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# POST OFFICE TRIVIA YOU WILL LIKE

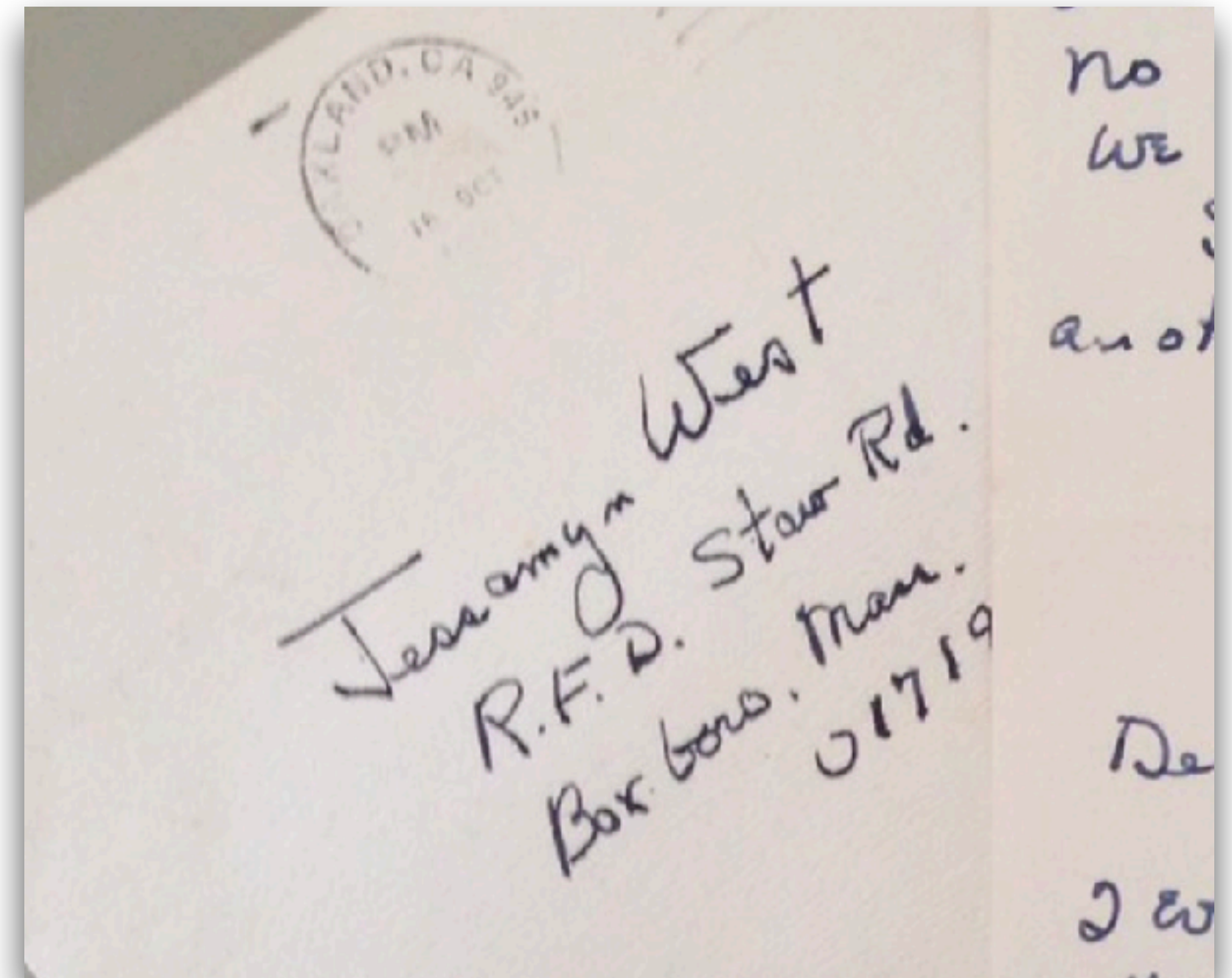
...and a plug for writing letters and postcards



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# 1896 - RURAL FREE DELIVERY

- [city delivery: 1863 mail slots: 1923]
- 65% of US pop. was rural (17% now)
- Can buy stamps by leaving money in the mailbox (Still! A "Post Office™ on Wheels")
- Post offices were more fluid... and sometimes in general stores or people's houses! (Still!)
- As more people moved to suburban/urban locations, post offices began to close.
- 1901 was high for # of US post offices: 76,945

