

The Noisy Paint Box The Colors And Sounds Of Kandinskys Abstract Art

A girl describes why she loves the Sun and the many ways in which it helps the earth and the life upon it.

The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract ArtKnopf Books for Young Readers

A mail carrier in a village that is mostly blue sets off in a cloud to see the rest of the world, in a story inspired by Chagall's "Bride and Groom with Eiffel Tower" and featuring information on the artist and his work on the back lining papers.

Enjoying a peaceful life tending lambs and preparing wool with his sweetheart, a gentle shepherd must leave his family to fight in World War I, during which he endures heartbreaking violence and losses.

As soon as Thomas Jefferson learned to read, he found his passion: books, books, and more books! Before, during, and after the American Revolution, Jefferson collected thousands of books on hundreds of subjects. In fact, his massive collection eventually helped rebuild the Library of Congress—now the largest library in the world. Barb Rosenstock's rhythmic words and John O'Brien's whimsical illustrations capture Jefferson's passion for the written word as well as little-known details about

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book collecting. Author and artist worked closely with experts to create the first picture book on Jefferson's love of reading, writing, and books. An author's note, bibliography, and source notes for quotations are also included.

Inspired by Klimt's famous mural *The Tree of Life*, this dreamily illustrated children's book tells the story of a magical tree whose fruit saves lives. Painted during the artist's "golden period," Gustav Klimt's *The Tree of Life* has been interpreted in myriad ways. This children's book deftly incorporates the mysteries and depth of Klimt's masterpiece into a story for young readers. A young man is given a seed that grows into a beautiful fruit-bearing tree. After tasting the fruit, he can see into the future, including events that will put the lives of others in danger. A king and his lovely princess daughter test the boy's predictions, and love ensues. As children turn the pages of this exquisite book, they will be drawn into the intricately detailed and boldly colored illustrations, which echo Klimt's own artistry. The book includes a gorgeous reproduction of *The Tree of Life*, along with information about Klimt and his work. Designed to encourage children to discover new details each time they open the pages, this is a charming book that will be read over and over again. Eleanor Estes's *The Hundred Dresses* won a Newbery Honor in 1945 and has never been out of print since. At the heart of the story is Wanda

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Petronski, a Polish girl in a Connecticut school who is ridiculed by her classmates for wearing the same faded blue dress every day. Wanda claims she has one hundred dresses at home, but everyone knows she doesn't and bullies her mercilessly. The class feels terrible when Wanda is pulled out of the school, but by that time it's too late for apologies. Maddie, one of Wanda's classmates, ultimately decides that she is "never going to stand by and say nothing again."

A clever, charmingly quirky portrayal of painter Jackson Pollock – and the first in a series of picture-book biographies of contemporary artists Jackson Pollock was unlike any other painter. Instead of sitting in front of an easel with brushes, he poured paint over canvases rolled-out across the floor, moving, splashing, and making the vivid liquid run with energy and rhythm. Pollock's story is told here with wit and eccentricity, perfectly paired with black-line illustrations – and splatters galore. Fausto Gilberti brings movement, life, and whimsy to the true life story of one of the most important contemporary artists of our time.

The life and work of the famous Viennese painter Gustav Klimt are explored by his favorite cat.

If you were a boy named Henri Matisse who lived in a dreary town in northern France, what would your life be like? Would it be full of color and art? Full of lines and dancing figures? Find out in this beautiful, unusual

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picture book about one of the world's most famous and influential artists by acclaimed author and Newbery Medal-winning Patricia MacLachlan and innovative illustrator Hadley Hooper. A Neal Porter Book

A whimsical tale inspired by a treasured Paul Klee painting follows the experiences of a freedom-seeking cat who, with the help of a bird, escapes her comfortable house to enjoy a night of dancing on the moonlit city roofs.

A temple cat in ancient Egypt grows tired of being worshipped and cared for in a reverent fashion and travels to the seaside, where she finds genuine affection with a fisherman and his children.

A Caldecott Honor Book Vasya Kandinsky was a proper little boy: he studied math and history, he practiced the piano, he sat up straight and was perfectly polite. And when his family sent him to art classes, they expected him to paint pretty houses and flowers—like a proper artist. But as Vasya opened his paint box and began mixing the reds, the yellows, the blues, he heard a strange sound—the swirling colors trilled like an orchestra tuning up for a symphony! And as he grew older, he continued to hear brilliant colors singing and see vibrant sounds dancing. But was Vasya brave enough to put aside his proper still lifes and portraits and paint . . . music? In this exuberant celebration of creativity, Barb Rosenstock and Mary GrandPré tell the fascinating story of Vasily Kandinsky, one of the very first painters of abstract art. Throughout his life, Kandinsky experienced colors as sounds, and sounds as colors—and bold, groundbreaking works burst forth from his noisy paint

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box. Backmatter includes four paintings by Kandinsky, an author's note, sources, links to websites on synesthesia and abstract art.

