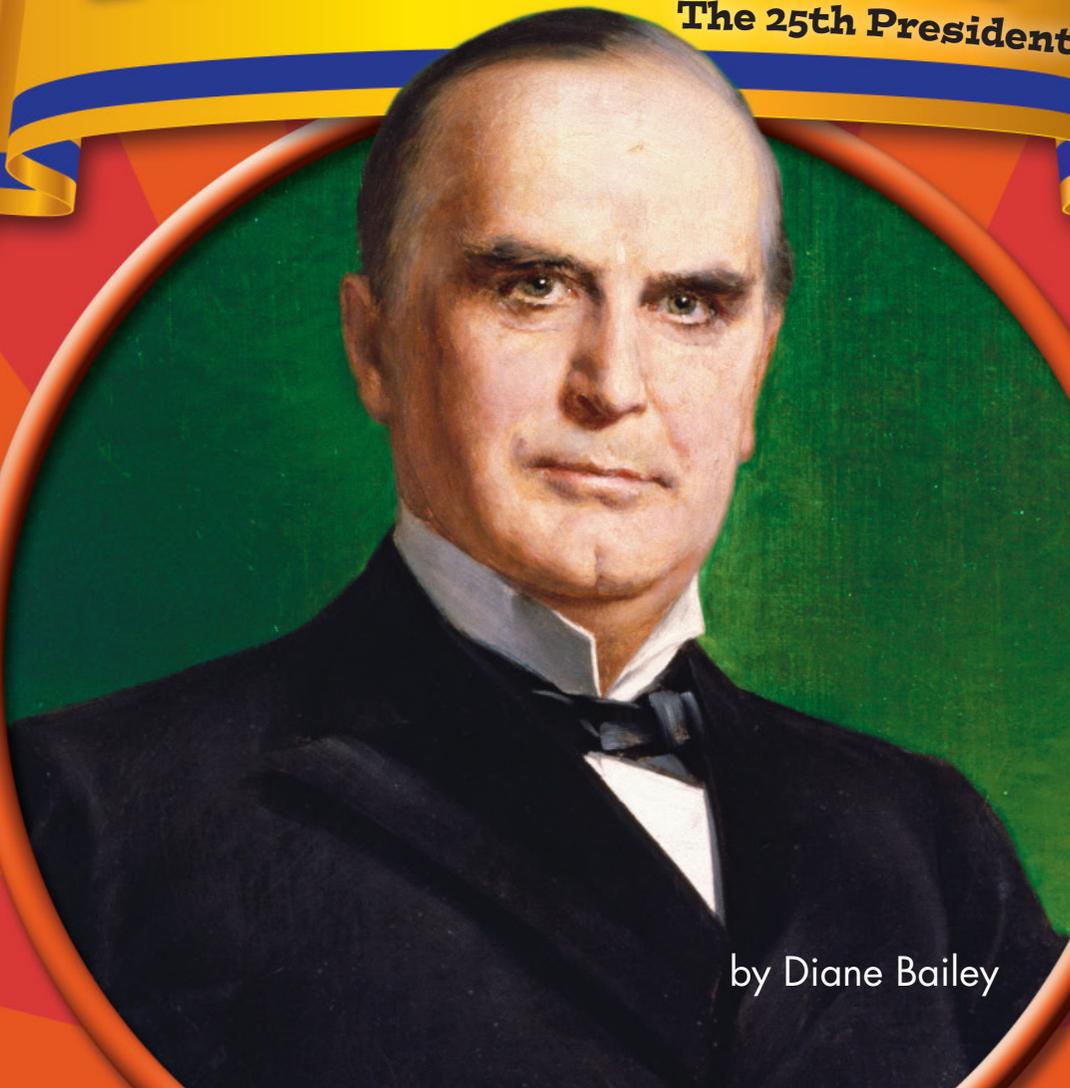




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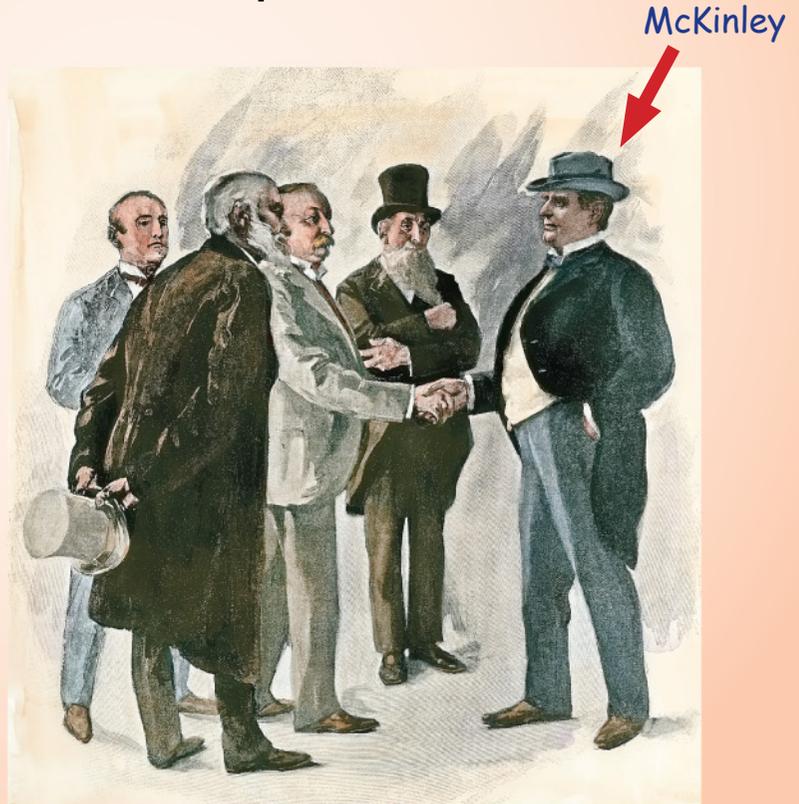