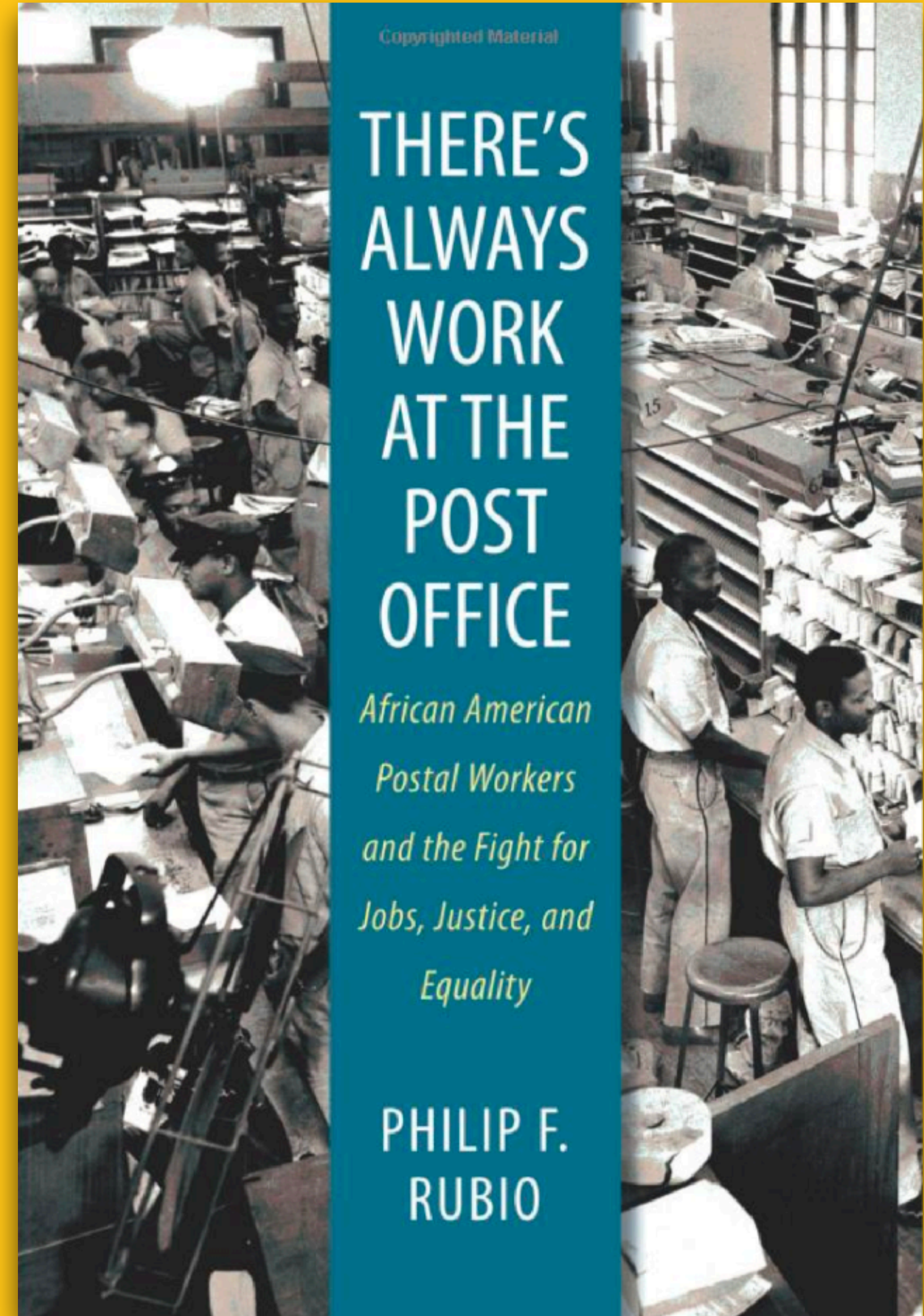


# MINNIE COX

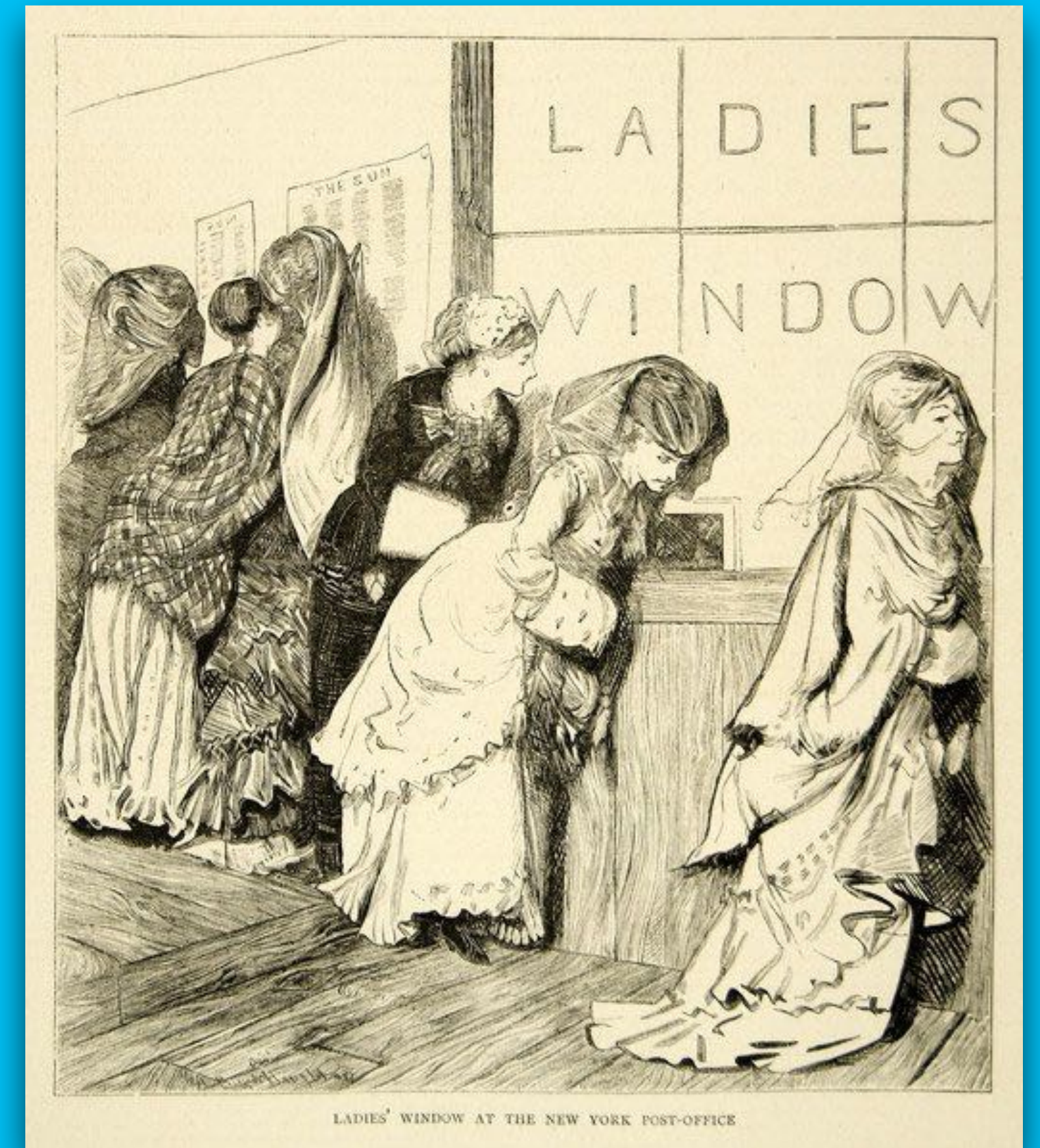
- First black female postmaster
- Harassed by white supremacists in MS
- Teddy Roosevelt closed their post office as punishment

## Minnie Cox

The nation's first female black postmaster; 100 years ago her re-appointment sparked a controversy from Indianola to the White House.



Ladies delivery windows were established at Post Offices in more than 75 cities coast to coast... most cities of over 100,000 inhabitants had special windows for women.



LADIES' WINDOW AT THE NEW YORK POST-OFFICE

# ROCKETEERS

**WORKED IN THE USPS PNEUMATIC TUBE MAIL DELIVERY SYSTEMS 1887 - 1953**



← KITTY!

**Rudyard Kipling got so much  
mail he applied for and was  
granted a personal post  
office by the US government**

Waite, Vermont - 1895-1897



Only post office set up for  
a single person!

