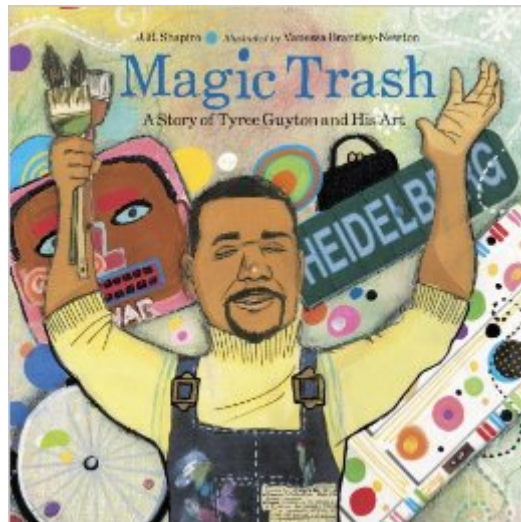


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# Magic Trash: A Story Of Tyree Guyton And His Art



## Synopsis

Vacant lots. Abandoned houses. Trash--lots of trash. Heidelberg Street was in trouble! Tyree Guyton loved his childhood home--that's where his grandpa Sam taught him to "paint the world." So he wanted to wake people up... to make them see Detroit's crumbling communities. Paintbrush in hand, Tyree cast his artistic spell, transforming everyday junk into magic trash. Soon local kids and families joined Tyree in rebuilding their neighborhood, discovering the healing power of art along the way. This picture book biography of Tyree Guyton, an urban environmental artist, shows how he transformed his decaying, crime-ridden neighborhood into the Heidelberg Project, an interactive sculpture park. The story spans from Tyree's childhood in 1950s Detroit to his early efforts to heal his community through art in the 1980s. Tyree's awards include Michigan Artist of the Year and International Artist. **MAGIC TRASH** offers strong themes of working together, the power of art, and the importance of inspiring community--especially kids--to affect action. The Heidelberg Project is internationally recognized for providing arts education to children and adults and for the ongoing development of several houses on Heidelberg Street. Not only does the Heidelberg Project prove that when a community works together it can rebuild itself, but it also addresses the issues of recycling, environmentalism, and community on a global level.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

I gave this book to my eight- year old granddaughter in San Francisco without any introduction and watched as she lay on the floor, reading it straight through despite being pummeled by her little brother while "Charlie & Lola" echoed from the TV . She read it straight through and when finished, looked up at me and declared "That was really good." To me, that is a real endorsement. Knowing the book's background, I was moved by its ability to deal simply and honestly with the facts of this page of Detroit's history. I was taken aback by the beauty of the words - esp. the rhyming refrain - and the graphics which captured Tyree Guyton's vision. This book is quite an accomplishment - in terms of language, narrative , color, graphics, characterization. Considering the serious subject matter - this book accomplishes a lot . It was "really good" -- for an eight year old or a sixty-five year old.

I read Magic Trash to students in grades K - 2. They commented that they liked the pictures and they liked how Tyree's grandfather helped him. There is a lot to relate to in the story, that follows Tyree from elementary school through his success as an artist. The book led to discussions about dreams, mentoring, perseverance and reality (Tyree works a few jobs to pay the bills before he returns to his art). Students were fascinated by the illustrations showing the things Tyree made from found 'trash'. They also enjoyed reciting the poetic refrains. In addition, the book captures some of the turmoil that Detroit experienced in the late 1960's and how it changed the city. Secondary lessons were about cooperation and teamwork and how the neighborhood worked together to bring about change. The book was meaningful and inspirational and sparked the children's imaginations.

After visiting "The Heidelberg Project" in Detroit, my sister was inspired to educate her classroom on this ongoing and phenomenal expression of art and community activism. This book, along with many other "DOT" items were purchased. "Magic Trash" is a great tool for first graders to understand and embrace. Thank you, Mr. Shapiro, for translating this into a children's book. But mostly, thank you, Mr. Guyton, for sharing your talents, love and MAGIC!

My church does a "found" art project every year and this book is perfect for the children's story. The illustrations are quite nice but are hard to see at any distance and I wish more pictures of the Guyton's work were included.

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