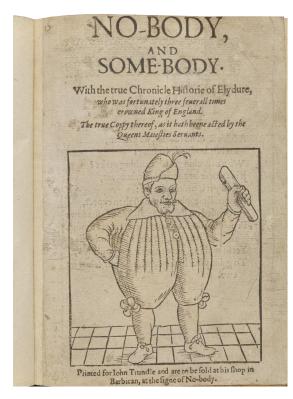
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## Mr. No-body Paper Doll

## As the song goes, "You're nobody until somebody loves you!"

Well, we at the Art Museums love our Mr. No-body! Dated 1682, this now rare tin-glazed earthenware figure of Mr. No-body would have been as easily recognizable in the 17th and 18th centuries as Disney characters are to us today. Our figure was inspired by the Mr. No-body depiction illustrated on the title page of the 17th-century woodblock printing of a play entitled "No-body and Some-body," in which poor Mr. No-body is always taking the blame for everything. Although a fictional character, Mr. No-body was definitely a piece of 17th-century pop culture, with references to him making their way into Shakespeare's writings and those of many others, and portions of the play often reproduced in period newspapers.



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MR. NO-BODY London, England, 1682 Tin-glazed earthenware Museum Purchase, 1978-131

