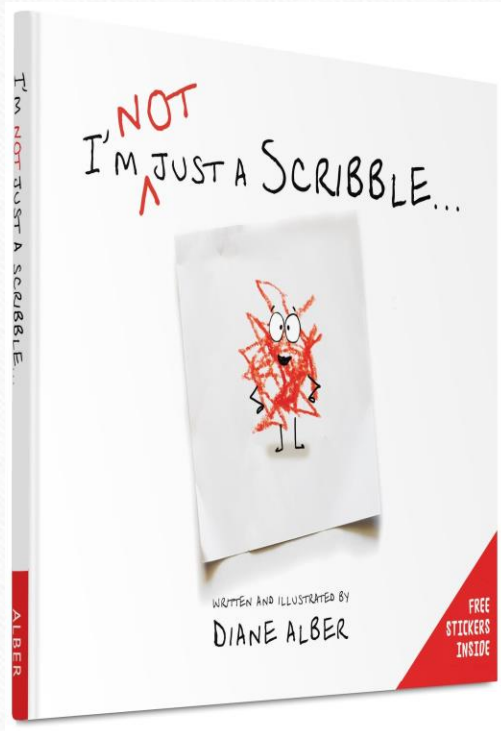


Picture books which will
inspire children about Art

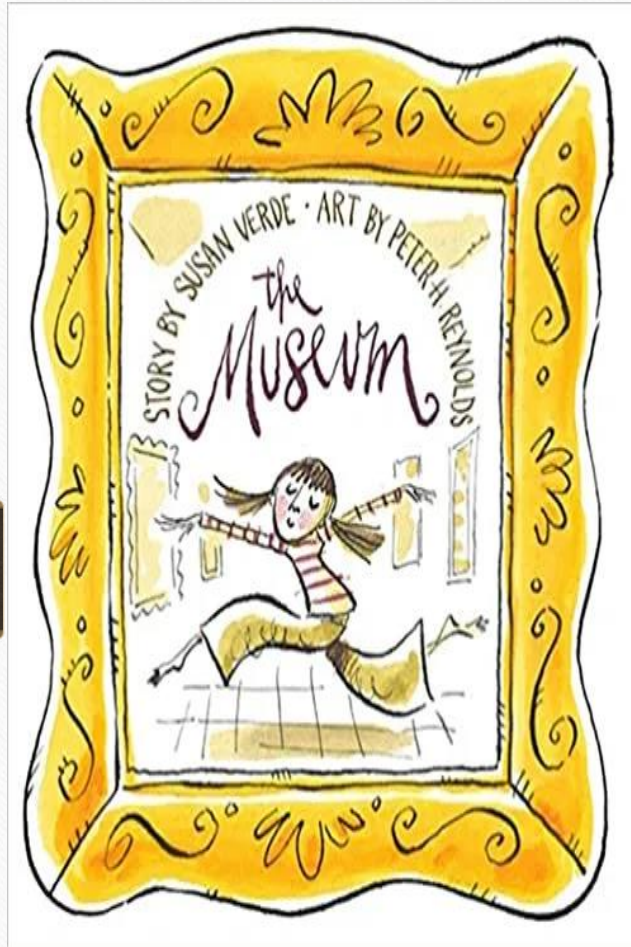


This comprehensive list of art picture books explores famous artists, artworks, and the art making process through fun and creative, easy-to read picture books. It will **provide you with ideas and inspiration for creating art lessons and projects that you can pair with these amazing books** to help you teach about art making in depth in your classroom.

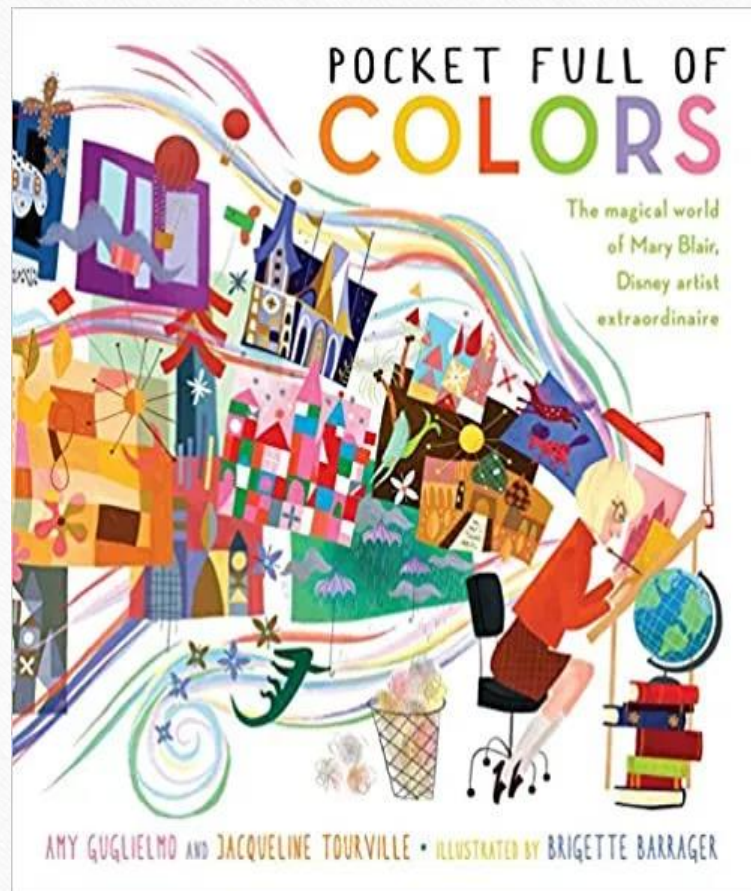


“A story about kindness and inclusion.