# 1963

**ZIP CODES INTRODUCED**  
**~7,000 NEIGHBORS SHARE YOUR ZIP CODE**



# NO PUBLIC \$ SINCE 1982

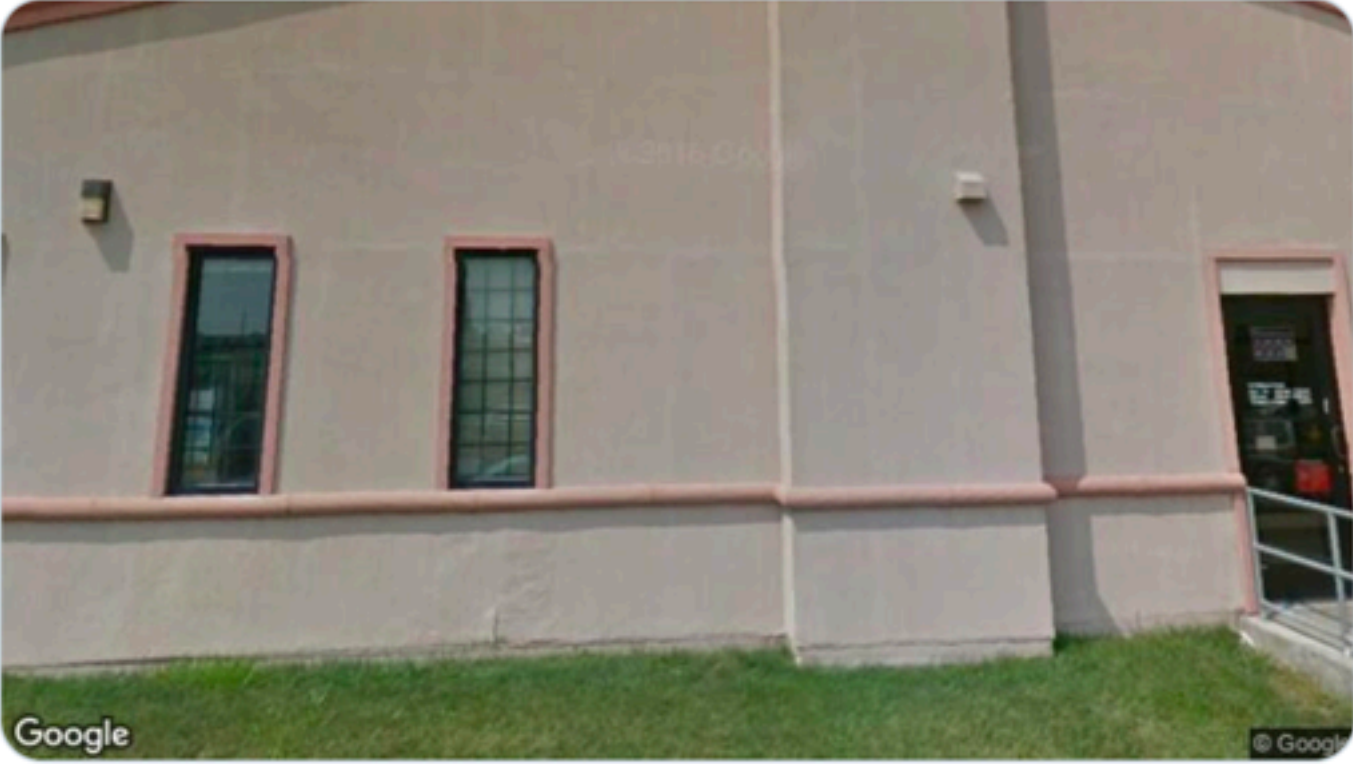




# @EVERYLOT\_USPS


**the boys are back** @intownagain · 2h  
Told them you were living downtown