Presents a biography of French artist Henri Rousseau, who spent his life as a toll collector, but created unheralded masterpieces in his spare time.

The sky's no limit as the author-illustrator of *The Dot and Ish* winds up his *Creatrilogy* with a whimsical tale about seeing the world a new way. Features an audio read-along! Marisol loves to paint. So when her teacher asks her to help make a mural for the school library, she can't wait to begin! But how can Marisol make a sky without blue paint? After gazing out the bus window and watching from her porch as day turns into night, she closes her eyes and starts to dream. . . . From the award-winning Peter H. Reynolds comes a gentle, playful reminder that if we keep our hearts open and look beyond the expected, creative inspiration will come.

Writer Tami Lewis Brown and illustrator Keith Negley present a joyful picture book biography of modern art icon Keith Haring, celebrating the ways his life embodied the message: art is for everyone. Art is life... and life is art. Keith Haring believed that art should be enjoyed by everyone. When Keith first moved to New York City, he rode the subway and noticed how the crowds were bored and brusque, and that the subways were decayed and dreary. He thought the people of New York needed liberating, illuminating, and radiating art. So he bought a stick of white chalk and started drawing...

Now in an updated English edition with full color illustrations, Kandinsky's fascinating and witty artist's

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book represents a crucial moment in the painter's move toward abstraction.

For fans of Olivia and Eloise, this stunning debut from Kelly Light is an irresistible story about the importance of creativity in all its forms. Meet Louise. Louise loves art more than anything. It's her imagination on the outside. She is determined to create a masterpiece—her *pièce de résistance*! Louise also loves Art, her little brother. This is their story. Louise Loves Art is a celebration of the brilliant artist who resides in all of us.

Presents the life and work of Henri Matisse in the form of a child's school report, where Keesia learns that over his long career, Matisse made paintings, sculpture, books, costumes, and cut-outs.

Simultaneous.

Sonia Delaunay (1885-1979), painter and textile, theater, and fashion designer, made enormous contributions to the development of abstraction in the early 1910s, partly because of her son, Charles. In this new book, Delaunay and six-year-old Charles have a fantastical adventure in a world of color and form, a magical road trip in their car, modeled after her 1925 design for a Citroen convertible. They glide into a landscape of colors and shapes drawn from Delaunay's early abstract compositions--it's as if they've driven into one of her paintings. Mother and son also explore the artist's gorgeous, colorful designs for fabrics and clothing. Throughout, Delaunay helps Charles understand her artistic

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process and that of her husband, artist Robert Delaunay, by asking him what shapes and colors he recognizes along the way. They end up back in the real world, and Charles realizes that his mother's thoughts about art permeate every aspect of their life.

Presents, in brief text and illustrations, the life of the painter who drew much of her inspiration from nature.

Combines van Gogh's paintings with his own words, describing each work of art and introducing young readers to the concept of color.

An exuberantly illustrated introduction to the early life of abstract painter Vasya [Wassily] Kadinsky describes how his creative life was profoundly shaped by a neurological condition called "synesthesia," which caused him to experienced colors as sounds, and sounds as colors.

Mr. Quickstep, accompanied by his dog Foxtrot, is looking for the future. On the way, they meet up with Coppernickel and his dog Tungsten. Coppernickel says there's no need to look for the future, as it will arrive anyway. Mr. Quickstep disagrees, for the future he's after hasn't even been thought of yet. Left behind, Coppernickel worries that he will miss out if he doesn't follow Mr. Quickstep, so he sets off with Tungsten. Naturally, Coppernickel and Mr. Quickstep bump into each other again, which allows Mr.Quickstep to fling open the door to the future by

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showing Copernickel his last, most modern work. What stands out here is how Mr. Quickstep's attempt to find an abstract essence in the very stuff of reality is woven right into the illustrations of this graphically distinguished work, giving children the sense that the future is theirs to create as they see it. Dreams can become reality and in the process we too will be transformed. Wouter van Reek went to art school, which was too easy, so he changed to mathematics, which was too hard, so he changed back to art. After art school, he created an animated cartoon series for TV, introducing Keepvogel (Copernickel) and Tungsten, a super bird/dog team. Wouter has created numerous animations and books about these famous and beloved Dutch characters. The author describes a trip to see his uncle, the soon-to-be-famous artist Andy Warhol, and the fun that he and his family had on the visit. Meet the boy who can't stop creating art! He loves colours, shapes, textures and EVERYTHING inspires him: his socks, the contents of the fridge, even his cat gets a new coat (of paint!). But there's just one problem: his mum isn't quite so enthusiastic. In fact, she seems a little cross! But this boy has a plan to make his mum smile. He's about to create his finest piece yet and on a very grand scale . . . Funny, irreverent and perfect for creative children and adults, *I Am An Artist* by Marta Altés is a sharp, silly, fabulous book which shows that art is

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EVERYWHERE!

