

## **STORIES IN ART: BOOKLIST**

### **TORRANCE ART MUSEUM**

#### **WHY ART MATTERS**

##### **Alphab'art : find the letters hidden in the paintings**

by Guéry, Anne

Invites young readers to search for alphabet letters concealed in paintings by famous masters of Western art including Picasso, Dalí, Van Gogh, Matisse, Giotto, Chagall, Mondrian, Hopper, Kandinsky, Klee, Magritte, and Bosch. Also features information about the artists and the paintings, including where to go to see the originals.

##### **Amelia Bedelia's masterpiece**

by Parish, Herman

Housekeeper Amelia Bedelia visits an art museum, where her confusion leads to surprising results.

##### **Anna's art adventure**

by Sortland, Bjørn, 1968-

On her search for the art museum's bathroom, Anna meets famous artists, becomes part of some of their paintings, and makes her own art.

##### **Art 123 : count from 1 to 12 with great works of art**

by Zuffi, Stefano, 1961-

Simple, rhyming text invites the reader to count from one to twelve and more, while illustrations introduce works of art by such masters as Gainsborough, Van Gogh, and Matisse.

##### **Badly Drawn Dog**

by Dodson, Emma

##### **Bettina Valentino and the Picasso Club**

by Daly, Niki

A controversial new teacher at Bayside Preparatory School introduces the exciting world of art to aspiring artist Bettina Valentino and her fifth-grade classmates, encouraging them to see everyday life in a different way.

##### **Cloud country**

by Becker, Bonny

A little cloud moves through the sky among the other clouds, wishing to be big enough to make a real cloud shape before realizing that she is capable of making something different.

##### **Emily's blue period**

by Daly, Cathleen

After her parents get divorced, Emily finds comfort in making and learning about art.

##### **Emma's Rug**

by Say, Allen

A young artist finds that her creativity comes from within when the rug that she had always relied upon for inspiration is destroyed.

**Everybody paints! : the lives and art of the Wyeth family**

by Rubin, Susan Goldman

In this distinctive volume, acclaimed biographer Susan Goldman Rubin traces the events that shaped the Wyeths' art, as well as how each generation influenced the other, while the crisp design beautifully showcases the full-color reproductions of the works that have made the Wyeth family legendary.

**Fancy Nancy : aspiring artist**

by O'Connor, Jane

Inspired by such art masters as Edgar Degas, Henri Matisse, and Jackson Pollock, Nancy, who likes to use fancy words, dons her beret to create her own fabulous artwork.

**I'm the best artist in the ocean**

by Sherry, Kevin.

A giant squid brags about being the best artist in the entire ocean.

**Just like me : stories and self-portraits by fourteen artists**

by Rohmer, Harriet

Fourteen artists and picture book illustrators present self-portraits and brief descriptions that explore their varied ethnic origins, their work, and their feelings about themselves.

**Katie and the Mona Lisa**

by Mayhew, James, 1964-

At the art museum, while her grandmother dozes, Katie steps into the painting of the Mona Lisa and together they have adventures with the characters from four other well-known Renaissance paintings. Includes information about the artists.

**Little smudge**

by Le Néouanic, Lionel.

**Lives of the great artists**

by Ayres, Charlie

Presents illustrated and age-appropriate imaginary tours of the studios of famous artists from Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo to Monet and van Gogh, in an anecdotal reference that is complemented by reproductions of famous works and introductory portraits.

**Look! look! look!**

by Wallace, Nancy Elizabeth

Three mice "borrow" a postcard which is a reproduction of a painting, and from it they learn about color, pattern, line, and shape. Includes instructions for making and sending a postcard.

**Louise loves art**

by Light, Kelly, 1970-

After drawing a picture of her cat, a young girl searches for the perfect place to hang her masterpiece.

**Lucy's picture**

by Moon, Nicola.

### **Miffy the artist**

by Bruna, Dick.

### **Mousterpiece**

by Zalben, Jane Breskin

Janson the mouse, who lives in a museum, becomes an acclaimed artist by copying the styles of paintings she sees there. Includes notes about the artists and works featured.

### **My best friend is as sharp as a pencil : and other funny classroom portraits**

by Piven, Hanoach, 1963-

When her grandma asks her about school, a girl draws a class portrait, adding details that show what makes each person special.

### **Patrick paints a picture**

by Pirotta, Saviour

"Let's paint a picture of that cornfield," says Aunt Emily to Patrick as they sit looking out from the shade of a tree. Patrick puts a yellow blob on his palette to paint the corn, but a red squirrel runs into the field; when he puts down red, a bluebird appears. Each page reveals a new color and a new creature--until Patrick's palette is filled with colors and the field with animals.

### **Seen Art?**

by Scieszka, Jon

While looking for his friend Art, a boy wanders through the Museum of Modern Art and is amazed by what he discovers there.

### **The art collector**

by Wahl, Jan

A little boy who is not pleased with his own artistic efforts but treasures his great-grandmother's drawing goes on to collect art throughout his life.

### **The line**

by Bossio, Paula

A little girl stumbles onto a line ... and endless possibilities for fun! With a twist and a shake of the line, it becomes a slide, a giant bubble or even a jungle vine. But what -- or who -- could be at the other end?

### **The museum**

by Verde, Susan

A young girl tours and twirls through museum galleries experiencing different emotions evoked by different styles of art, and then expresses her energy and inspiration when she finds an empty canvas.

### **Think big**

by Scanlon, Elizabeth Garton

A classroom of exuberant youngsters explores art in its most varied forms, from painting, music, and writing to cooking and performing.

### **Uncle Andy's**

by Warhola, James.

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.

**You can't take a balloon into the Metropolitan Museum**

by Weitzman, Jacqueline Preiss

In this wordless story, a young girl and her grandmother view works inside the Metropolitan Museum of Art, while the balloon she has been forced to leave outside floats around New York City causing a series of mishaps that mirror scenes in the museum's artworks.