**every usps** @everylot\_usps · 2h  
EASTSIDE: 3906 OAKLAND AVE, SAINT JOSEPH MO 64506-4980

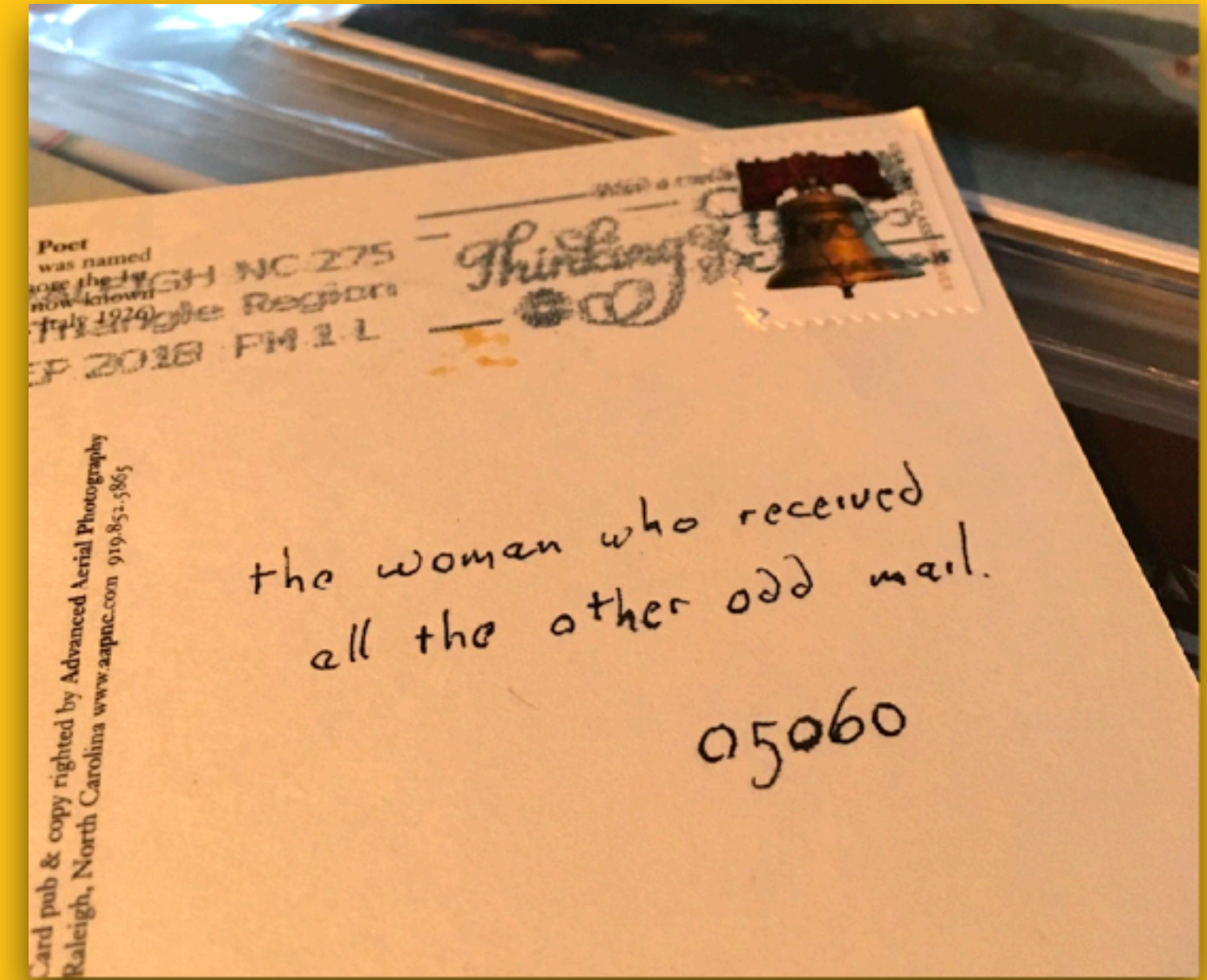


**the boys are back** @intownagain · 2h  
How you was, where you could be found

