



## **Synopsis**

A rhyming tribute to a budding young artist.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

PreSchool-Grade 3-In a play on words that carries throughout the story, Art, a young boy, joyfully tries his hand at all kinds of art. He DRAWS SCRIBBLES THAT SQUIGGLE, SPOTCHES WITH BLOTCHES, ZIGS and ZAGS, doodles and dogs, and so much more. His creations, rendered in watercolor and crayon, extend from the drizzles on the title page to swirls and curls and Jackson Pollock-like spreads until the doodles become a picture in which Art and his dog blast off for the moon: THERE'S NO STOPPING ART...WHEN ART IS INSPIRED. He falls asleep amid his work and awakens to find it on the refrigerator, PUT THERE BY MOTHER 'CAUSE MOTHER LOVES ART. The rhyming text is brief and takes a backseat to the little boy's exuberant pictures. This story, along with Peter H. Reynolds's The Dot (Candlewick, 2003), can free up hesitant artists to let their talent shine.-Marianne Saccardi, formerly at Norwalk Community College, CT Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

PreS-K. McDonnell, creator of the Mutts comic strip, offers this slim story that owes its concept to Crockett Johnson's classic Harold and the Purple Crayon (1955). McDonnell begins with wordplay:

"This is Art," read the words above an image of a young boy. "And this is art," read the words on the following page, located above a rainbow of watercolor swirls. On the following spreads, McDonnell's rhyming text follows Art, the boy, as he wields his crayons, pencils, and brushes with gleeful abandon, creating joyful swirls, zigzags, and doodles that eventually form a neighborhood scene, which he enters in his dreams when he falls asleep. The story is slender, and the rhymes occasionally seem cloying: "Art stares at the paper and uses his noodle to conjure up a perfect doodle." Peter Reynolds' *The Dot* (2003) offers more substantive stories about kids creating art. Still, the scenes of Art at work exude a contagious, freewheeling energy that may inspire children to grab their own crayons and let their imaginations loose on paper. Gillian EngbergCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

I love this book. I ran across this book in high school (?) possibly junior high, and have been trying to track it down since. (I wasn't sure what it was called, only vague memories of what the pages looked like...) When I found it, I bought it and it is as good as I remembered it being. I have added it to my growing collection of children's books for my future children.

Loved the story.

Short and sweet, my son (an inspiring 5yo artist) loves this book.

My students loved this book, and so did I. Great way to introduce line and primary colors to my art students.

Teaching preservice teachers, I always look for books that complement my philosophy of introducing arts and creativity into the curriculum. Children and adults are hungry for creative outlooks in this time of standards. After reading the book to the class, we continue our discussion about how education can enhance or be a creativity blocker. Then of course, we must try painting ourselves to remember what it was like....

Absolutely love this book! Wonderful colors and I love that the boys name is Art. Can't wait to read it to my kiddos in class!

This book will melt your heart! The illustrations are perfect, and the story-line is one everyone can

relate to. I love the book. Our daughter loves the book. And, most importantly, our grandson loves the book. I'll be purchasing this for many, many children's gifts. Patrick McDonnell is amazing!

arrived in great condition, and received very quickly! My daughter loves this book, and I'm happy I was able to purchase at such a low price.

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