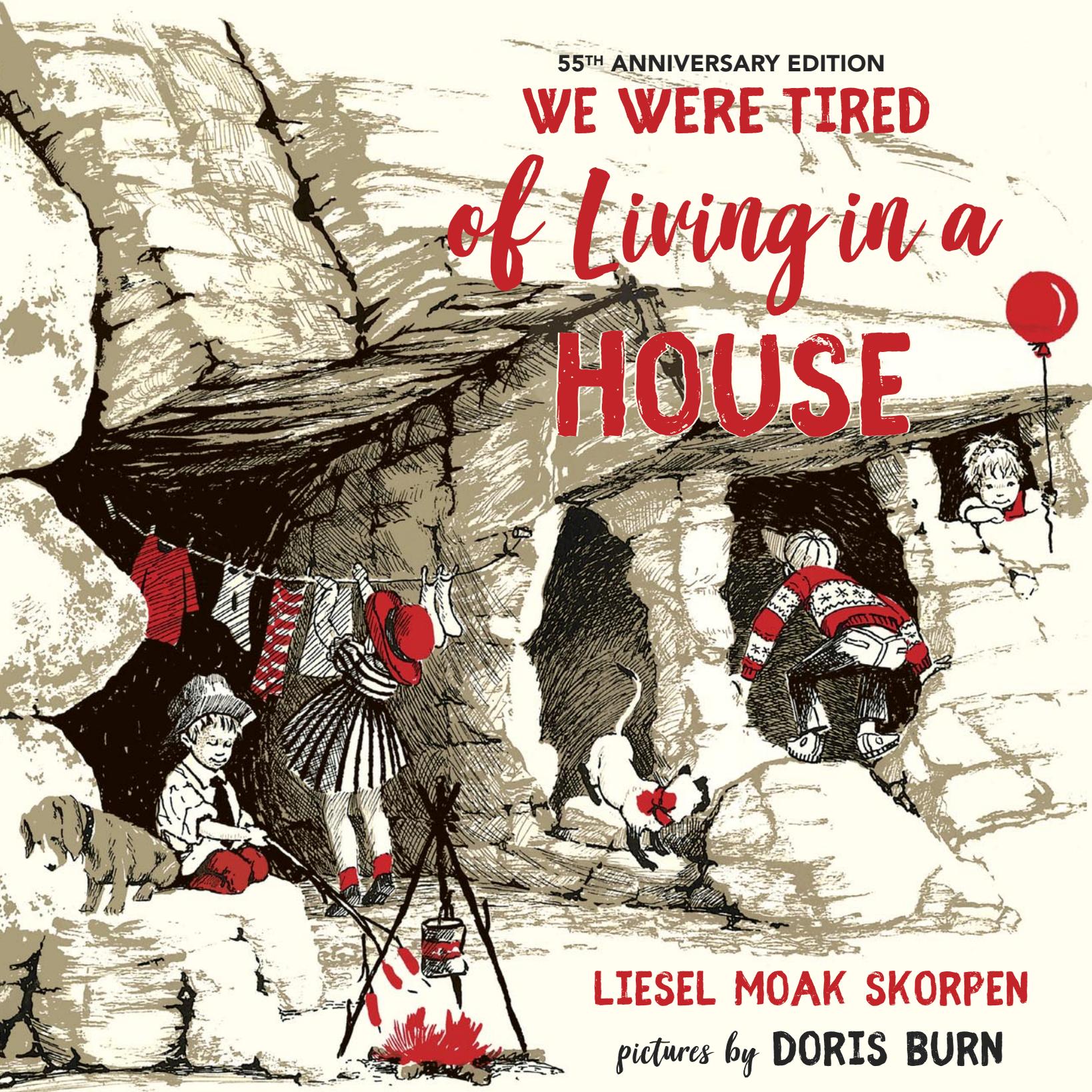


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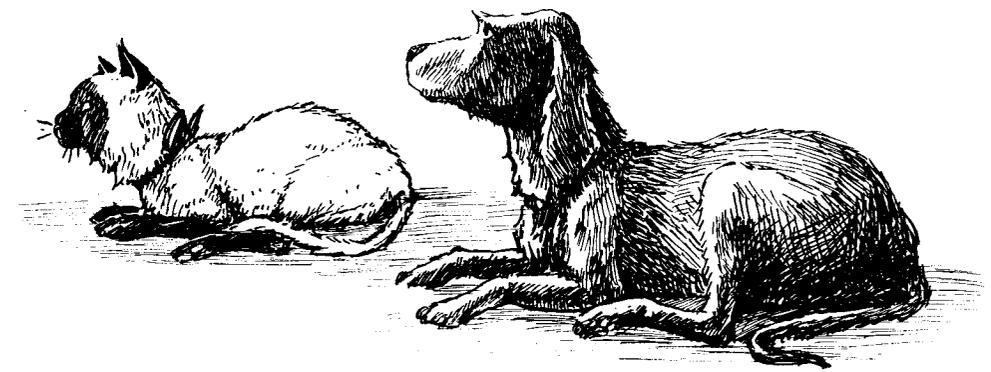
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### **LIESEL MOAK SKORPEN**

was the author of many children's books written during the 1960s and 1970s. Born in Germany, in 1935, her family returned to the United States when she was 18 months old.

She attended Wells College in Aurora, New York, and later studied philosophy at Yale University, where she met her husband Erling. They had seven children.

Liesel booked trips all over the world, her favorite spot was the Old City of Jerusalem. Her family believes she is there now, back home; she passed over in 2013.

### **DORIS "DOE" BURN**

was born in Oregon in 1923. She lived most of her life on secluded Waldron Island, Washington. There she raised four children, mostly on her own, in a cabin without electricity or running water. She provided such a rich life for her children they did not realize they were poor. She often worked late into the night, drawing by kerosene lamplight with a fire in the fireplace crackling in the background. She passed away in 2011.