

“Kilroy Was Here”

-A Story from World War II

The original Kilroy was James J. Kilroy (1902-1962), who lived in Quincy, Massachusetts. He signed his work as he did his job as a ship inspector. The face that now always accompanies “Kilroy Was Here” was added later.



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The words, “Kilroy Was Here,” alongside a drawing of a long-nosed, bald fellow peering over a wall still pop up occasionally on walls and buildings, but the origin of “Kilroy was Here” belongs to World War 2