**every usps** @everylot\_usps · 3h  
WHITWELL: 13190 HIGHWAY 28, WHITWELL TN 37397-9998



**NOT EVERY POST OFFICE  
FINDS THIS AMUSING,  
BUT MINE DOES!**



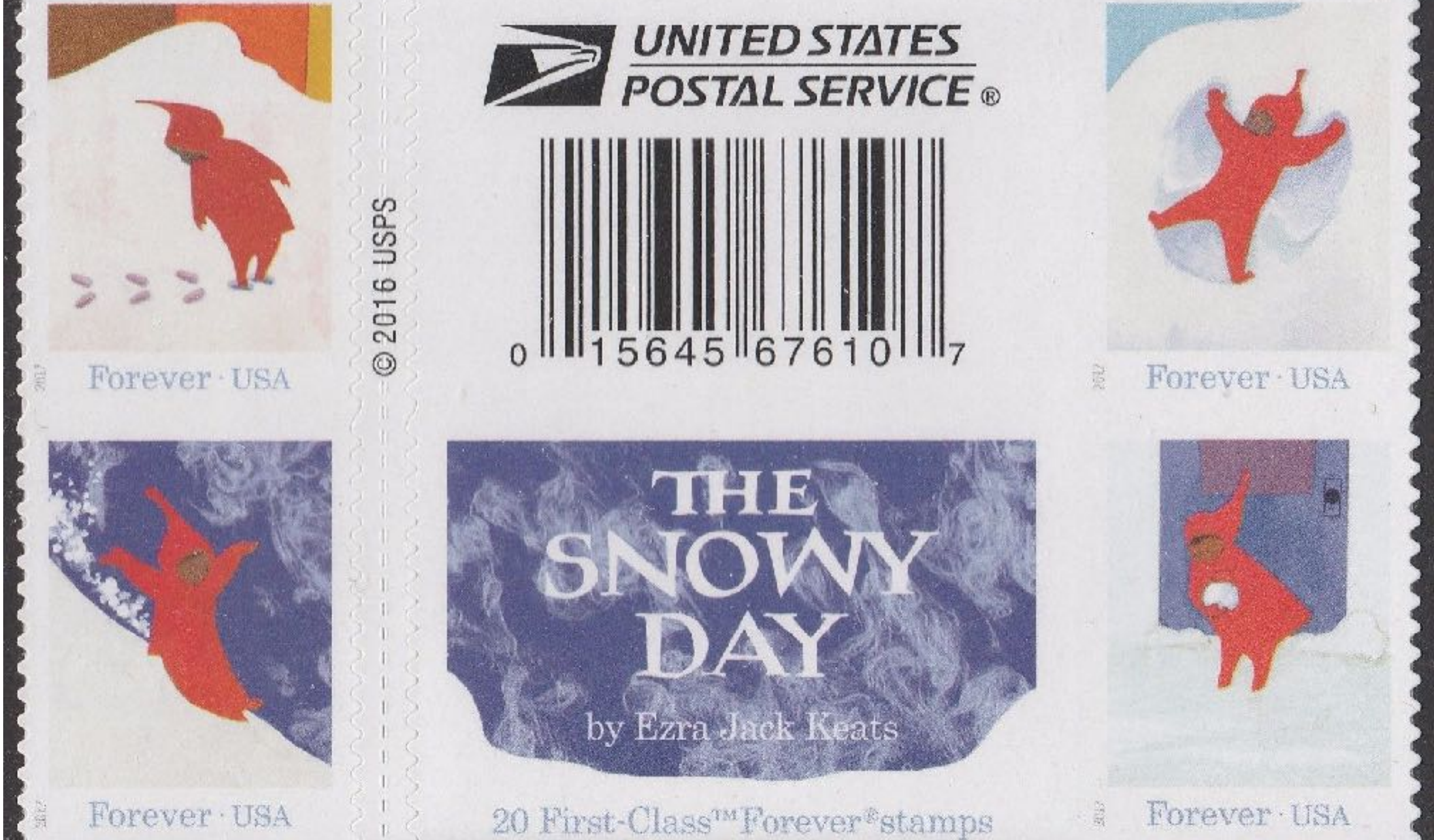


