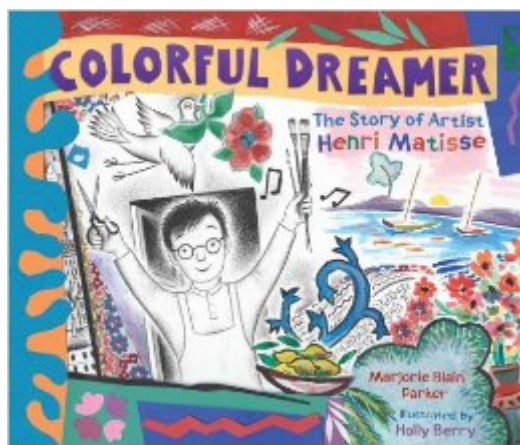


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# Colorful Dreamer: The Story Of Artist Henri Matisse



## Synopsis

An inspiring portrait of one of the world's most loved artists. There was once a boy named Henri, whose dreams were full of color even though his hometown was dreary and gray. His parents expected him to learn a trade when he grew up, but being a law clerk bored him, and he continued to dream of a colorful, exciting life, and of being noticed. Then Henri started painting . . . and kept painting and dreaming and working at his craft until he'd become one of the most admired and famous artists in the world. This lyrical, visually rich picture book is more than an excellent biography; at its core, this remarkable book is an encouragement to never give up on your dreams.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

This wonderful story beautifully illustrates the touching life of Matisse. It starts out with him as a small boy living in a French mill town and shows how he struggles to find his true self as an artist. The illustrations begin with rich black and white renderings that depict his life from humble beginnings that change to vibrant colorful images as Matisse transforms into his life as an artist. The illustrations really show the character of Matisse's work with patterns and colors that are familiar in his work. It is an exciting and uplifting book that really tells the story of Matisse and how he finds happiness in embracing his life as an artist. Truly a winner for young and old!

My eight-year-old daughter loves reading picture book biographies of famous people, especially writers and artists and was delighted with this picture book on Henri Matisse. She read the book to me at bedtime tonight and we were both fascinated to learn about Henri's path to becoming an artist. Henri Matisse was the son of hardworking shopkeepers who worried and fretted that Henri would amount to nothing. Their hopes were raised for a while when Henri went off to law school but the drudgery of being a law clerk soon became too much to bear and Henri fell ill. It was during his stint at a hospital that Henri discovered his passion for painting. This picture book is by no means a thorough biography of Henri Matisse but it provides enough background to how Matisse found his passion and pursued art as a career, a path that is portrayed to have been emotionally satisfying and fulfilling. It is an inspiring story because it teaches both young and old that it is never too late to find one's calling. The vivid color illustrations add depth to Matisse's story. I'd also recommend: Matisse the King of Color (Anholt's Artists Books for Children Series) A Magical Day with Matisse (Mini Masters) A Bird or Two: A Story About Henri Matisse

I sent this to my grand-daughter, who is nearly 5, during the gray, cold days of winter. She loved it, and it inspired colorful and creative art projects that helped brighten her hours. As a companion book, I sent "Drawing with Scissors". Each tells the story of Matisse, but from different perspectives and they complemented each other very well. My grand-daughter is now on familiar enough terms to refer to Matisse as, "Henri."

With colorful illustrations, this picture book story for older readers tells the life story of Henri Matisse, from a colorful dreamer to an acclaimed artist. Children, ages 7-10, will want to read about Henri Matisse and follow his path as a painter.

I have taught art for 38 years. This was a delightful book and I enjoyed giving it to my grandson for Christmas!

This is a wonderful kid friendly book. I will look for more by this author and illustrator. Good use of color

First, let me say, the question should read "Whom would you recommend this product to?", not "Who". I bought this book for my niece's baby girl, Ella Grace, who is just two months' old; my niece was delighted.

Got this from my young grandchildren and find I can't part with it yet! Great story introducing a famous artist as a child. Very inspirational and encouraging. And of course great illustrations.

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