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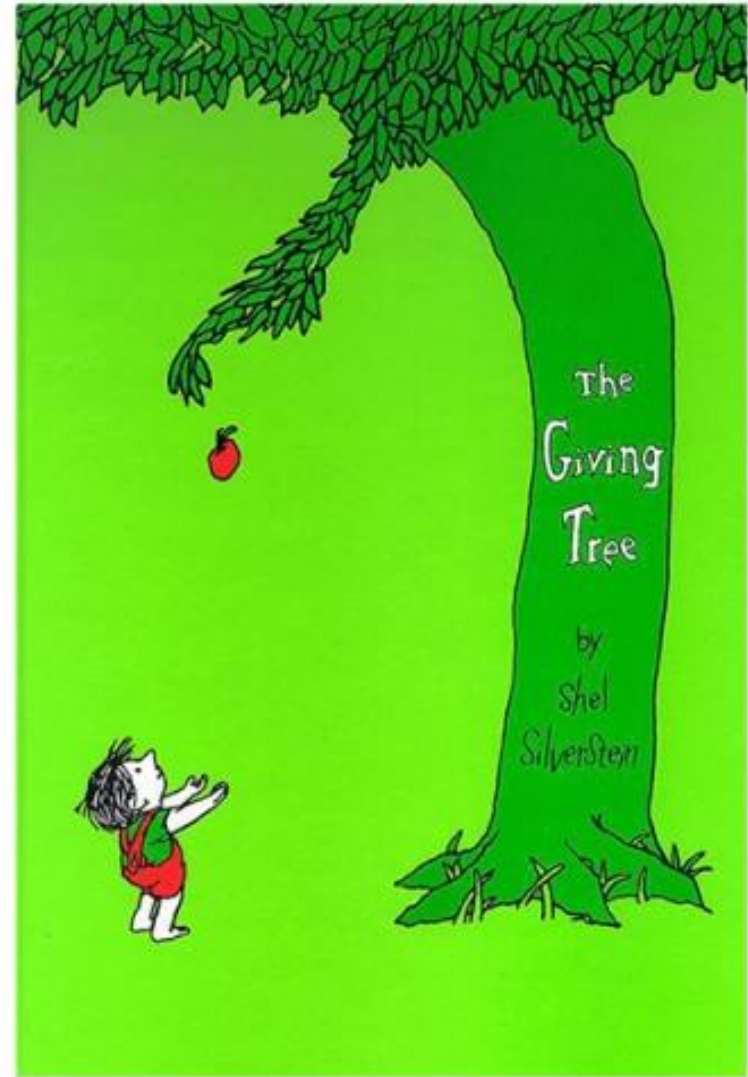
**Book: The Giving Tree**

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Do you like trees?

Have you ever think of trees can see you grow?

How old are you now? Since the first day we born on earth, our parents try their best to love and care for us every day.

Our mum and dad love and give us a loving shelter like the tree shelters the boy, *'Come, Boy, come and climb up my trunk and swing from my branches and eat apples and play in my shade and be happy!'*

After 20 years, what will you become? Life will be different after 20 years. We probably may say, *'I am too busy to climb trees, I want a house to keep me warm, I want a wife and I want children, and so I need a house. Can you give me a house?'* As we grow older. we may wish to ask more from our parents.....

*'I have no house',* said the tree. *'The forest is my house, but you may cut off my branches and build a house. Then you will be*

Life is a cycle. When we are young, our parents take good care of us. As our parents grow old, we also become grown-ups. Did we ever consider what can we give to love our parents and family in return in the near future? With giving and receiving of love, that's how life turn into a precious one.

The famous book "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein demonstrates the core values of family, life and love. The story illustrates how great a tree can do to a little boy throughout its life is a metaphor of family love. From another perspective, the fading of time change one's life and thought into another life phrase. Nevertheless, love connects these humane relationships regardless of life-changes.