Ella Minnow Pea by Mark Dunn

Additional information on the objects and themes highlighted in the Postmarks & Paperbacks program can be found in the following articles, books, and blogposts.

Ella Minnow Pea contains references to Postal Inspectors. For information on real-life inspectors, see this resource on the Postal Museum’s site: https://postalmuseum.si.edu/topics/postal-inspectors

A photograph of military censors at work during WWI: Record Photograph of military mail censors at work | Collections Search Center, Smithsonian Institution (si.edu)

For a relevant item in the Postal Museum’s collection, check out this auxiliary handstamp: https://postalmuseum.si.edu/object/npm_1992.2002.874  During World War II a censor used this rubber auxiliary stamp to endorse an envelope that had its contents reviewed