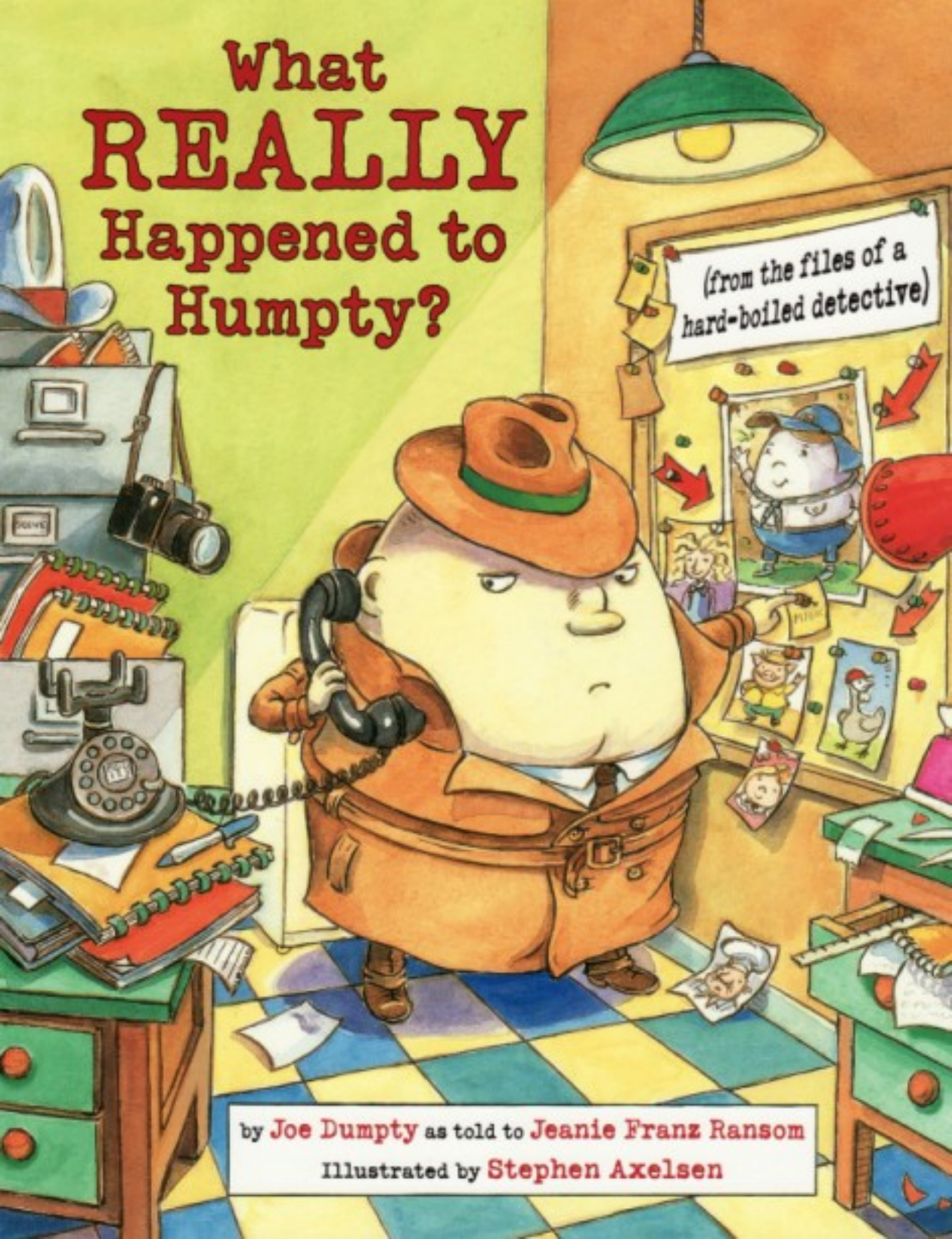


# What **REALLY** Happened to Humpty?



by **Joe Dumpty** as told to **Jeanie Franz Ransom**

Illustrated by **Stephen Axelsen**

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.  
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.  
Humpty Dumpty was pushed.



**A**t least I think so. Who am I? I'm Joe Dumpty,  
Humpty's younger brother.





**I**t was a picture-book-perfect morning. The Old Woman Who Lives in a Shoe had just dropped off her kids at the Jack 'n' Jill Day Care Center. The Three Little Pigs were putting the finishing touches on their latest house. And across the field, Humpty was sitting on the Wall.



I wish I'd stopped to crack a few jokes with my brother—but it was Humpty's first week as captain of our new Neighborhood Watch program, and I didn't want to distract him.





**"This CSI: Mother Goose is a winner."**

**★ Booklist (starred review)**

**"This nursery rhyme caper will please."**

**—Kirkus Reviews**

Private detective Joe Dumpty, Humpty's brother, thinks Humpty Dumpty's fall was no accident. But who would have pushed him? Was it Little Miss Muffet? Old Mother Hubbard? Chicken Little? Joe has until five o'clock to question characters and catch the culprit.