

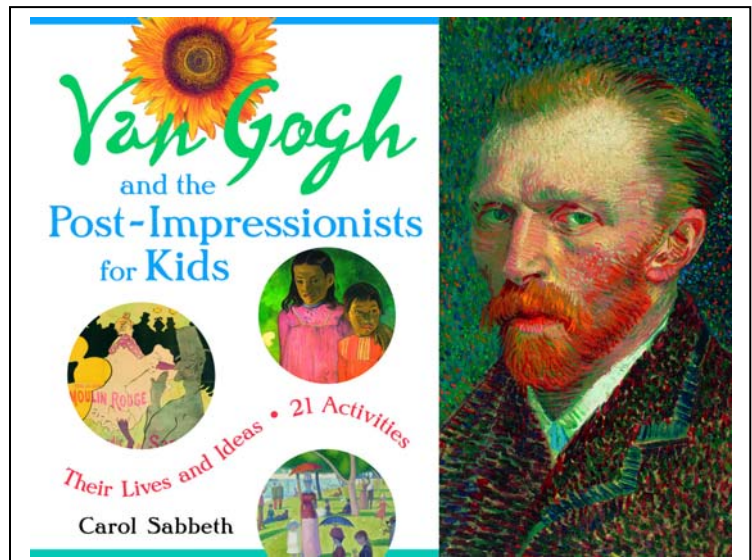
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New kid's activity book teaches the history and mastery of van Gogh and the post-impressionists

“A beautifully designed introduction to Impressionism ... this is a worthy addition to the art shelves.” —*School Library Journal* on Sabbeth's *Monet and the Impressionists for Kids*

CHICAGO: During his lifetime, Dutch artist Vincent van Gogh sold only one painting. More than 150 years after his birth, his style is unmistakable and his paintings are among the most valuable and coveted art pieces in the world.

Van Gogh and the Post-Impressionists for Kids: Their Lives and



Ideas, 21 Activities (Chicago Review Press, May 2011, ages 9 & up) by Carol Sabbeth celebrates the venerable painter. Following the path of van Gogh and four of his friends and fellow post-impressionists—Paul Gauguin, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Paul Signac and Emile Bernard—Sabbeth tells the story of this vibrant art movement and its major architects.

Beginning with his childhood in the Netherlands, *Van Gogh and the Post-Impressionist for Kids* reveals a different van Gogh apart from the mad pauper stereotype so prevalent in today's art instruction. An above-average student, van Gogh was fluent in four languages, had dreams of becoming a minister to the poor and was an avid outdoorsmen and reader. *Van Gogh and the Post-Impressionists for Kids* follows van Gogh through his early studies in The Hague and at the Academy of Fine Arts to his arrival in Paris and the several influences and friendships that helped

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to inform van Gogh's distinct style. Sabbeth also details the creation of his beloved masterpieces *The Starry Night*, *The Bedroom*, *Café-terrace at Night* and his self-portraits among others.

Beyond van Gogh, author Sabbeth explores the lives and works of other popular post-impressionist, including Paul Gauguin, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Paul Signac and Émile Bernard. A wonderfully-rich and layered narrative emerges as Sabbeth reveals each artist's relationship to van Gogh, his particular style and interpretation of post-impressionism and his lasting mark on the overall movement.

21 activities in *Van Gogh and the Post-Impressionists for Kids* teach aspiring artists and art historians about the culture and context of van Gogh's life as well as about the various techniques of the post-impressionists. Children will learn how to make pannekoeken (Dutch pancakes), perfect for a morning project. With a yellow poster board, ground coffee, newspaper and a few other items, van Gogh's famous sunflower painting is transformed into an accessible afternoon craft. Whether drawing a dreamscape in the style of Gauguin, creating poster art to recall the work of Toulouse-Lautrec or making a pointillist sailboat from a Signac painting, children will delight in learning about these influential artists and their vibrant lives.

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