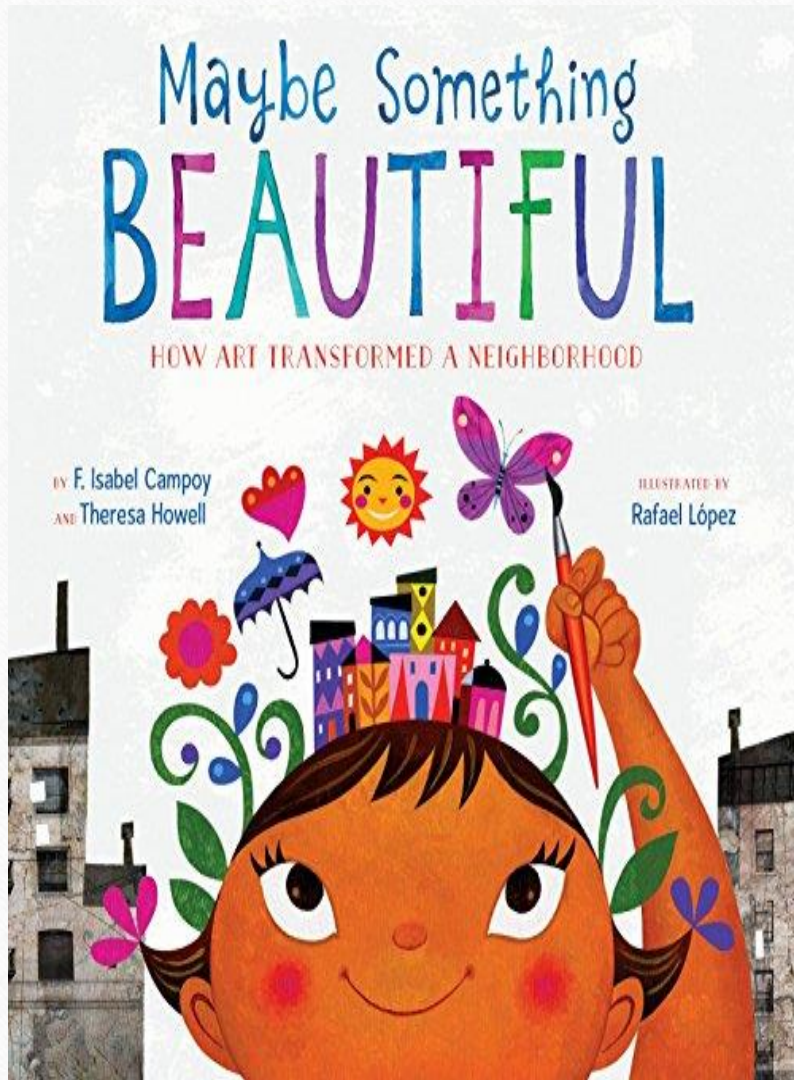
Scribble, the book’s main character, never thought he was different until he met his first drawing. Then, After being left out because he didn’t look like everyone else. Scribble teaches the drawings how to accept each other for who they are. Which enables them to create amazing art.



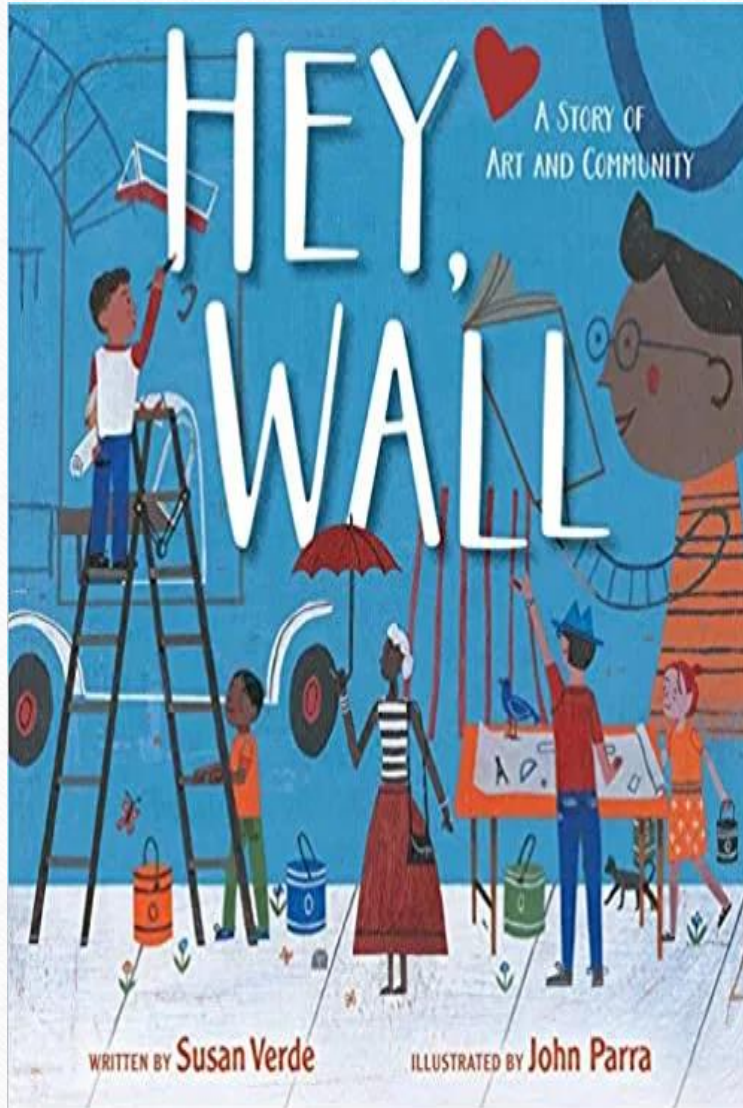
“When I see a work of art, something happens in my heart!
As a little girl tours and twirls through the halls of the **art museum**, she finds herself on an exciting adventure. Each piece of art evokes something new inside of her: silliness, curiosity, joy, and ultimately inspiration. When confronted with an empty white canvas, she is **energized to create and express herself**—which is the greatest feeling of all.



