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New Sendak Book Set for 2024 Release

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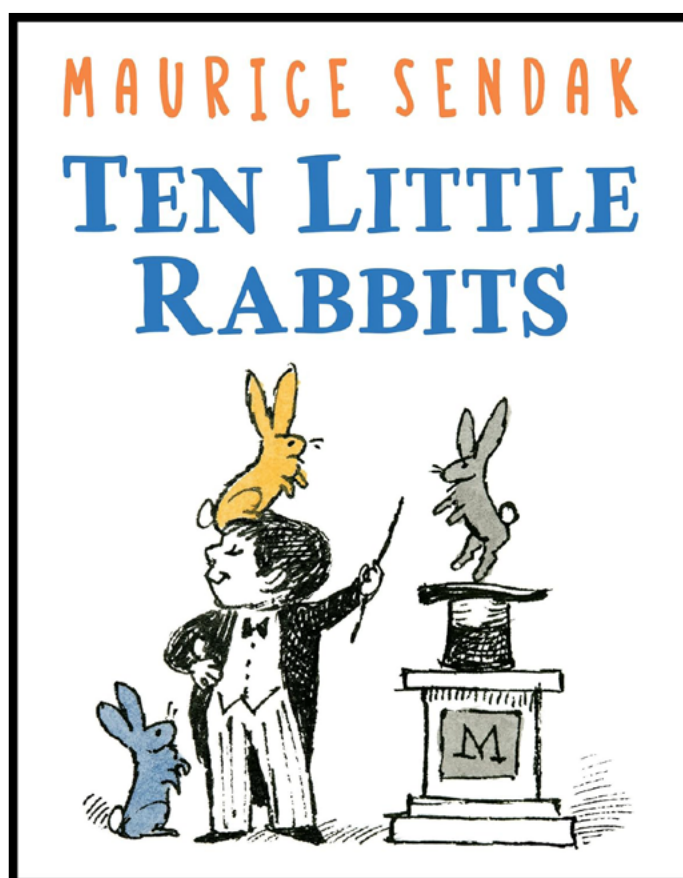
Among my many surprises and joys coming out of the ALA Annual Conference in June was my learning that a previously unpublished picture book by my idol/icon/favorite author Maurice Sendak is production stages. *Ten Little Rabbits* will be released by HarperCollins on February 6, 2024. Rights were acquired from the Maurice Sendak Foundation.

The story introduces young magician, Mino, whose act involves a wand, a magic hat, and a parade of ornery rabbits. Illustrations have a similar style to Sendak's earlier works, such as the *Nutshell Library*.

Ten Little Rabbits was originally created in 1970 as a small paper-bound pamphlet for a fundraiser for Philadelphia's Rosenbach Museum. The new book will be published in a 7-by-9-inch format.

This November marks the sixtieth anniversary of Sendak's Caldecott Award-winning *Where the Wild Things Are*, originally published November 23, 1963. &

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