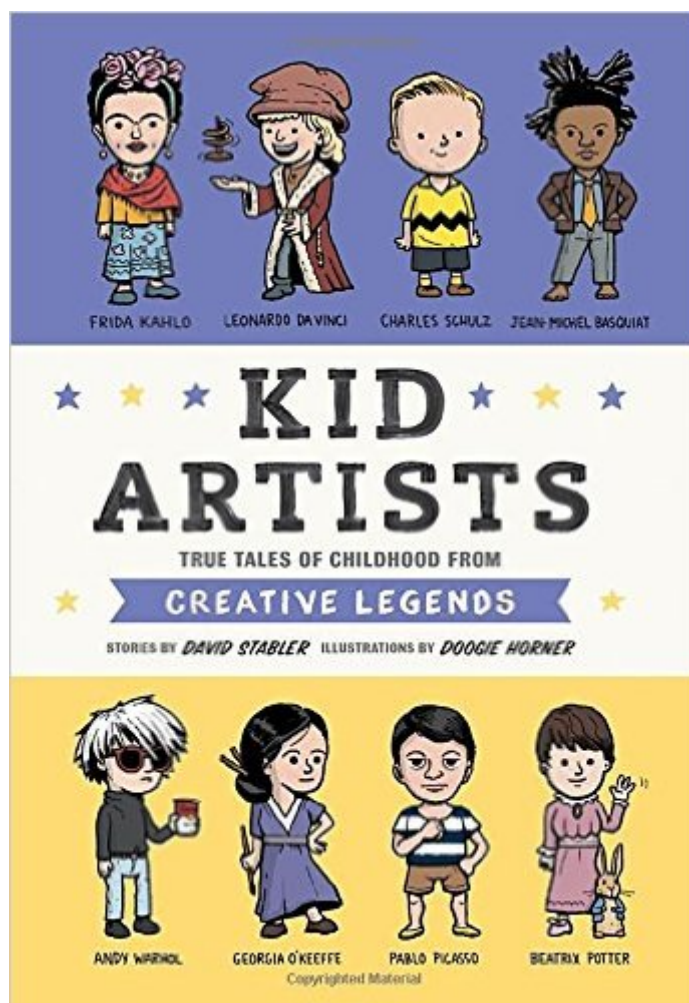


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# Kid Artists: True Tales Of Childhood From Creative Legends (Kid Legends)



## Synopsis

Hilarious childhood biographies and full-color illustrations reveal how Leonardo da Vinci, Beatrix Potter, Keith Haring, and other great artists in history coped with regular kid problems. Every great artist started out as a kid. Forget the awards, the sold-out museum exhibitions, and the timeless masterpieces. When the world's most celebrated artists were growing up, they had regular-kid problems just like you. Jackson Pollock's family moved constantly—he lived in eight different cities before he was sixteen years old. Georgia O'Keeffe lived in the shadow of her perfect older brother Francis. And Jean-Michel Basquiat triumphed over poverty to become one of the world's most influential artists. Kid Artists tells their stories and more with full-color cartoon illustrations on nearly every page. Other subjects include Claude Monet, Jacob Lawrence, Leonardo da Vinci, Vincent van Gogh, Pablo Picasso, Frida Kahlo, Beatrix Potter, Yoko Ono, Dr. Seuss, Emily Carr, Keith Haring, Charles Schulz, and Louise Nevelson.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a cool and fun book for little budding artists to enjoy. My 7 year old, who wants to be an illustrator or iconographer, has enjoyed the stories a lot so far. But both she and I noticed an odd

oversight--there's not much in the way of illustrations of what these artists' work actually looks like! What an odd oversight for a book about the visual arts. It's disappointing, but not enough to mar the book completely, especially because examples can be pulled up on Google.