From her imaginative childhood to her career as an illustrator, designer, and animator for Walt Disney Studios, Mary wouldn't play by the rules. At a time when studios wanted to hire men and think in black and white, Mary painted twinkling emerald skies, peach giraffes with tangerine spots, and magenta horses that could fly. She painted her world."



“What good can a splash of colour do in a community of grey? As Mira and her neighbours discover, more than you might ever imagine! Based on the true story of the Urban Art Trail in San Diego, California, *Maybe Something Beautiful* reveals how art can inspire transformation—and how even the smallest artists can accomplish something big. Pick up a paintbrush and join the celebration!”



“A boy takes on a community art project in order to make his neighbourhood more beautiful in this empowering and inspiring picture book by Susan Verde, stunningly illustrated by award-winning artist John Parra.

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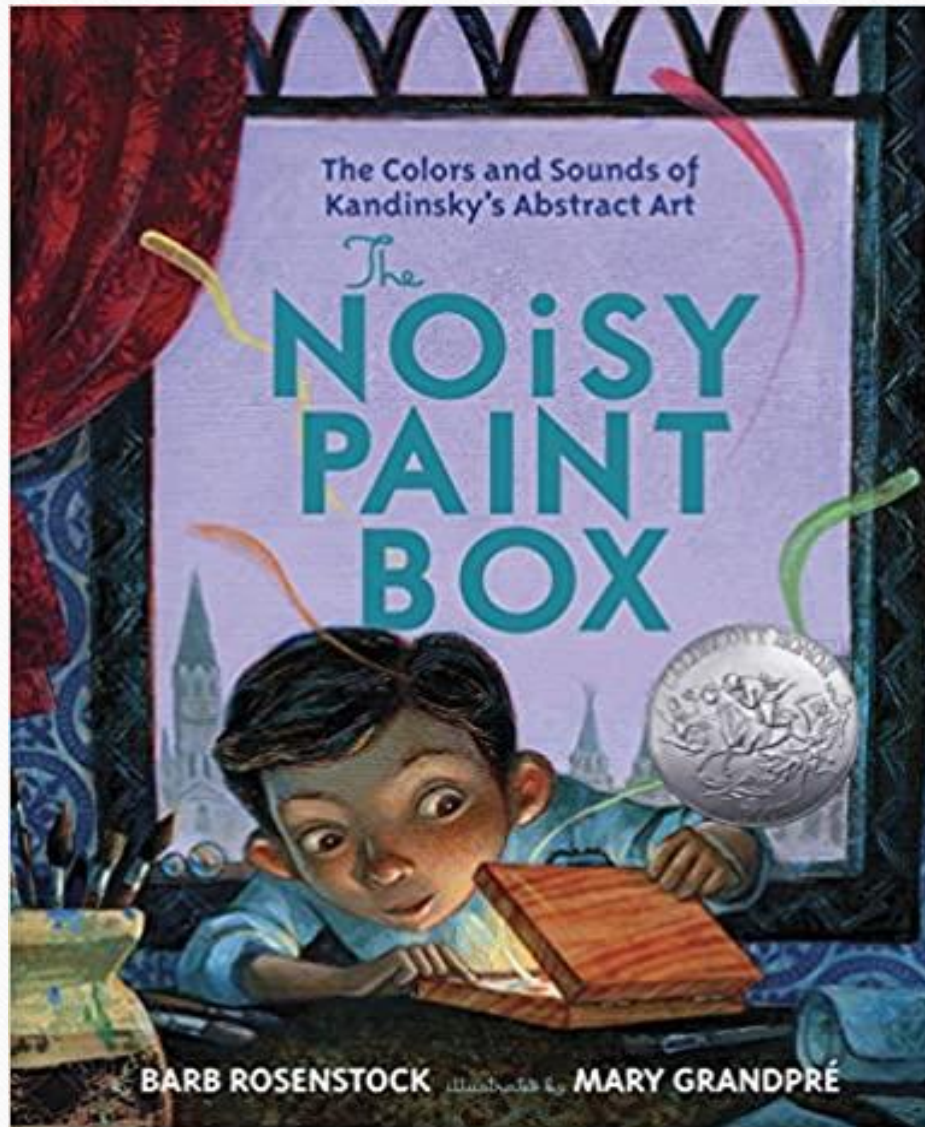
A Colorful Story