Pigasso, a talented pig, and Mootisse, an artistic bull, live across the road from one another, but when conflicts arise they build fences that ultimately become modern art masterpieces. Includes biographies of the real-life artists, Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso.

As a boy, Edward Hopper knew exactly what he wanted to be when he grew up: on the cover of his pencil box, he wrote the words EDWARD HOPPER, WOULD-BE ARTIST. He traveled to New York and to Paris to hone his craft. And even though no one wanted to buy his paintings for a long time, he never stopped believing in his dream to be an artist. He was fascinated with painting light and shadow and his works explore this challenge. Edward Hopper's story is one of courage, resilience, and determination. In this striking picture book biography, Robert Burleigh and Wendell Minor invite young readers into the world of a truly special American painter (most celebrated for his paintings "Nighthawks" and "Gas").

Fans of Jandy Nelson and Marieke Nijkamp will love this deeply moving novel in verse about the aftermath of a gun accident. Life changes forever for Liv when her older brother, Jonah, accidentally shoots himself with his best friend Clay's father's gun. Now Jonah needs round-the-clock care just to stay alive, and Liv feels like she's the only person

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who can see that her brother is still there inside his broken body. With Liv's mom suing Clay's family, there are divisions in the community that Liv knows she's not supposed to cross. But Clay is her friend, too, and she refuses to turn away from him—just like she refuses to give up on Jonah. This powerful novel is a stunning exploration of tragedy, grief, compassion, and forgiveness.

Big art for little hands, these enchanting activity books allow young artists to explore the world's masterpieces on their own terms and with plenty of space to color outside the lines.

A Japanese couple adopts a boy found in a giant wave who does not grow, in a story inspired by Hokusai's "The Great Wave Off Kanegawa" and featuring information on the artist and his work on the back lining papers.

Meet the Artist Series presents Wassily Kandinsky. Each activity book includes more than 25 pages of art and literacy activities for kids ages four to twelve. Kids will learn about the life of a famous artist followed by activities that reinforce literacy skills and teach a little art history along the way. Match the title to the painting, learn new vocabulary, write stories to go along with famous paintings, create your own masterpiece, and much more! Teachers across the country have been using the Meet the Artist Series in their classrooms with great success. No longer do they have to teach the same biographies year after

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year. Now they can introduce their students to a new artist each month! Find more units at magicSPELLSforTEACHERS.com. Bring a little magic home today!

Imagines Jackson Pollock at work during the creation of one of his paint-swirled and splattered canvasses.

One of Wassily Kandinsky's most fantastical and vivid paintings is the foundation for this children's book about a journey into the heart and mind of a sleeping giant. Inspired by Wassily Kandinsky's 1940 painting, *Sky Blue*, this delightful children's book delves into the kaleidoscopic mind of a sleeping giant. Author Vronique Massenot and illustrator Peggy Nille interpret Kandinsky's abstract characters as the somnolent visions of a giant who stumbles into a village of microscopic townspeople. Though the villagers initially fear the enormous stranger, they soon discover a gentle soul through his beautiful dreams. With its brightly colored palette and playful drawings, this wonderfully imaginative book echoes Kandinsky's lively style. As young readers explore the wonders of the miniature villagers' world and the colossal giant's imagination, they will be inspired to find their own way around Kandinsky's enigmatic masterpiece.

