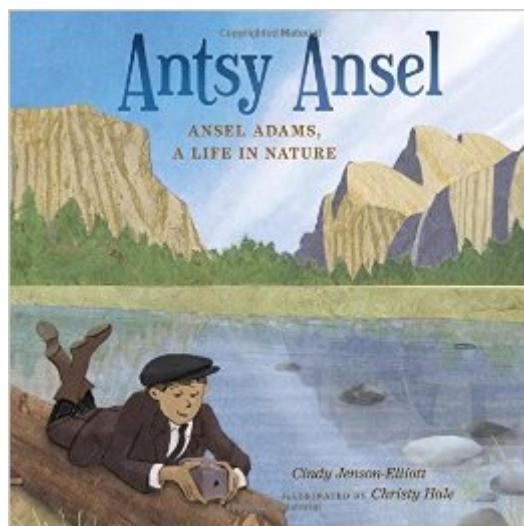


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# Antsy Ansel: Ansel Adams, A Life In Nature



## **Synopsis**

You may be familiar with Adams's iconic black-and-white nature photographs. But do you know about the artist who created these images? As a child, Ansel Adams just couldn't sit still. He felt trapped indoors and never walked anywhere--he ran. Even when he sat, his feet danced. But in nature, Ansel felt right at home. He fell in love with the gusting gales of the Golden Gate, the quiet whisper of Lobos Creek, the icy white of Yosemite Valley, and countless other remarkable natural sights. From his early days in San Francisco to the height of his glory nationwide, this book chronicles a restless boy's path to becoming an iconic nature photographer. A Christy Ottaviano Book

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When he was a child, Ansel Adams could not sit still. He fidgeted. He wanted to run. He did not like being indoors. By contrast, Ansel loved the great outdoors--especially the parks surrounding his California home. When his father recognizes that his son will not thrive in a traditional school, he helps Ansel educate himself with access to books and also studying nature. This choice will change the path of young Ansel's life in *Antsy Ansel: Ansel Adams, A Life in Nature* (2016) by Cindy Jenson-Elliott, illustrated by Christy Hale. This non-fiction picture book introduces young readers to an iconic American photographer and his work documenting the country's National Parks. Jenson-Elliott's text is long enough to be informative but brief enough to remain approachable for

younger readers. The biographical book also includes some little known facts about Adams such as his accomplishments as a pianist (and his subsequent choice between pursuing a career as a professional pianist or as a photography). The back matter in the book has additional details, resources, and some reprints of Adams' actual photos. Large page spreads work to bring natural wonders to life in this vibrantly colored picture book. Hale makes "antsy Ansel" immediately fascinating along with the stunning pieces of nature that captivate Adams for much of his life and career. Detailed illustrations also reproduce some of the photographer's iconic photos throughout the book. *Antsy Ansel* is a beautifully illustrated introduction to one of the foremost photographers in the United States. A great choice for anyone looking to introduce young readers to biographic texts and a timely read for the centennial of the National Parks System.

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