Arree Chung

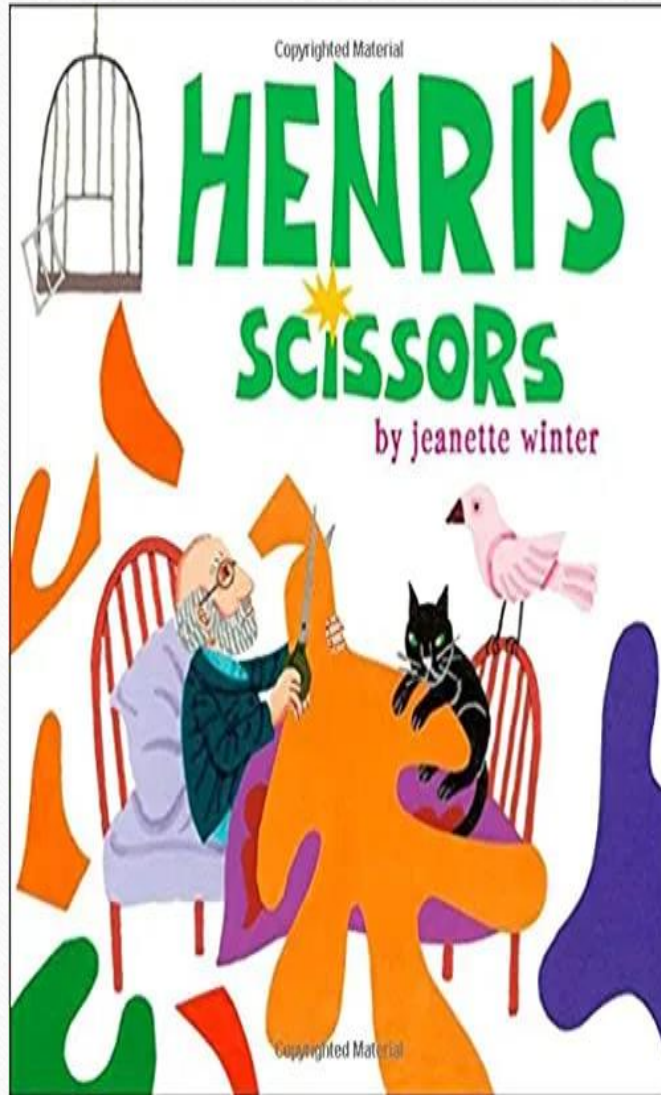
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“The reds, the yellows, and the blues all think they’re the best in this vibrant, thought-provoking picture book from Arree Chung, with a message of acceptance and unity.



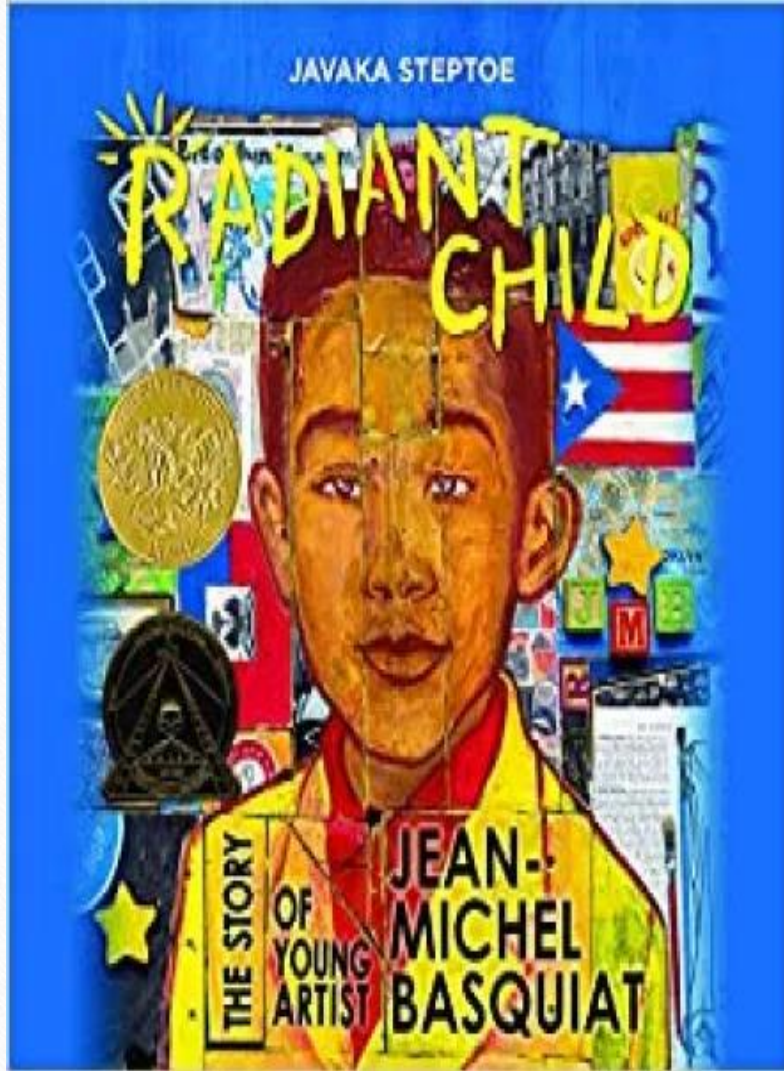
“Vasya Kandinsky was a proper little boy: he studied math and history, he practiced the piano, he sat up straight and was perfectly polite. And when his family sent him to art classes, they expected him to paint pretty houses and flowers—like a proper artist.

But as Vasya opened his paint box and began mixing the reds, the yellows, the blues, he heard a strange sound—the swirling colours trilled like an orchestra tuning up for a symphony! And as he grew older, he continued to *hear* brilliant colours singing and *see* vibrant sounds dancing. But was Vasya brave enough to put aside his proper still life and portraits and paint . . . *music*?