This eye-opening picture book introduces readers to their five senses and to synesthesia—a condition in which one sense triggers another. For some people,

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sounds or tastes have colors. And for others, numbers and letters do. Many famous artists have been synesthetes, including Tori Amos, Duke Ellington, Jimi Hendrix, Lady Gaga, Stevie Wonder, Billy Joel, John Mayer, Mozart, and Degas. Imagine that when you hear a bell you see silver or when a dog barks you see red. That's what it's like for Jillian—when she hears sounds she sees colors. At first the kids at school make fun of Jillian. Jillian worries about being different until her music teacher shows her that having synesthesia is an amazing thing. This lively, informative picture book makes synesthesia easy to understand and celebrates each person's unique way of experiencing the world. Step into the colorful world of Henri Matisse and his magnificent paper cutouts in this biography by acclaimed picture book creator Jeanette Winter. In a small weaving town in France, a young boy named Henri-Emile Matisse drew pictures everywhere, and when he grew up, he moved to Paris and became a famous artist who created paintings that were adored around the world. But late in life a serious illness confined him to a wheelchair, and amazingly, it was from there that he created among his most beloved works—enormous and breathtaking paper cutouts. Based on the life of Henri Matisse, this moving and inspirational picture book biography includes a note from the author, dynamic quotes from Matisse himself, and an illuminating look at a

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little-known part of a great artist's creative process. A new picture book about the iconic artist Claude Monet, from the Caldecott-Award winning team that created The Noisy Paint Box. Claude Monet is one of the world's most beloved artists--and he became famous during his own lifetime. He rejected a traditional life laid out clean and smooth before him. Instead he chose a life of art. But not just any art: a new way of seeing that came to be called impressionism. Monet loved to paint what he saw around him, particularly the Seine River. He was initially rejected for using bright colors, tangled brushstrokes--condemned for his impressions. But soon art dealers and collectors were lining up each morning to see as Monet saw. Monet, however, waited only for the light. The changing light...each morning he had a dozen canvases on hand to paint a dozen different moments. His brush moved back and forth, chasing sunlight--putting in the arduous work to create an image that seemed to contain no effort at all. The stellar team that brought you the Caldecott Honor book The Noisy Paint Box explores another influential painter, in a moving tribute to creativity, commitment, and new ways of seeing the world around you. An inspiring portrait of one of the world's most loved artists There was once a boy named Henri, whose dreams were full of color even though his hometown was dreary and gray. His parents expected him to learn a trade when he grew up, but being a law clerk bored him, and he continued to dream of a colorful, exciting life, and of being noticed. Then Henri started painting . . . and kept painting and dreaming and working at his craft until

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he'd become one of the most admired and famous artists in the world. This lyrical, visually rich picture book is more than an excellent biography; at its core, this remarkable book is an encouragement to never give up on your dreams.

All her life, Beatrix Potter loved to paint. From a young age, she painted the bunnies, mice, and other pets who populated her family home. These characters later populated her stories, which are beloved the whole world over. With beautiful scenes rich in detail, David McPhail transports us to the charming, English countryside and the wonderful world of Beatrix Potter.

Learn how to make art like Wassily Kandinsky, one of the most famous twentieth-century artists. From learning how to draw from your imagination to listening to music for inspiration and using shapes and stickers to make pictures, here are twelve insightful art lessons to help you create your own Kandinsky-inspired masterpiece. With over 20 drawing, sticking and colouring activities, 50 stickers and a pull-out poster, its the perfect art activity book for keeping young children occupied for hours.

A gorgeous, lyrical picture-book biography of Vincent van Gogh by the Caldecott Honor team behind The Noisy Paint Box. Vincent can't sleep . . . out, out, out he runs! flying through the garden—marigold, geranium, blackberry, raspberry— past the church with its tall steeple, down rolling hills and sandy paths meant for sheep, He dives at last into the velvety, violet heath, snuggles under a blanket of sapphire sky, and looks up, up, up . . . to visit with the stars. Vincent van Gogh often

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found himself unable to sleep and wandered under starlit skies. Those nighttime experiences provided the inspiration for many of his paintings, including his most famous, *The Starry Night*. Van Gogh sold only one painting in his lifetime—but he continued to pursue his unique vision, and ultimately became one of the most beloved artists of all time. From the same team behind the Caldecott Honor Book *The Noisy Paint Box*, *Vincent Can't Sleep* is a stunning book that offers insight into the true meaning of creativity and commitment. Praise for *The Noisy Paint Box*: “Even those who aren’t inspired to visit a museum will take away the lesson of Kandinsky’s life: Listen to what excites you and follow its call.” —*The New York Times* * “Rosenstock’s prose strikes a balance between lightheartedness and lyricism. GrandPré’s paintings conjure up an entire epoch . . . breathing life into all the characters.” —*Publishers Weekly*, starred * “The rich word choice is a delight: pistachio, cobalt, and saffron introduce readers to colors while hissing, blaring, and whispering reveal the sounds of the colors. . . . This is a beautiful blend of colors, music, and life.” —*Booklist*, starred * “A rich, accomplished piece about a pioneer in the art world.” —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred * “The book offers diverse potential for different types of study, whether one is reading for information or for pleasure. Outstanding.” —*School Library Journal*, starred

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