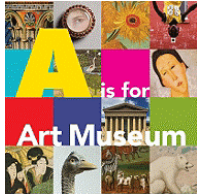


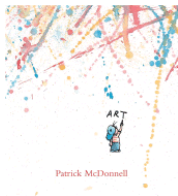
The ART of the Picture Book (compiled by Dan McKey)

“Recipe for learning: Stir together generous scoops of kids, art, & books. Cook up life-long readers.” MaryAnn Kohl, author of Storybook ART.

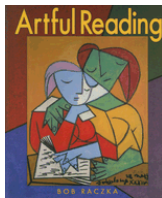
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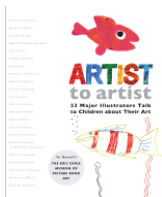
A Is for Art Museum, Katy Friedland & Marla Shoemaker, (2008), Temple University Press. *Children can see what a magical place an art museum is as they learn about art treasures from around the world. [K-adult]*



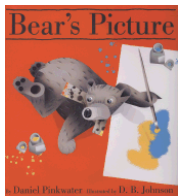
Art, Patrick McDonnell, (2006) Little, Brown & Co.
I love this book! Young Art creates colorful scribbles, squiggles, dots, and blotches. This is a beautifully illustrated “Art-appreciation” picture book about a boy and his imagination. Art lovers and book lovers will appreciate this one. [Grades K-adult]



Artful Reading, Bob Raczka, (2008), Millbrook Press. *This is a wonderful collection of artistic masterpieces all dealing in one way or another with reading. Works include Picasso, Van Gogh, and Vermeer. [Grades K-adult]*



Artist to Artist: 23 Major Illustrators Talk to Children about Their Art, (2007), Philomel.
This is a beautiful anthology featuring Maurice Sendak, Rabert Sabuda, Eric Carle, and others, as they talk to children about their lives and their art.



Bear's Picture, Daniel Pinkwater & D.B. Johnson, (2008), Houghton Mifflin Co.
Bear wants to paint a picture, even though a couple of art critics think bears aren't supposed to be able to do that. This bear deals with his art and his art critics in a very creative manner. [Grades 3-adult]



Great American Artists for Kids, MaryAnn Kohl & Kim Solga, (2008), Bright Ideas for Learning. *This activity book is filled with hands-on art experiences in the styles of great American masters. [K-adult]*



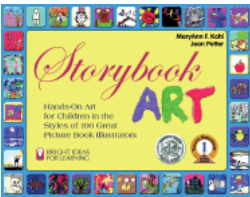
How to Paint the Portrait of a Bird, illustrated and translated by Mordicai Gerstein, (2008), Roaring Brook Press. *This is a BEAUTIFUL book! It is a “meditation on art, creativity, and wonder that has meaning for every reader.” [K-adult]*



Look! Look! Look!, Nancy Wallace & Linda Friedlaender, (2006), Marchall Cavendish Children. *Three mice (not blind) introduce children to art and to careful observation. The mice find a postcard of a famous painting. They take several close looks and learn about color, line, pattern, and shape. [K- adult]*

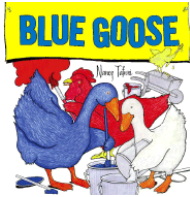


Seen Art?, Jon Scieszka & Lane Smith, (2005), Viking. *“Looking for a friend has never been such an eye-opening experience. One kid’s search for Art takes readers on a very personal tour of the great works in New York’s Museum of Modern Art.” [Grades 3 – adult.]*

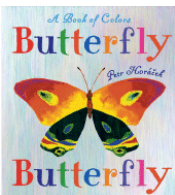


Storybook ART, MaryAnn Kohl & Jean Potter, (2003), Bright Ideas Learning. *Children can study over 100 picture book illustrators and imitate their art. This book is excellent for art teachers, classroom teachers, and parents. [Grades K-adult]*

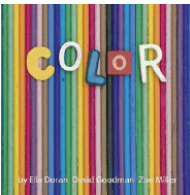
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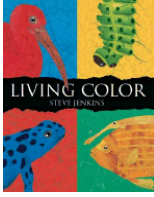
Blue Goose, Nancy Tafuri, (2008), Simon & Schuster. *“When Farmer Gray goes away, Blue Goose, Red Hen, Yellow Chick, and White Duck decide to paint their barnyard.” This is a great book for studying color combinations. [K-1]*