# GOOD MAIL

- Personal
- Chatty
- OK to be brief
- The best mail is the mail you **SEND**

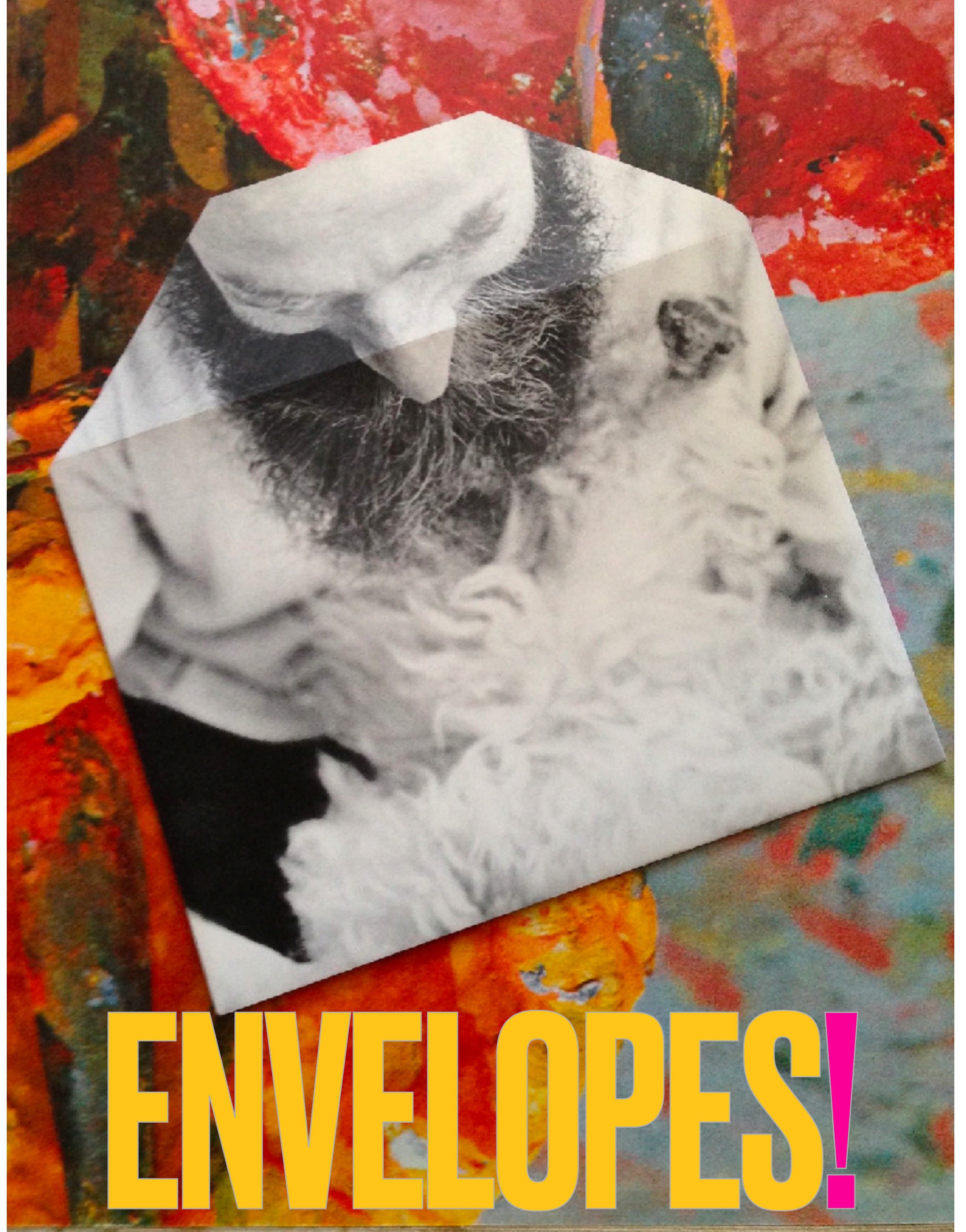
## Simple formula

1. Greeting
2. Connection
3. Anecdote
4. Wrap-up
5. Sign & Send