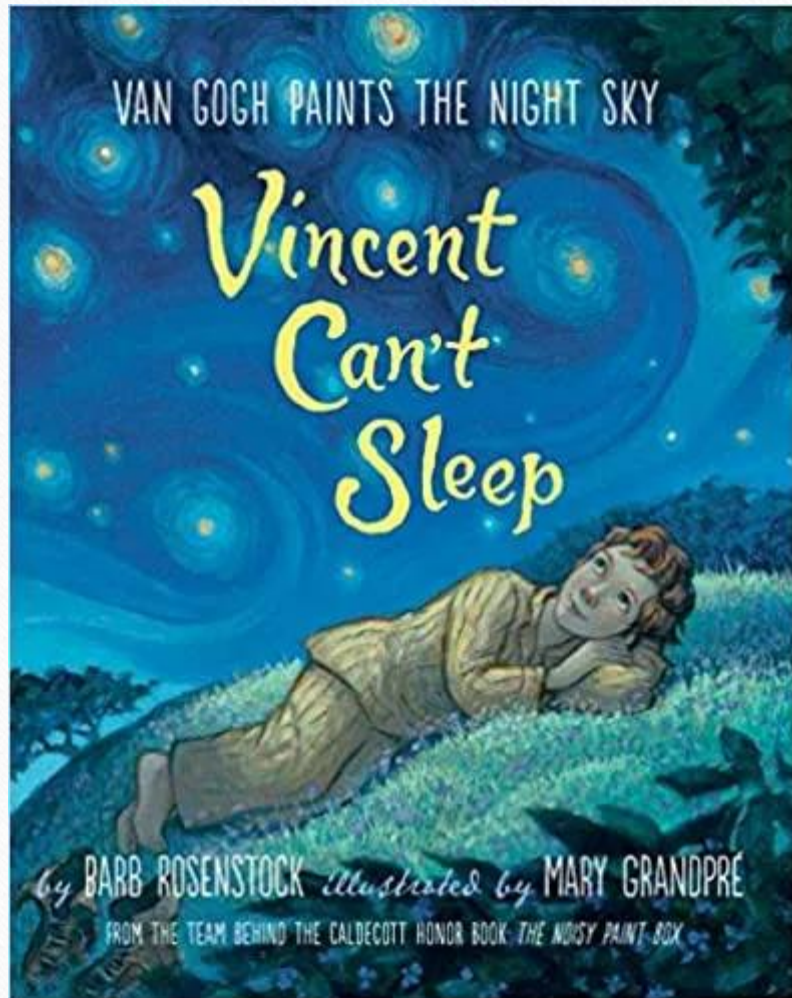
“Step into the colourful world of Henri Matisse and his magnificent paper cutouts in this biography by acclaimed picture book creator Jeanette Winter.

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 breath taking paper cut-outs.



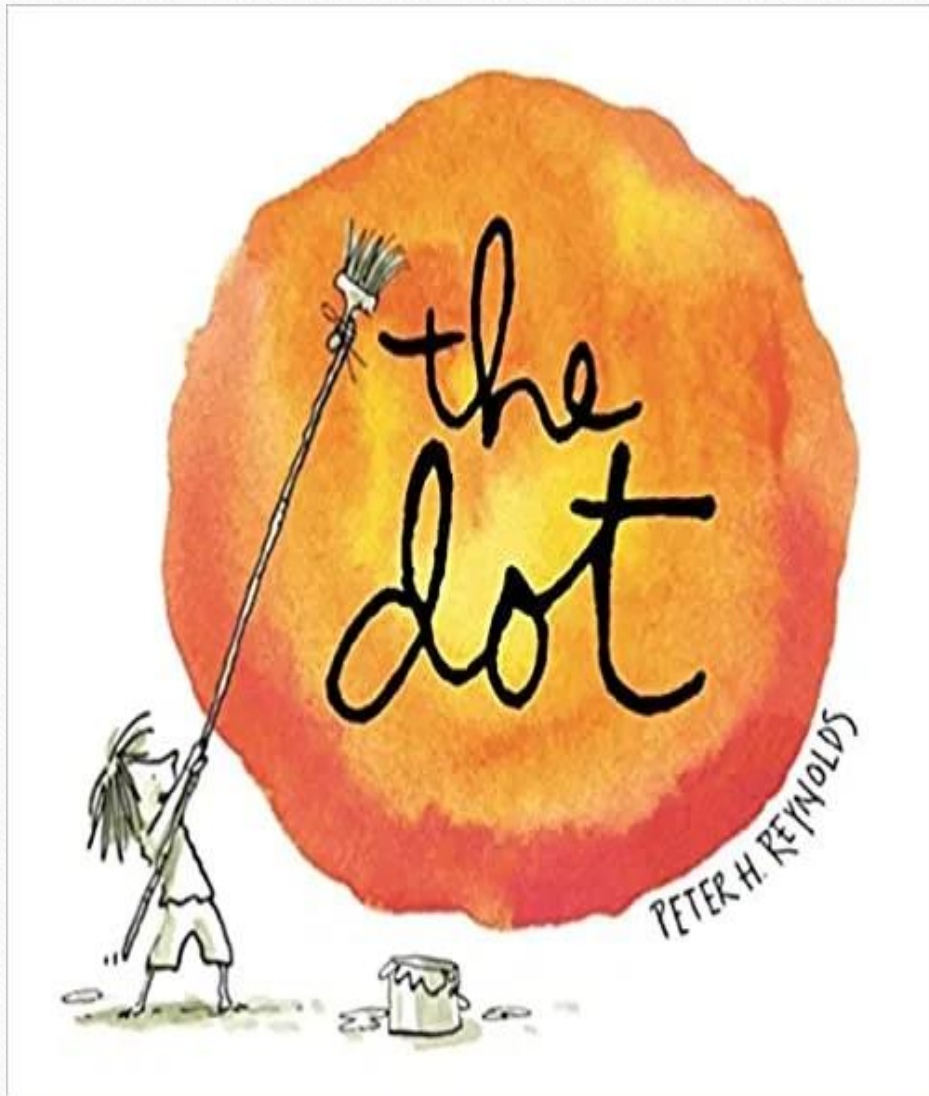
Winner of the Randolph Caldecott Medal and the Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award

Jean-Michel Basquiat and his unique, collage-style paintings rocketed to fame in the 1980s as a cultural phenomenon unlike anything the art world had ever seen. But before that, he was a little boy who saw art everywhere: in poetry books and museums, in games and in the words that we speak, and in the pulsing energy of New York City. Now, award-winning illustrator Javaka Steptoe's vivid text and bold artwork echoing Basquiat's own introduce young readers to the powerful message that art doesn't always have to be neat or clean—and definitely not inside the lines—to be beautiful."