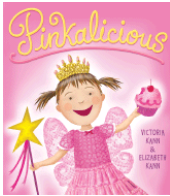
Butterfly Butterfly: A Book of Colors, Petr Horacek, (2007), Candlewick. *One day Lucy sees a beautiful butterfly, but the next day she can’t find it. She discovers some amazing things while she searches. This has a great surprise ending. [K-2]*



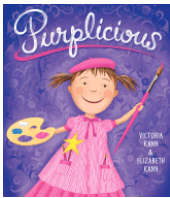
Color, Doran, Goodman, and Miller, (2006), Tate Publishing. *This is a WONDERFUL book to study color. Illustrations are photographs and clever collages. [K-3]*



Living Color, Steve Jenkins, (2007), Houghton Mifflin. *Animals use colors in many ways, often to protect themselves. This book shares how they use brilliant feathers, scales, shells, and skin to help them survive. [Grades 3 – adult]*



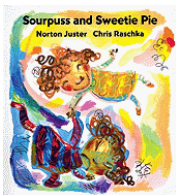
Pinkalicious, Victoria Kann & Elizabeth Kann, (2006), Harper Collins. *Pinkalicious loves everything pink! Even though her parents warn her not to eat too many pink things, she does. It has a great message about being yourself. [K-adult]*



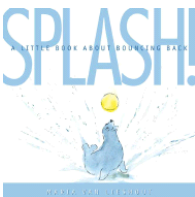
Purplicious, Victoria Kann & Elizabeth Kann, (2007), HarperCollins. *After the success of Pinkalicious, their first book together, this sister team created this sequel. Pinkalicious still loves pink, but she discovers that another color is special, too*



One, Kathryn Otoshi, (2008), KO Kids Books. *This is a simple yet profound book about colors and numbers with an important message about bullying and what can happen when we stand up to a bully. [K-adult]*



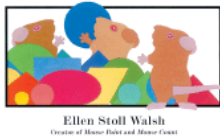
Sourpuss and Sweetie Pie, Norton Juster & Chris Raschka, (2008), Scholastic. *This is the lovely sequel to the 2006 Caldecott Medal winning The Hello Goodbye Window. Nanna and Poppy are never quite sure if their granddaughter will show up in a good or a bad mood. [Kindergarten – adult]*



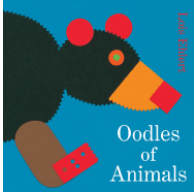
Splash! A Little Book about Bouncing Back, Maria Van Lieshout, (2008), Fiewel and Friends. *Splash is a seal that is having a bad day and feels really blue. He needs some help in bouncing back. This is a cute, little book that reminds us that hope is always on the horizon. [Grades 2-adult]*

Shape

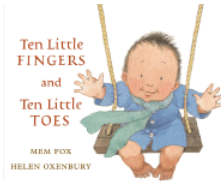
Mouse Shapes



Mouse Shapes, Ellen Stoll Walsh, (2007), Harcourt. *Three clever mice learn to use shapes to scare the cat away! [K-1]*



Oodles of Animals, Lois Ehlert, (2008), Harcourt. *In her signature paper-cut illustrations and short poems, Ehlert shares about a variety of animals. [K-1]*



Ten Little FINGERS and Ten Little TOES, Mem Fox & Helen Oxenbury, (2008), Harcourt. *I smile every time I read this one! It is created by a “Dream Team” in children’s literature. This book is a celebration of “baby fingers, baby toes, and the joy they – and the babies they belong to – bring to everyone, everywhere, all over the world!” [Crib to grave!!!]*

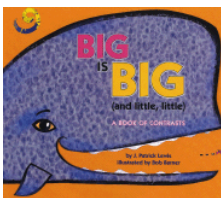


woof! woof!, David A. Carter, (2006), Little Simon. *This is a clever guessing game story made with simple shapes, bold colors, and cut-out pages that come together for a surprising ending. [K+]*

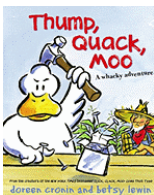


who? who?, David A. Carter, (2007), Little Simon. *In this clever sequel to Carter’s very popular Woof! Woof!, readers of all ages will enjoy guessing what barnyard friends the cut-out shapes will create on the next page. [K-adult]*

Line



Big Is Big (and little, little) A Book of Contrasts, Patricia Lewis & Bob Barner, (2007), Holiday House. *This is a great way to introduce or reinforce the concept of opposites. Lewis’s rhyming text and Barner’s clever child-like illustrations combine to form a really enjoyable reading experience!*



