

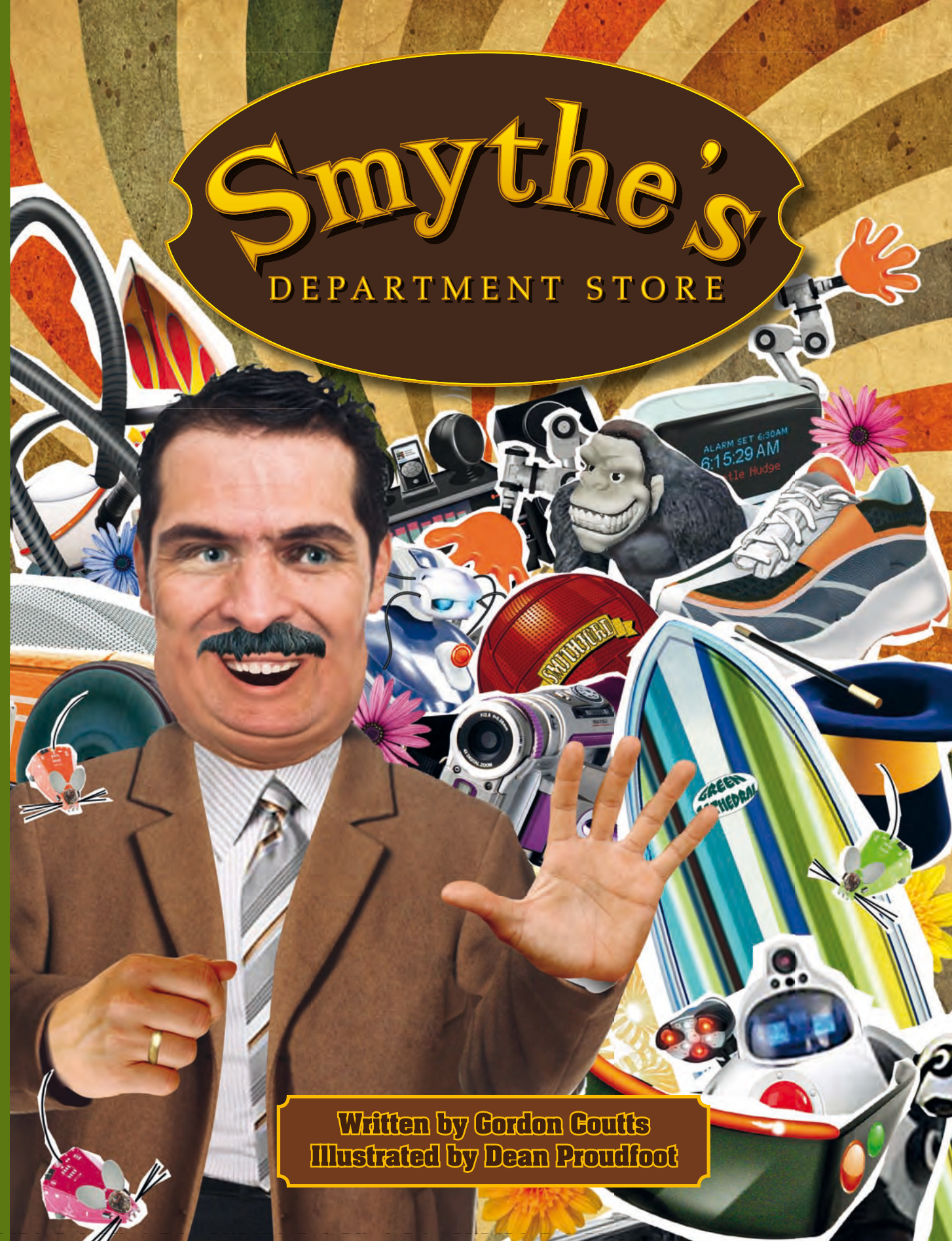
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200 Years of Smythe's

Smythe's is everyone's favourite department store. For the last 200 years, the Smythe family has been supplying the people of Hobbesville with everything from clothes, furniture, and ornaments to toys, sports gear, and electronic equipment. This year, Smythe's is celebrating two golden centuries in business. We'd like to thank everyone who has helped make

the business such a roaring success. To mark the occasion, we're launching our new, better-than-ever catalogue, which has some amazing offers in honour of reaching the 200-year mark.

While it's nice to stroll down memory lane and look back in fondness at the success of Smythe's, we're excited about making the next two centuries even better for our valued customers, so check out our great new ranges, and get yourself down to Smythe's for a warm welcome and some fantastic shopping.