This review originally published in [...] Rated 4.0 of 5! I definitely have a soft spot in my heart for books targeted to children that promote and encourage the arts. *Kid Artists*, by David Stabler, is an anthology of sixteen famous artist biographies written for middle grade (and younger) readers. While it is unlikely that students will know all these artists (some won't know any of the artists), hopefully some students who find this interesting will look into the artists a little more (or perhaps some teachers will take the opportunity to teach a little more art). But what will really capture a youngsters attention here is that each of these famous artists were once children, students like themselves, who were teased and mocked and picked upon but who also found solace in drawing and painting and sculpting. One thing that definitely struck me was how supportive the famous artists' parents tended to be. Artist Doogie Horner illustrates the book with a youthful cartoon likeness of the artists. This is a clever book (part of a series) that reminds the reader that people who have gone on to achieve fame in some way, were once children who did many of the same things we did as children. The ultimate goal here: to remind our youth that anything is possible - they can be whatever they want to be. This book contains the following mini biographies: Leonardo da Vinci: The Marvelous Medusa Shield Vincent van Gogh: The Boy Who Loved Bugs Beatrix Potter: Nature Girl Emily Carr: Out of the Woods Georgia O'Keefe: Born a Rebel Louise Nevelson: Coming to America Dr. Seuss: And to Think That He Saw It on Mulberry Street Jackson Pollock: Boy on the Move Charles Schulz: The Shy Guy Yoko Ono: Reversal of Fortune Jean-Michel Basquiat: The Anatomy Lesson Claude Monet: Impress to Success Pablo Picasso: Problem Child Makes Good Frida Kahlo: Like Father, Like Daughter Jacob Lawrence: Little Kid, Great Migration Andy Warhol: Mother Knows Best Keith Haring: Through a Kid's Eyes Looking for a good book? *Kid Artists*, by David Stabler, is the perfect book to encourage the young artists by showing them that the famous artists started out as children, too. I received a digital copy of this book from the publisher, through Netgalley, in exchange for an honest review.

These are fun little informational bios of artists you have heard of and a few you may not of heard of. There are cartoons along with the biographies. The biographies are insightful and succinct. My teenage children decided to be lazy in school this last year, so their summer has become a series of lessons and papers. This book was used by all three as their jump off point for our artists series. I

wish that we'd had these book when our kids were younger. I am tempted to get the kid's presidents book.

What a delightful book that describes the childhoods of 17 artists--mostly men, but some notable women among them. These engaging vignettes detail some interesting traits and incidents in the artists' lives. This is a great class room or school library book for advanced second graders on up to remedial 6th graders. Probably the "sweet spot" for this book would be 3-5. A high interest book which makes me want to acquire the others in this series about the childhoods of presidents and athletes.

Perfect book! And it is illustrated with whimsical full color drawings similar to graphic novel style. The stories are interesting facts from the lives of famous artists that range from Picasso to Yoko Ono. The stories are told with humor and contain a lot of academic information about each artist. The book is very engaging, pleasant to hold and look at, well done edition with excellent content!

This is one in a series of short biographies of famous people (by category), this book is about artists. The stories focus on the childhood years and contain both explanations of problems or challenges or odd behaviors as well as telling their early influences that later became a part of their famous artwork created in adulthood. The stories are short and inspiring, the problems are not depressing, told in a way that's not a downer even when it's something like being treated poorly due to one's ethnicity or income level. Across the two pages there are either one or two full color cartoon type illustrations which have silly or sarcastic modern statements. There are no reproductions of the artist's artworks so I recommend you look at some of the artwork using the Internet. In my opinion these should be read aloud to young children and discussed. Some references may go over a child's head and these topics deserve to be discussed in more depth as a learning experience. Kids who are shy, introverted, fearful of criticism or who have other social challenges will learn here that some of these artists suffered through that as well and found solace in art making. These stories are inspiring. (The stories are also cleaned up, such as saying Beatrix Potter drew animals from her pets or wildlife but they left out that she also would study and draw for her books from dead wild creatures, something that may be too creepy for some children to handle. Of course the sex life and drug addiction, mental illness, and suicides are also not told here.) Rated 5 stars = I Love It.

I handed this book off to my 12 year old and haven't seen it since. Short biographical sketches on

artists you have heard from and some you haven't. My oldest was heard remarking that she was reading it slowly since she didn't want it to end too quickly.

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