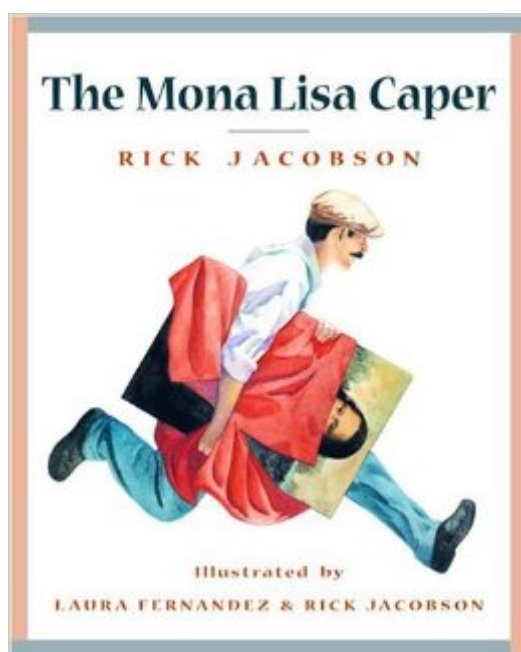


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# The Mona Lisa Caper



## Synopsis

The Mona Lisa Caper is based on true events that began to unfold on Monday, August 21, 1911, when Vincenzo Perugia shocked the world by stealing the most famous of the many treasures in the Louvre. Though Vincenzo was a thief, he meant well. He simply wanted to return the painting to the Italian people in the mistaken belief that it had been stolen from them. Eventually, inevitably, Vincenzo was captured in Florence and put on trial. Italians gave him their hearts for his patriotism. In fact, he received so much food, wine, clothing, and furniture, that he had to be moved to a larger cell! Throughout Rick Jacobson's lively text, Mona Lisa herself narrates the story of her trip back to the city of her creation. The playful art Rick has painted along with his wife, Laura Fernandez, heightens the fun. Not only is it Keystone-Cops funny, it is a sound introduction to the painting that continues to delight, amaze, and mystify hundreds of years after Leonardo da Vinci's death.

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Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

The Mona Lisa Caper by Rick Jacobson is based on a real theft that took place on Monday, August 21, 1911 when Vincenzo Perugia stole the famous painting by Leonardo Da Vinci from the Louvre museum in Paris. Vincenzo actually meant well, he wanted to return the painting to the Italian people in the mistaken belief that it had been stolen from them. Vincenzo was captured in Florence and put on trial. He became something of a hero to the Italian people who gave him so much food, wine, clothing, and furniture that he had to be moved to a larger cell. Very nicely illustrated by the Laura

Fernandez and Rick Jacobson, *The Mona Lisa Caper* has the story being narrated by Mona Lisa herself! Lively, imaginative, and fun, *The Mona Lisa Caper* is enthusiastically recommended for children ages 5 to 7.

In planning a trip to Paris with an adolescent, we purchased this book to add interest and information about the famous painting to help develop interest and bring the life to the visit. The illustrations are charming and the story, what there is of it, is cute but it is empty. It left us wondering, Is that all there is? And in the end, had I known the book I would not have purchased it.

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