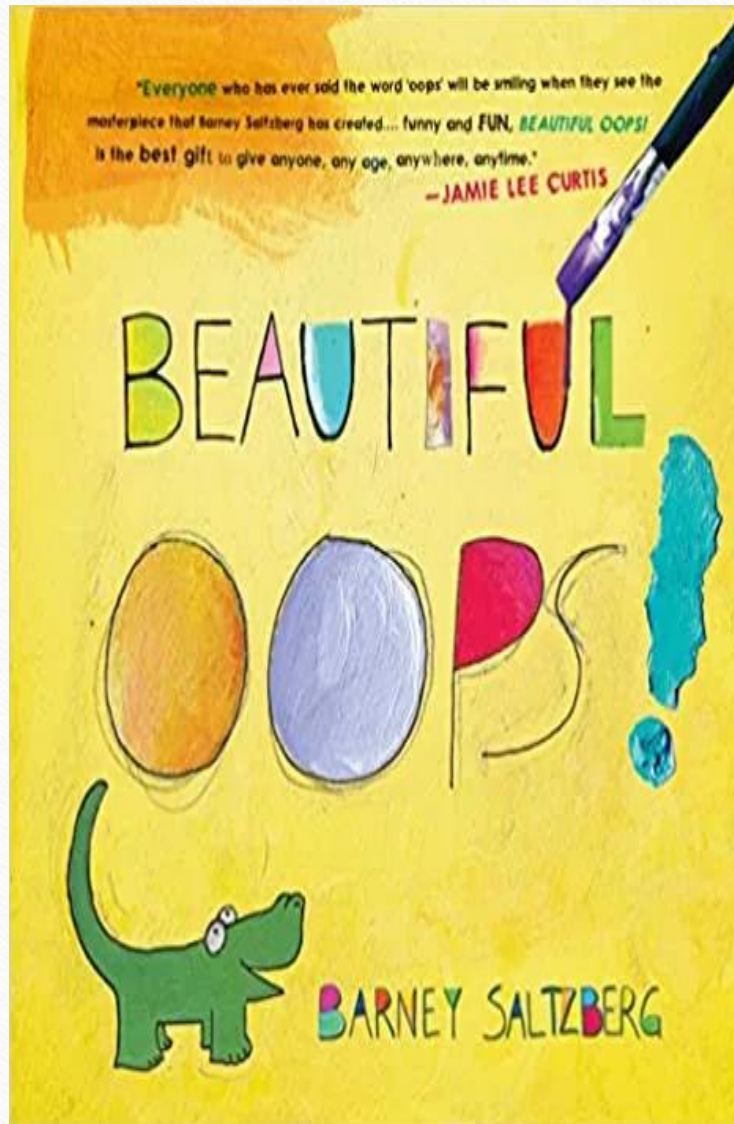
“A gorgeous, lyrical picture-book biography of Vincent van Gogh by the Caldecott Honor team behind *The Noisy Paint Box*.

*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.*

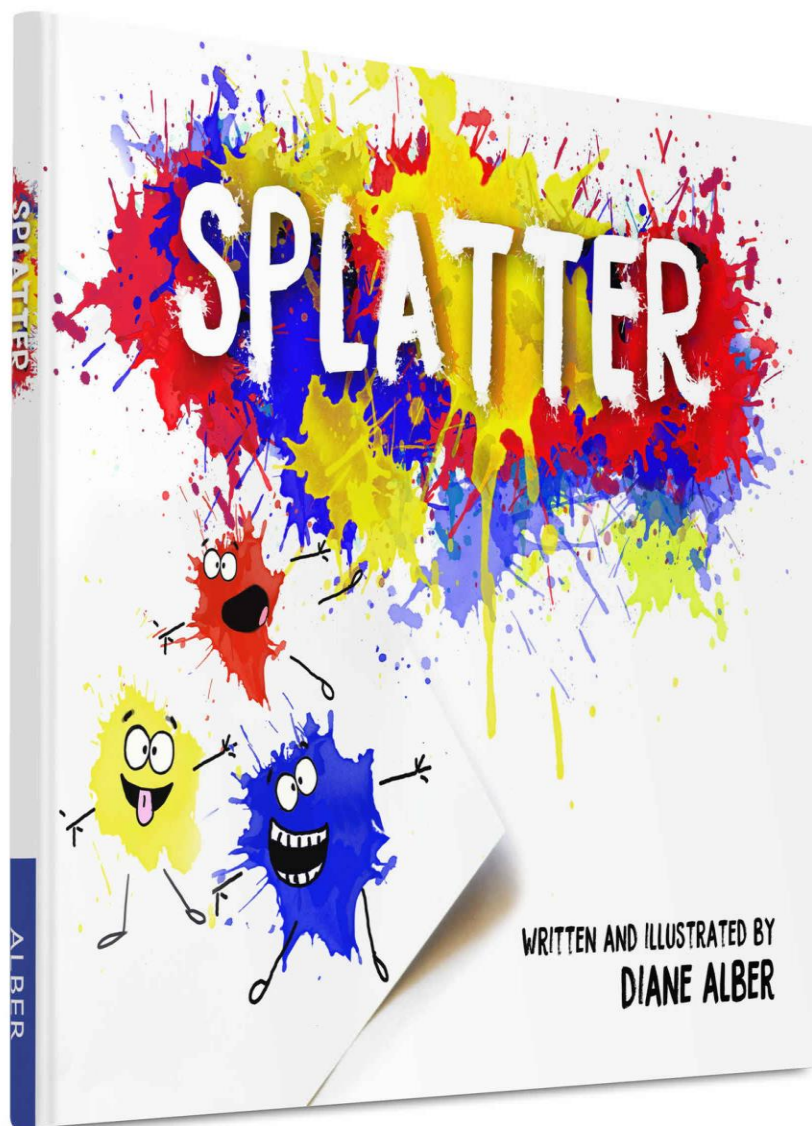


"The Dot" by Peter H. Reynolds has turned into a sensation, inspiring kids and adults alike to create art and make a mark. Through the practice of trying and Growth Mindset, "The Dot" teaches us to let ourselves create and see where it takes us. The Dot has even lead to "Dot Day" where art teachers and teacher all encourage their students to create dots in creative ways.

