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A rhyming tribute to a budding young artist.

Art Details

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Dolly says

This is a fun and whimsical book about art: a boy named art who likes to create art. The narrative is very simple and the illustrations are very artistic. I loved that our girls were able to identify different techniques from their art classes and they were excited to tell me how they created similar pieces of art. Our girls told me that this book reminded them of Harold and the Purple Crayon, especially with his drawings of the moon and simple silhouettes.

Overall, it's a short, entertaining book and would be perfect for an art class or to help inspire children to be creative. We really enjoyed reading this book together and we will be sure to look for more of Patrick McDonnell's books at our local library.

This story was selected as one of the books for the January 2013 - Books about Artists discussion at the Picture-Book Club in the Children's Books Group here at Goodreads.

Diana Thomsen says

Clever little book, perfect for storytime reading about art or drawing. I tad awkward to read aloud in spots, but not enough to interfere with the enjoyment of the title. And the sheer joy this kid feels when he crates his art? Priceless.

Lara says

Yes, there are lots of books with children and their magic crayons bringing their drawings to life (Harold and the Purple Crayon, Jeremy Draws a Monster, Journey/Quest/Return, just off the top of my head). What I like about this one is that it's more about creating *art itself*, rather than using his imagination to create a friend or go on an adventure or whatever. Yes, his imagination comes into it, but really, he's just creating and enjoying it. It's so much fun how Art and his drawings interact, how enthusiastic he gets with his drawings. And the wordplay between Art and art is very clever (yes, there is a reason the text is all caps!).

I've been wanting to do a storytime or program about art (I got inspired by a local art museum's children's Saturday presenting Henri Matisse: Drawing with Scissors - fun collage crafts with some art stories) and this one would be a great fit.

Ann says

This is Art.

And this is art.

Can you tell them apart?

I love the way this book uses "art" (drawing, painting, etc.) and Art (a young boy) interchangeably.

The text is very clever and sweet (as is the lovely ending!) and the artwork is fun and cute (the dream!!!).

Sometimes the simple things are just as sweet - this is a perfect example.

Loyal says

This book was adorable, about a young boy named Art and the beautiful art that he makes. My niece enjoyed it very much, as did I.

Lisa Vegan says

This book is reminiscent of so many art & children books, including *Ish* and *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds, and even *The Dot and the Line: A Romance in Lower Mathematics* by Norton Juster (which really is different, I suppose) and the very famous classic *Harold and the Purple Crayon* by Crockett Johnson. And, I know I'm forgetting at least two, and probably many more that I've read within the last couple of years that are unfortunately not coming to mind at the moment. They're all wonderful books and this is another terrific book about kids and art, in this case Art and art.

Art is a boy who makes art. And the author-illustrator has fun with this word play throughout the book.

I love how the story shows the joy and playfulness and wild abandon kids bring to making art. It's a joyous and sweet story, particularly the end.

This may be one of those books though, that adults love because it reminds them of childhood or some of what they cherish about the children in their lives, but I think young kids will appreciate it too. As far as the imaginativeness goes, it will hopefully reflect their experience and might not be anything all that special, but the denouement will hopefully give them a feeling of comfort and of pleasure, and maybe a bit of glee too, especially if they've experienced the respect and love Art has.

This is a truly wonderful book for mothers/parents and children, and children and all their loving, caring, mentoring adults.

4 ½ stars

Laura says

Open up, flip the pages, and let Art introduce you to his art.

Energy, inspiration, imagination, and huge-happy-heaps of color leap off each page! Art colors, draws, swirls, twirls, scribbles, and squiggles his creations all with a huge smile splattered across his face! :D

This book's infectious and a bit mischievous fun and energy make me want to grab a crayon and fill my world with color!

Pure joy!

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Maria Garcia says

Art loves to make art. Through the book he shows his masterpieces and the different forms of art that he can make. In the end his final art piece shows all of his squiggles, doodles, dots, and splotches coming together to form a masterpiece for all to enjoy.

This book is simple, but is meaningful and somewhat informational. It teaches the reader about the different forms of art and that anything can be considered art. It also touches on the popular phrase "A picture is worth a thousand words" From the final creation the reader can see, by just looking at Art's picture, his creativity and imagination. This fun book with simple, but intriguing illustrations shows readers how simple art pieces can be. The book only uses primary colors to make the most interesting masterpieces.

Stephanie says

Love the creativity and fun this book brings to life! Perfect companion to Harold and the Purple Crayon and Sam and Eva By Debbie Ridpath Ohi.

Love Patrick MC Donnell books!

Randie D. Camp, M.S. says

BRILLIANT! McDonnell is quite the artist to create a story about Art's art with visual and verse art. Art, the boy, reminds of a comic character, perhaps because of his shape or maybe from his energy and movement but he is a great character that readers innately like. My favorite scenes would be the wordless spread and the end, which shows a supportive mom because every young artist needs a supporter to help them keep their confidence and creativity.

Carson Gentry says

This was an ok book. The book tells of different art forms that a kid named Art makes. I think this would be a very good book for encouraging kids to draw and believe in their art. It helps to encourage a child's imagination. While the storyline of this book is very simple it does teach a good lesson. The Storyline of the book is very simple and just follow a child through making different pictures that his mom, in turn, hangs on the fridge.

I would use this book in a kindergarten or art class to teach about different art forms and also to encourage kids to express their imagination through art.

The illustrations in this book were really good and I enjoyed the simplicity throughout the pages. Without the pictures, the words would not have meant very much to anyone.

Sadia Mansoor says

The story of a little boy name *Art and his art*. No one can separate them apart ^_^
He draws, he paints, he scribbles, he also doodles (Y)
All these can be taken as quick ideas to start easy art activities for beginners :)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xScqo...>

Kathryn says

This is a delightful story about Art, who loves to make art. The interplay between words and illustrations is such a treat, "This is Art" (an illustration of the boy). "And this is art" (illustration of a work of art). "Art's art" and so on. A joyous celebration of art, childhood, imagination and feeling completely and utterly free to create without judgment. And the ending is so sweet! Love this book.

Cecilia says

I think this book has a very distinct audience in mind (of which I am not a part): parents with artistic or "artistic" kids. I think those parents and their kids would really find this book touching and sweet and funny. It fell a little flat for me personally, but I did really like the use of color throughout the pages and the cover.

Terri says

The story of a young boy, his squiggles and lines and dots that make his art and how to be proud of it all.
Lovely and sweet
