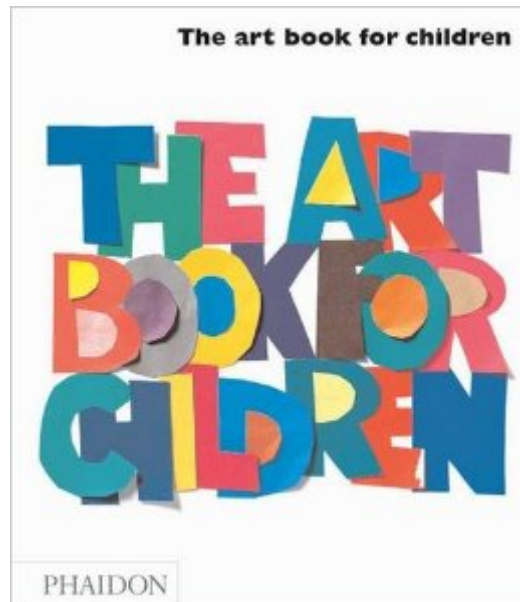


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The Art Book For Children



Synopsis

"A perfect introduction to art for children everywhere, The Art Book for Children brings the clarity and innovation of Phaidon's bestselling The Art Book to our youngest readers ever. A guide to 30 great artists and their most famous works, designed for both parent and child to enjoy together. The book encourages children to look closely and use their imagination to understand why artists choose to create the work they do and in the way that they do it. From Leonardo's iconic Mona Lisa to Andy Warhol's equally iconic Marilyn, and from Jeff Koons' exuberant, flower-encrusted Puppy to Grant Wood's severe American Gothic, 30 artists have been selected from the original The Art Book for their significance in art history as well as their appeal to children. The giants of art history such as Van Gogh, Matisse, Rembrandt, Turner and Velazquez are all here, but The Art Book for Children also offers its readers an introduction to challenging, recent artists including Cindy Sherman and Donald Judd. The Art Book for Children makes this broad, exciting selection of 30 key artists across the history of art clear and accessible to children from age seven and upward, but will be of interest to readers of all ages."

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Customer Reviews

I was slightly reluctant at first to purchase this book - I thought it might not be one of our son's favorites at bedtime (4 1/2 years old). (He's your typical boy - loves books about cars, tractors, dump trucks, etc) Boy, was I wrong! The first night we sat down to read it, we both had a blast! This book does such a nice job of explaining art to children, in terms that he understands, that he was

excited about reading it the next night. We went through the book the first time just flipping pages to look at the artwork, and stopping to read the details of the ones he found interesting at first. It was fun for me as a parent to learn what he finds interesting in art. I would recommend this book 100%!

I bought this book for my grandchildren, a boy and a girl ages 2 1/2 and 5. Not only are they thrilled with it, their parents are enchanted. This book should be read by everyone! It's a marvelous primer and guide to the world of art, with pictures of some of the world's most famous art treasures and amazingly interesting explanations of why these particular pieces have endured. If you want your children or grandchildren to learn about what makes art relevant, this is the book for them! It should be sold in every art museum in the world. My grandchildren have several other books about art, but none is as erudite and entertaining as this. Trust me, your children will learn some wonderful stuff . . . and so will you. I can't recommend it highly enough. Fabulous!

I purchased this book for my kids who were 6 and 10 at the time. I was pleasantly surprised by the scope and variety of art covered in this book. Several well-chosen (nothing gory or disturbing to children) pieces of art are presented in nice, full color reproductions. The authors then point out various interesting things about the piece and ask fun questions about it. All of this serves to help children not just "look" at art, but to enjoy it and appreciate it. I heartily recommend this book for anyone who wants to dabble in art appreciation - not just children. It is so easy to read and thumb through that neither kids nor adults will realize they are learning about art. For those over 16 or so who want to take the next step, "The Art Book" is a great follow-up that features many, many more works with more scholarly comments on each.

This book presents an interesting and useful approach to the understanding of art for youngsters. The text for each illustration is written so as to satisfy an inquisitive young mind by asking questions. Details of a piece of art are fully explored, such as in Jan van Eyck's, "The Arnolfini Portrait," where the name of the person painted is given, his occupation, the types of clothes he is wearing, his wife and the details regarding her clothes, the dog, the foreground, the background; in essence all aspects of the painting are fully explored for further discussion between the teacher or parent and student. Thirty different artists' works and attitudes are used in the book including such notables as Monet, Picasso, Miro, Wood, Warhol, Velasquez, Rousseau, Rembrandt, Botticelli, Da Vinci, Van Gogh and others. None of the Mexican masters of art, like Rivera, Kahlo, Orozco or Rufino are included which is unfortunate. One of the highlights of the book is Albrecht Altdorfer's "Battle of

Alexander at Issus," that not only does an outstanding job of explaining the details but the painting has a second page that is a two page spread that shows in greater detail the fantastic piece of art. The leading questions are very helpful in a teaching setting. This helpful book serves as a good introduction to looking at art with a discerning eye and inquisitive mind. It is especially good for visual learners.

My son found an awesome book at our local library that I plan to purchase and make part of our home library. And while this book is written for children, I have already learned a lot myself. I don't have much background in art and a class that I took in college on Art History left me scratching my head and unable to sort out the dozens of images I was shown with each class. But this book is a great find. The Art Book for Children is 80 pp long. Throughout the book you will find amazing art work as well as information on the artist that composed it and questions for us to consider and things for us to look for in the art work. This book is very easy to understand and really gives you an opportunity to dip your feet into the world of art and find out that it isn't as intimidating as one may have thought! This is Book One, Book Two will be published in August 2007. So, whether you want this book for yourself or your children, you won't be disappointed with it!

The artwork so far was not what I expected. I expected more familiar pieces in there. But I've ordered some other art books that will have more of those in them. What I love about this book and feel it was a wonderful choice to add to our library is that as a homeschooling mom who is not an art major - was to have a book that would help guide me. Just on the first page the four seasons discussion and how it was presented prompted a long and fun and even surprisingly deep conversation between my 5 year old son and I. He is very artistic already. The book posed questions in a way to engage a child and bring art into their critical thinking. It shouldn't be your only art book. But it should be in your library if you have little ones. I also have Book 2 of this on my shelf.

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