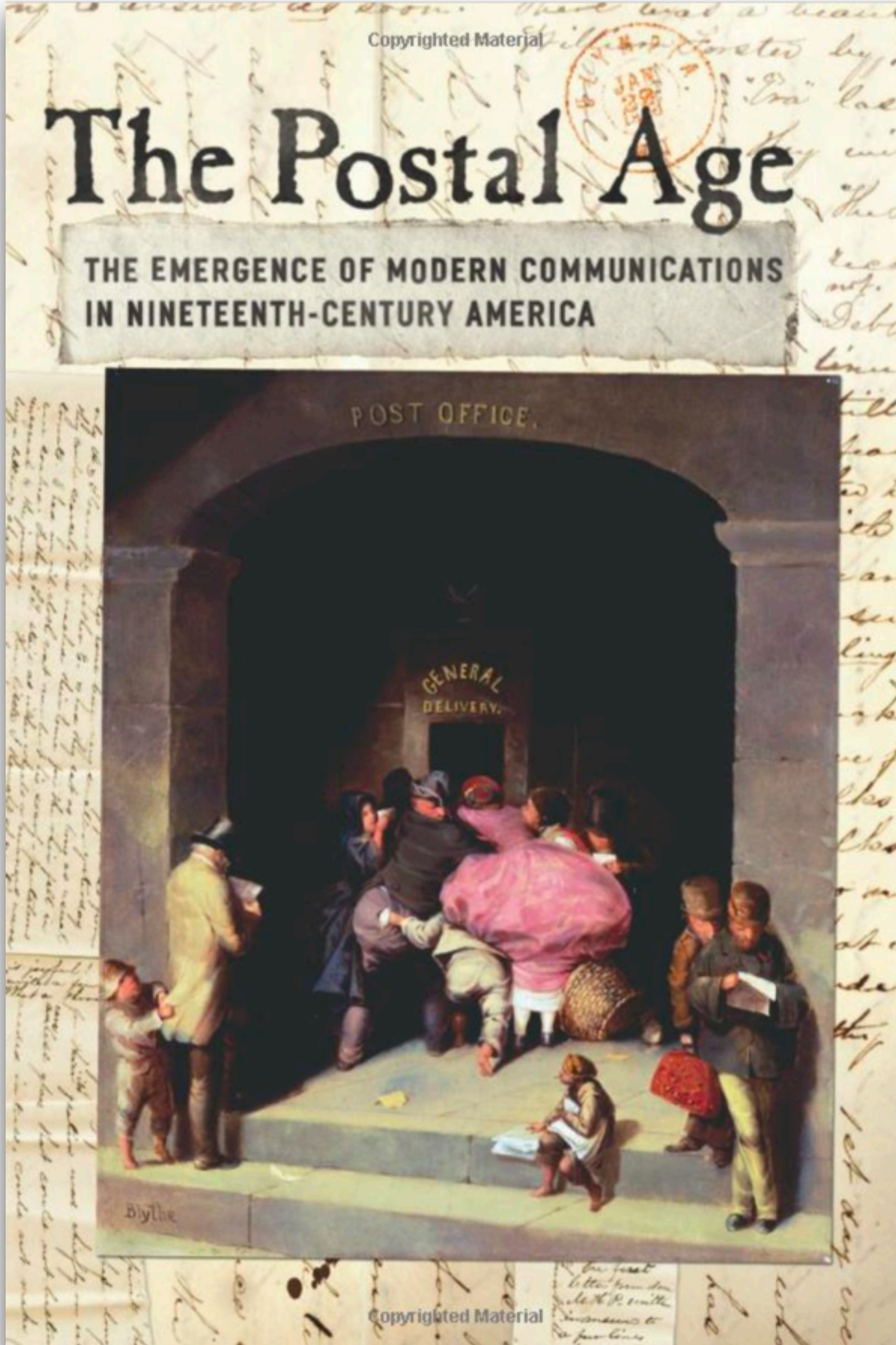
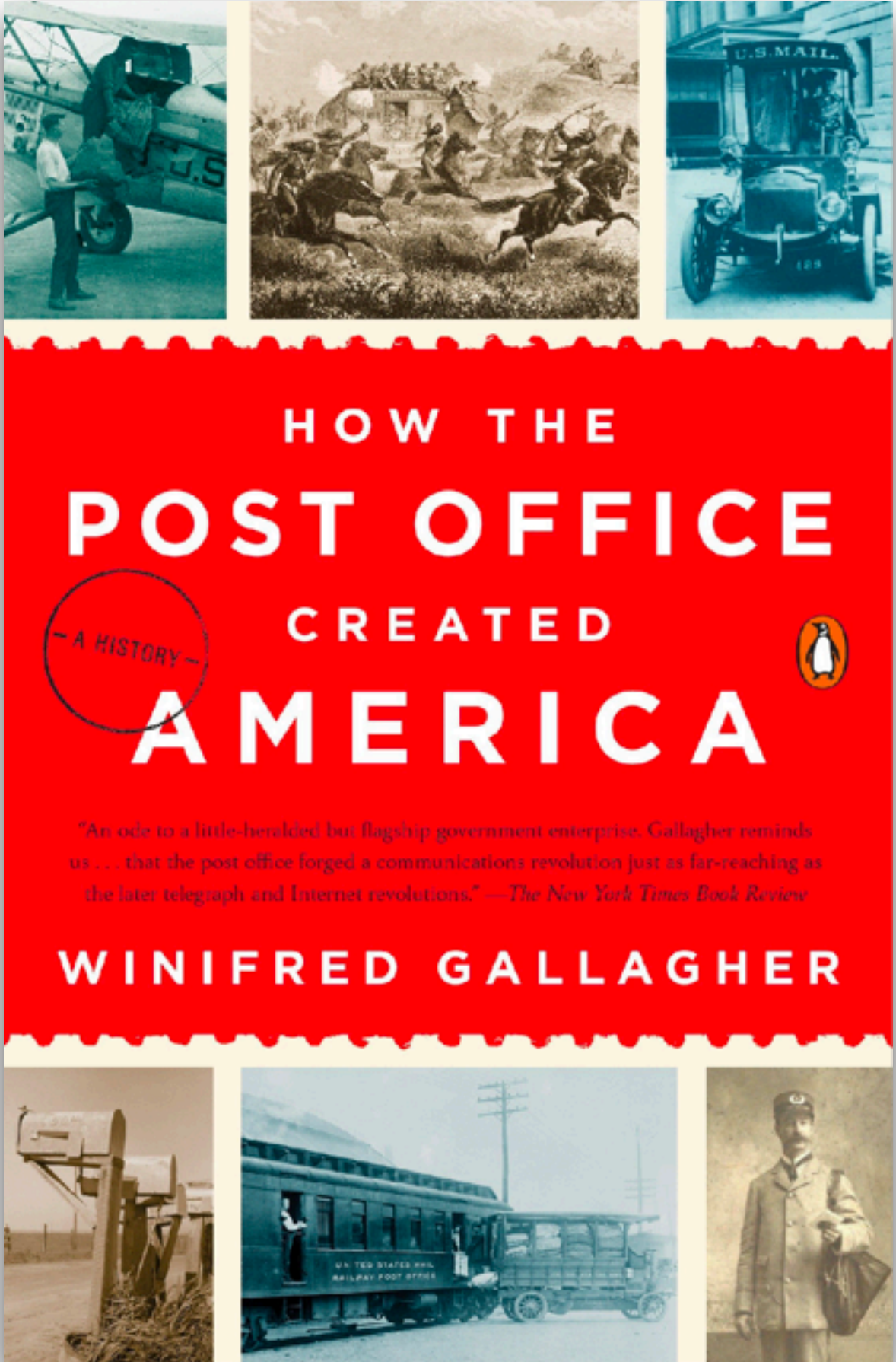
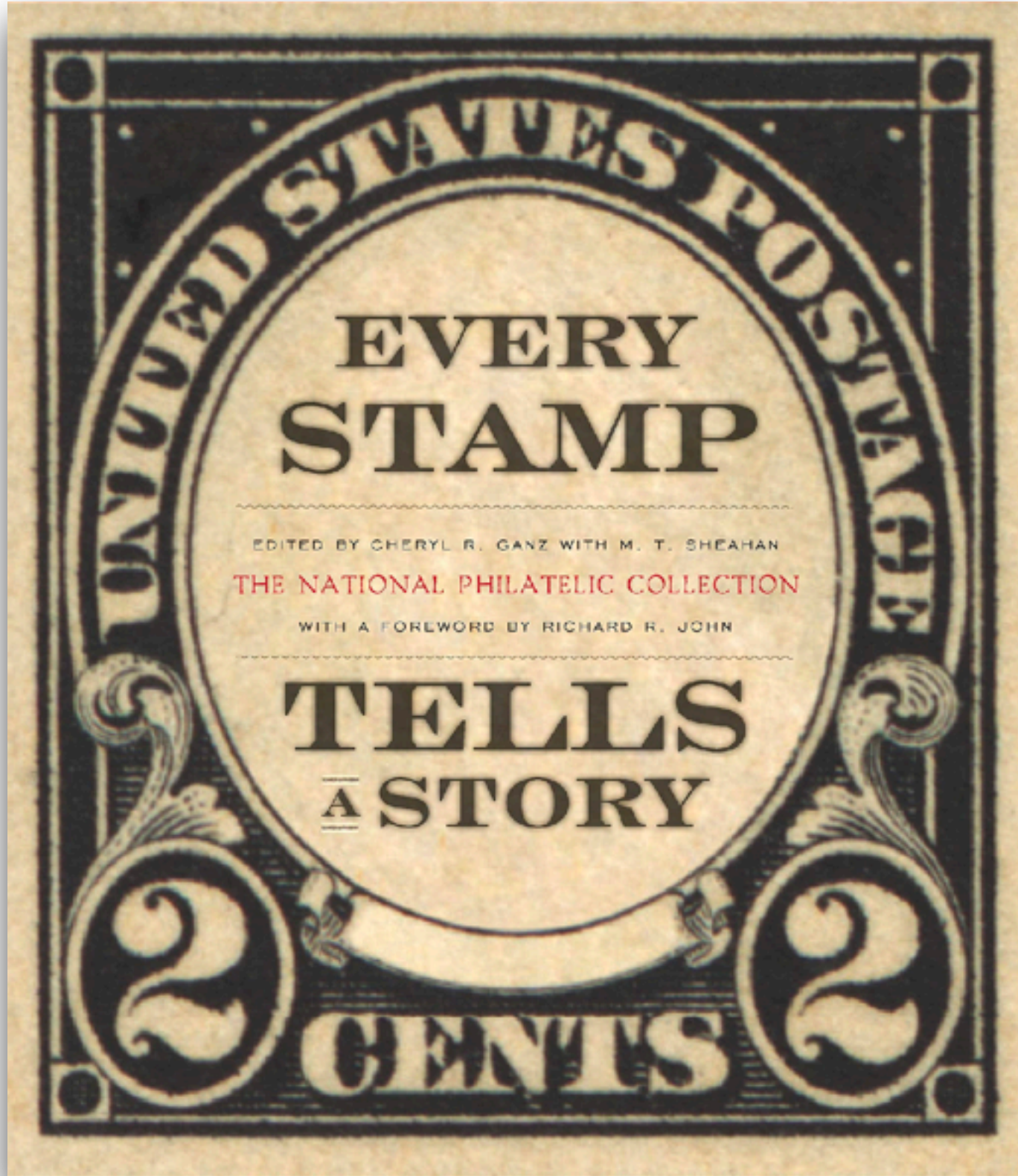


# FUN STAMPS





# GOOD BOOKS...





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