

QUICK CARD: *THE CRICKET IN TIMES SQUARE*



<i>Reference</i>	<i>The Cricket in Times Square</i> . George Selden. (1960) ISBN-13: 978-0312380038
<i>Plot</i>	Chester, a country cricket, leaps unsuspectingly into a picnic basket and emerges later in the center of New York City's bustling Times Square Subway Station. There he meets Mario Belini, whose father's newspaper business is failing, and determines to bring him luck.
<i>Setting</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New York, New York • Time's Square Subway Station • The Belini's newspaper shack • Mario's childhood
<i>Characters</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chester Cricket, protagonist • Tucker Mouse, Chester's friend • Harry Cat, Chester's friend • Mario Belini, Chester's human friend, who considers Chester a pet • Mama and Papa Belini, Mario's parents and owners of the newspaper shack • Mr. Smedley, a music teacher • Sai Fong, the shop keeper in Chinatown who tells Mario about the luck crickets bring • Mickey, the counterman at the soda shop
<i>Conflict</i>	Man vs. Nature Man vs. Self Man vs. Man
<i>Theme</i>	Friendship Freedom
<i>Literary Devices</i>	Onomatopoeia Personification Allusion Foreshadowing