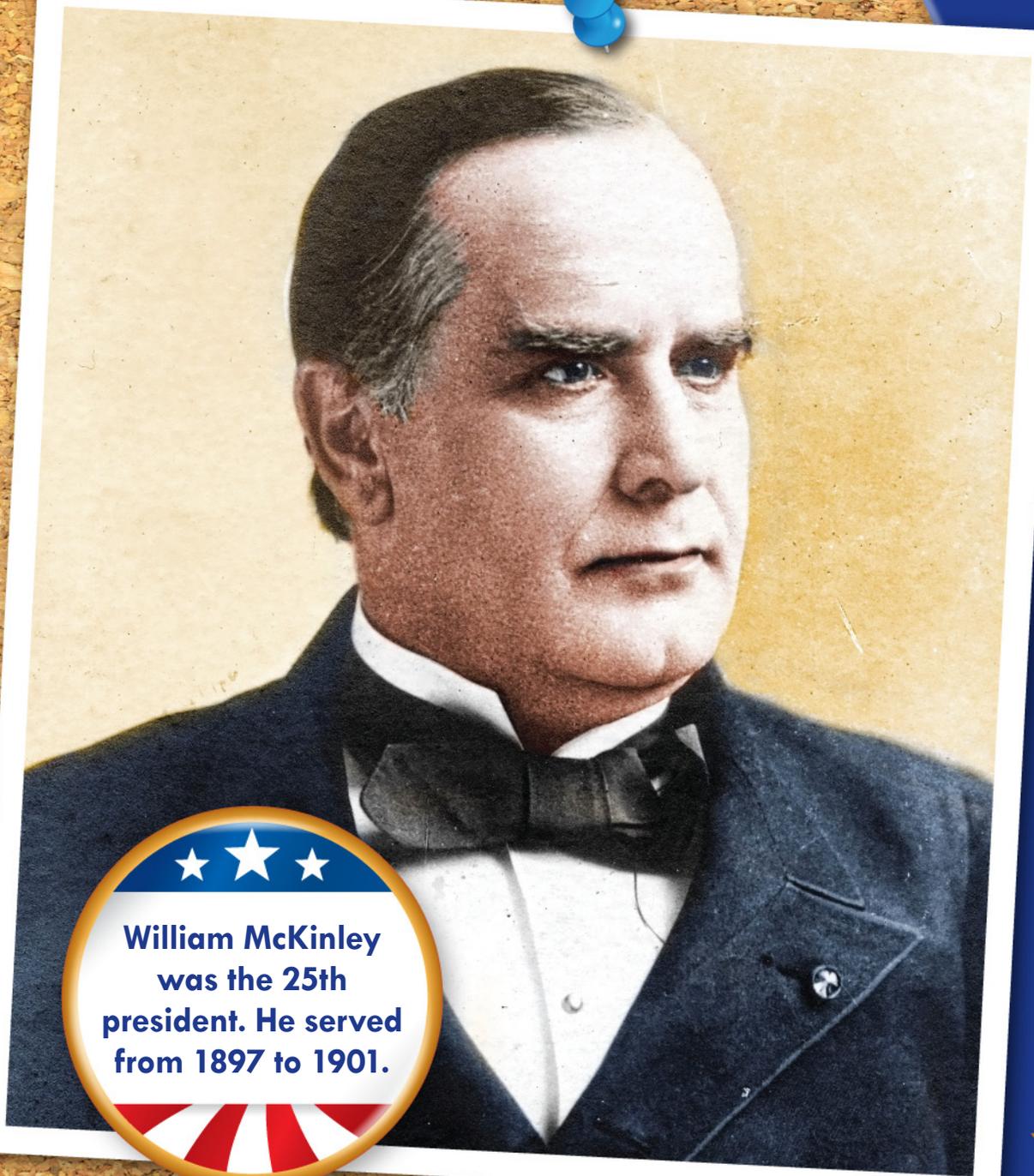
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Changing Times

Wherever President William McKinley went, cheering crowds greeted him. He was a **popular** and strong leader. He fought to make the United States into a world power. He also helped American businesses grow.

McKinley was known for his fast handshake. People called it "the McKinley grip."





William McKinley
was the 25th
president. He served
from 1897 to 1901.

Ohio Boy

William McKinley was born in Ohio in 1843. He was the seventh of eight children. Young William always had a lot of friends. In school, he worked hard and dreamed of becoming a teacher.



**As a boy,
William liked to
ride horses, swim,
and fly kites.**

*In William's day,
children often went
swimming in ponds or lakes.*

William attended a one-room schoolhouse like this one.