"Art class is over, but Vashti is sitting glued to her chair in front of a blank piece of paper. The words of her teacher are a gentle invitation to express herself. But Vashti can't draw – she's no artist. To prove her point, Vashti jabs at a blank sheet of paper to make an unremarkable and angry mark. "There!" she says."

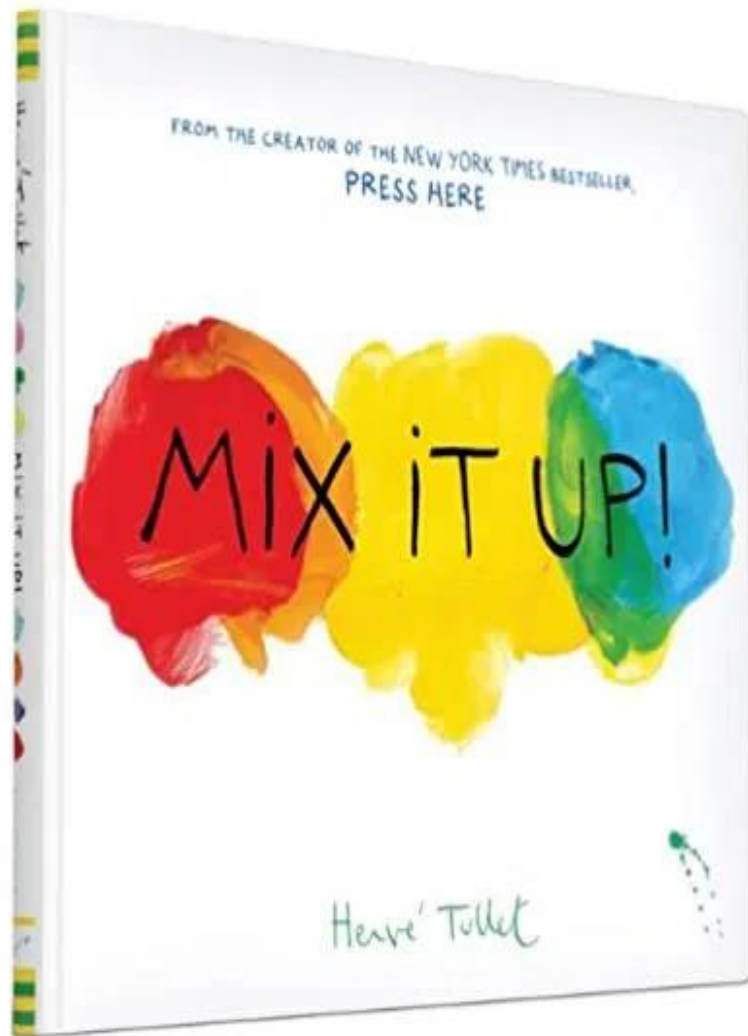


This book is not only great for teaching about the creative process and experimenting in art, but also teaches how Growth Mindset is an essential part of the art making process.



This wonderful story by Diane Alber, is **about teamwork and colour mixing making** this book perfect for your collection on books about art or your art classroom. **This one is a great book to use when teaching the colour wheel** to your elementary students and if you're showing **how the primary colours are mixed to create secondary colours.**

“Ever wonder how the colours GREEN and ORANGE came to be? It all started with a little teamwork and some perseverance! Join three primary paint splatters, RED, YELLOW, and BLUE as they discover why everything is better when you work together!

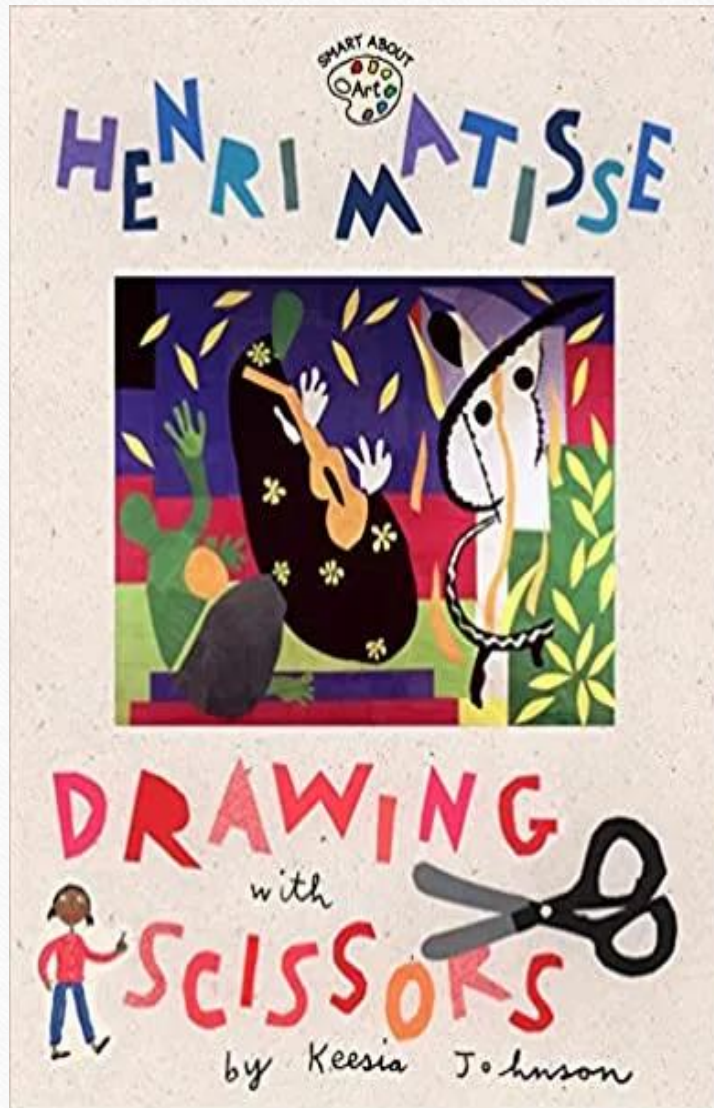


“Great for toddlers, preschoolers, and early readers to learn about combining colours in a fun and imaginative way.