Household

Everyone wants their home to look as pretty as a picture and as clean as a whistle. Our huge household range has everything you need to furnish your house so it suits your personality to a tee. To keep your home spick and span, our household department also stocks the latest in domestic gadgets to help you get your housework done in a jiffy.

Comfort's Own Self-Sitting Chair - \$200

This chair is so unbelievably comfortable you'll feel like you've died and gone to heaven. It will wrap you up in its soft embrace and turn everything from reading a book with a cup of cocoa to watching a DVD into the most relaxing experience you've ever had.



Features

- ❖ Flip-out leg rest for supreme relaxation
- ❖ Reclining back for an afternoon snooze
- ❖ Adjustable headrest
- ❖ Flip-open drinks holder in armrest

Benefits

- ❖ Kind to your back and neck
- ❖ Adjustable for all body shapes and sizes
- ❖ Incredible comfort

Brighto Energy-Saving Lamp - \$50

Light up your life – and be kind to the planet – with this sensationally stylish standing lamp. Energy-saving lamps often leave dark pools of shadow lurking in your home's nooks and crannies. The Brighto lamp uses standard energy-saving bulbs, but with its clever design, it emits a brighter light, without using more energy! With the Brighto, you can be clean and green, without having to peer through the murk.

The Brighto is the ingenious product of an international design competition to combine environmental friendliness with trend-setting style. It really is the best of both worlds!

Features

- ❖ Height-adjustable stand
- ❖ Maximum light-spreading lampshade
- ❖ Energy-saving light source

Benefits

- ❖ Brighter than standard energy-saving lamps
- ❖ Better for the environment
- ❖ Will fit into the most stylish living rooms



Crease-Be-Gone Robotic Iron - \$100

After ironing, do you find that no matter how much elbow grease you use, your clothes still have crinkles and creases? With Crease-Be-Gone's new robotic iron, you'll never have to do the ironing yourself again, and your clothes will always be ironed as flat as a pancake.

Simply place Crease-Be-Gone on the garment that needs ironing, hit the switch, and let it whiz. The iron is a spider. It scampers over the garment on its special robotic spider legs, ironing as it goes. Its spider arms flip the garment as needed. In addition to this, Crease-Be-Gone is as smart as a whip – artificial intelligence means it always knows where to go and it will never burn your clothes.

Features

- ❖ Hundreds of settings to match different shapes and fabrics
- ❖ Removable robotic legs for the option of doing the ironing yourself
- ❖ Both steam and water spray modes

Benefits

- ❖ You'll never have to do the ironing yourself again
- ❖ Perfectly ironed clothes every time



Vroom Vacuum Cleaner - \$120

When you vacuum your house, there's always something your vacuum cleaner misses. No sooner have you put the vacuum cleaner away than you notice stray cookie crumbs, cat hair, or chips. Now, thanks to great Gogo-Goggle technology, this problem will become ancient history. As you vacuum, simply slip on the Gogo-Goggles with the infra-red lenses to see every dastardly speck of dirt and dust. Put the goggles on before you start so you can see where the dirtiest areas are, or put them on after you've done the lion's share to mop up any stray muck.

Not only does the Vroom vacuum come with the Gogo-Goggles, but it is so powerful it could pull planets out of their orbits! It will make your home cleaner than it's ever been before. Dirt and dust beware – you've met your match.

Features

- ❖ Unique Gogo-Goggle technology
- ❖ Ten times as powerful as the leading competing brand
- ❖ Specially shaped head to fit into tricky nooks and crannies

Benefits

- ❖ Shows you all the dirt in the room
- ❖ Picks up dirt ordinary vacuum cleaners leave behind
- ❖ Makes it easy to clean otherwise hard-to-reach places



Sports

Whether you're a seasoned sporting veteran or you're wanting to try something new, we're sure to have the equipment that's right for you. Whatever you're into, stay ahead of the pack with the latest and best gear.

Yodelmaster 252 Surfboard - \$500

Tame waves into submission and banish them back to the briny depths with this amazing shortboard. If you're a keen surfer who loves ruling the waves, this is the board for you.

Its slim, streamlined shape and finely balanced buoyancy mean you'll be carving glassy waves all day long. The Yodelmaster 252 is made of fibreglass and comes in a choice of three designs, along with the Yodelmaster Hillerback leg rope and detachable fins. If you want to take your surfing to the next level, pick up the Yodelmaster 252 today.

Features

- ❖ Sturdy fibreglass
- ❖ Sleek, manoeuvrable shape
- ❖ Special anti-dent technology
- ❖ Detachable fins

Benefits

- ❖ Easy to pick up speed
- ❖ Great for quick turns and unmatched nimbleness
- ❖ Superb buoyancy