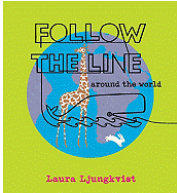
Thump, Quack, Moo, Doreen Cronin & Betsy Lewin, (2008), Atheneum. *In this wacky sequel to Click, Clack, Moo, Farmer Brown puts the animals to work helping him create the best corn maze yet, The Statue of Liberty. But Duck has other ideas. [K-adult] This book is especially suitable to study the element of line. The watercolor cartoon style is very effective.*



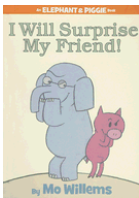
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus, Mo Willems, (2003), Hyperion. *All of Mo Willems’ books are great for studying line, as well as for learning how simple cartoonish illustrations can so cleverly and accurately portray a range of emotions. [K-adult]*



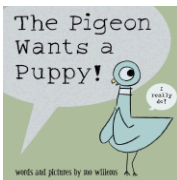
Follow the Line through the House, Laura Ljungkvist, (2007), Viking. *Readers young and old will want to follow the line and visit this amazing house. On the way they might just learn about shapes, colors, and numbers. [K – adult]*



Follow the Line around the World, Laura Ljungkvist, (2008), Viking. *The reader can follow the line and learn about animals from around the world. This book is also great for studying color. [K-adult]*



I Love My New Toy! and I Will Surprise My Friend! (Elephant and Piggie books #5, 6), Mo Willems, (2008), Hyperion. *Mo Willems' cartoonish illustrations let us know exactly the emotions Elephant and Piggie are feeling. These are some of my favorite picture books! [Grades K-adult]*



Pigeon Wants a Puppy, The, Mo Willems, (2008), Hyperion Books. *Our favorite pigeon (from Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus and The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog) is back, and he REALLY wants a puppy! What happens when the puppy arrives? [K-adult]*



I'm the Best Artist in the Ocean, Kevin Sherry, (2008), Dial Books. *This giant squid loves to draw! From fish to crabs to jellyfish, he can draw anything! [K-2]*



Not a Stick, Antoinette Portis, (2008), HarperCollins. *A little pig character realizes that a stick can be many things – a fishing pole, a baton, a paintbrush, a sword. This is a great example of creativity. [K-2]*



Old Bear, Kevin Henkes, (2008), Greenwillow. *While Old Bear sleeps, he has beautiful dreams of spring, summer, fall, and winter. When he awakes, it takes a moment to realize he's not dreaming. This is a beautifully illustrated book. Some think this is a front-runner for a Caldecott Medal. It just might be! [K-adult]*



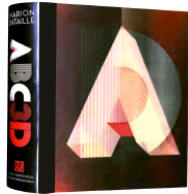
Pencil, The, Allan Ahlberg & Bruce Ingman, (2008), Candlewick Press. *This is a clever story of a pencil and the world he creates. [Grades K-4]*

Texture

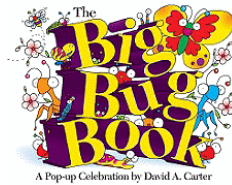


My Dog is as Smelly as Dirty Socks and Other Funny Family Portraits, Hanoch Piven, (2007), Schwarz & Wade Books. *A young girl draws a picture of her family, but wants to say so much more. So, she uses everyday objects to represent characteristics of her family members. The results are amazing! This is also an excellent way to study similes. Visit the author's website at pivenworld.com. [K+]*

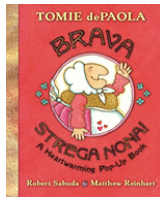
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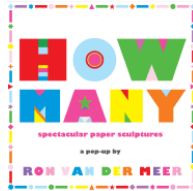
ABC3D, Marion Bataille, (2008), Roaring Book Press. *This is a very clever ABC pop-up book, very 3-dimensional. [K-adult]*



Big Bug Book, The: A Pop-Up Celebration, David A. Carter, (2008), Little Simon. *These cute bugs pop up in the least expected places! Kids love this one. [K-adult]*



Brava Strega Nona! A Heartwarming Pop-Up Book, Robert Sabuda & Matthew Reinhart, (2008), Putman. *"The wonderfully wise Strega Nona shares the six ingredients that make life magical in magnificent pop-up spreads." [Grades K-adult]*



How Many: Spectacular Paper Sculptures, Ron Van der Meer, (2008), Robin Corey Books. *Each pop-up invites readers to search for various shapes and colors among the amazing paper sculptures. [Grades 3-adult]*



Yellow Square: A Pop-up Book for Children of All Ages, David A. Carter, (2008), Little Simon. *First there was The Red Dot. Then came Blue Two and 600 Black Spots. Now David Carter has created a "roller coaster" of visual enjoyment. [Age K-adult]*