrum goings-on of twenty families till it is finally stopped cold by something in the attic. An elliptical hole is punched in** each of the book's pages and illustrations to signify where the rocket passed through every apartment! As in all of Newell's books, the vers**e on the verso-page provides commentary on the recto-page illustration.**

This book and Newell's The Slant Book pioneered the "special format" children's literature of **today, such as pop-**up books or cutout books like Eric Carle's The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Newell's books from 80 years ago have been reprinted, since Newell has undergone a resurgence in popularity much as Dr. Seuss's books did during the 1980s. This is a boon for **teachers and home-schooling parents, since this recording can now be listened to as youngsters page through a real book (ISBN: 0-8048-0505-9) or as they view the ICDL scanned version online (both are a real treat)! (Summary by Denny Sayers)**

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