PETER H REYNOLDS

This story really breaths a fresh air of perspective into your classroom. It lets them see that they can create art at their skill level and that it can be in their style, through their lens of seeing the world and doesn't need to be full of realism. It could be vase-ish, sun-ish. This book is freeing! **"A creative spirit learns that thinking "ish-ly" is far more wonderful than "getting it right" in this gentle new fable from the creator of the award-winning picture book *The Dot*.**



Keesia and Henri Matisse have the same birthday—New Year’s Eve! That’s why she picks him for her artist report. She finds out that over his long career Matisse made paintings, sculpture, books, costumes, and her favourite—his cut-outs, or what Matisse called “drawing with scissors.” The report is filled with about 20 of Matisse’s masterpieces as well as artwork that Keesia has created in his “style” (cut-out leaves, drawings through windows, fauvist animals). As she follows Matisse through his life she discovers why he is considered one of the greatest artists of the twentieth century.

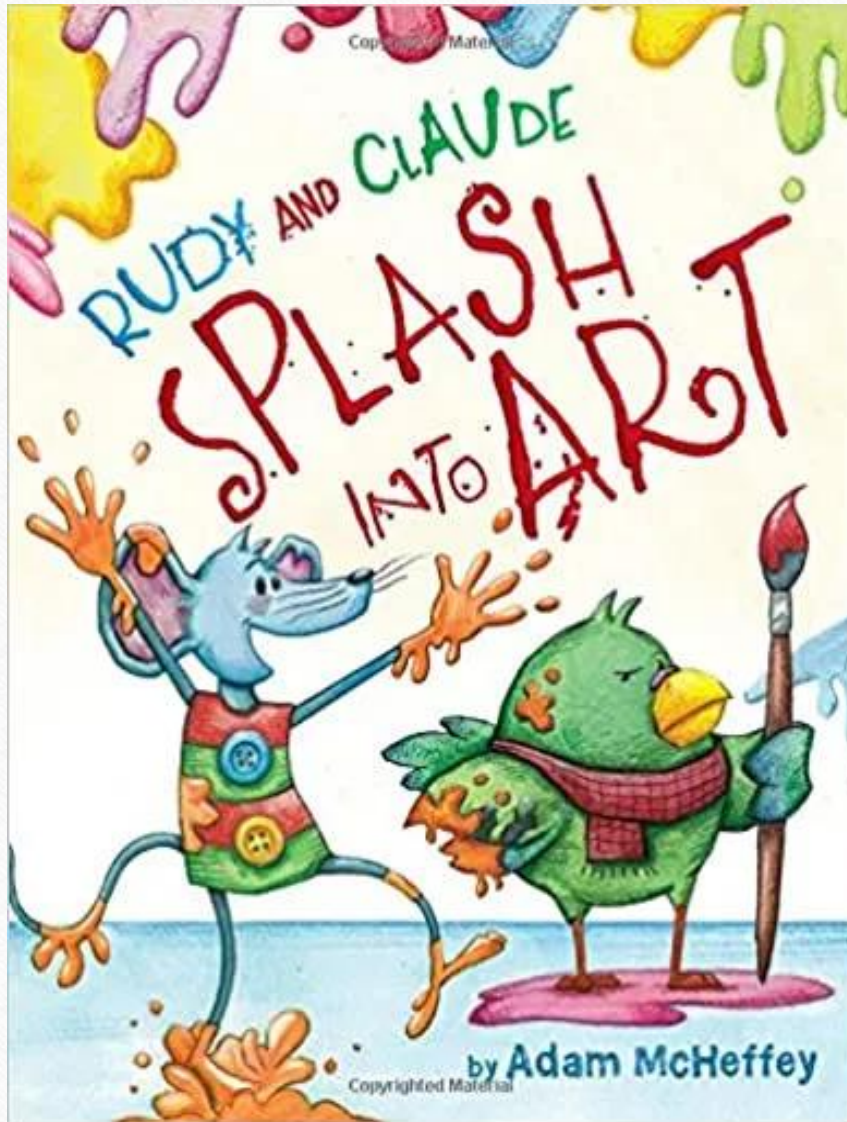


“A vibrant picture book featuring an irrepressible new character—perfect for fans of *The Dot* and *Beautiful Oops!*—from acclaimed illustrator Julia Denos. In a place where colour ran wild, there lived a girl who was wilder still. Her name was Swatch, and colour was her passion. From brave green to in-between grey to rumble-tumble pink . . . Swatch wanted to collect them all. But colours don’t always like to be tamed. . . .

THE MOST MAGNIFICENT THING



A little girl and her canine assistant set out to make the most magnificent thing. But after much hard work, the end result is not what the girl had in mind. Frustrated, she quits. Her assistant suggests a long walk, and as they walk, it slowly becomes clear what the girl needs to do to succeed. A charming story that will give kids the most magnificent thing: perspective!



Rudy is a curious mouse who wonders, "What is art?" Claude, his feathered friend, tries to teach him. Rudy works on a self-portrait, a still life, a landscape, found art, a sculpture—all with disastrous results! Then he tries to create an artistic masterpiece, but...SPLAT! Has Rudy finally become an artist? Dynamic duo Rudy and Claude bring big personalities to this basic introduction to art.