

Express Yourself: Visual Arts

Chapter 6 Resources

Books

Nonfiction

Ancona, George. *Murals: Walls That Sing*. Marshall Cavendish, 2003. 48 p. (978-0761451310). Gr. 4–8. Photo essay of urban artwork expressed in community murals in cities around the country.

Braun-Reinitz, Janet. *The Mural Book: A Practical Guide for Educators*. Crystal Productions, 2001. 88 p. (978-1562902414, pap.). Adult. How-to guide to creating a mural from conception to finish with 80 photographs showcasing murals.

Books: Artists in Fiction

Alexie, Sherman. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. Little, Brown and Company, 2007. 240 p. (978-0316013680). Gr. 9+. Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

Bauer, Cat. *Harley, Like a Person*. Knopf, 2007. 248 p. (978-0375837357). Gr. 7–10. Fourteen-year-old Harley, an artistic teenager living with her alcoholic father and angry mother, suspects that she is adopted and begins a search for her biological parents. Sequel is *Harley's Ninth*.

Cullen, Lynn. *I Am Rembrandt's Daughter*. Bloomsbury Publishing, 2007. 320 p. (978-1599900469). Gr. 7–10. In Amsterdam in the mid-1600s, Cornelia's life as the illegitimate child of renowned painter Rembrandt is marked by plague, poverty, and despair at ever earning her father's love, until she sees hope for a better future in the eyes of a wealthy suitor.

Ehrenhaft, Daniel. *Drawing a Blank, or, How I Tried to Solve a Mystery, End a Feud, and Land the Girl of My Dreams*. HarperCollins, 2006. 325 p. (978-0060752521). Gr. 8–11. Carlton Dunne IV, an outcast boarding school student with a secret identity as a graphic novelist, teams up with a beautiful Scottish girl who yearns to be an American police officer, to resolve an ancient feud and rescue Carlton's kidnapped father.

Frizzell, Colin. *Chill*. Orca Book Publishers, 2006. 112 p. (978-1551436708). Gr. 7+. With the help of a mural, Chill and Sean try to expose a teacher's deception.

Harness, Cheryl. *Just for You to Know*. HarperCollins, 2006. 320 p. (978-0060783136). Gr. 5–8. Living in a family of five noisy brothers, a dreamy mother, and a reckless dad, Carmen knows that she must have been kidnapped by this crazy family and so can't wait for the day when she can become the famous artist she knows she is destined to be.

Lowenstein, Sallie. *Waiting for Eugene*. Lion Stone Books, 2005. 200 p. (978-0965848657). Gr. 6–9. Twelve-year-old Sara Goldman wins an opportunity to study art in New York; however, she first must help her father sort out his wartime past.

MacCullough, Carolyn. *Drawing the Ocean*. Roaring Brook Press, 2006. 176 p. (978-1596430921). Gr. 7+. A gifted artist, Sadie is determined to fit in at her new school, but her deceased twin brother Ollie keeps appearing to her.

Myers, Walter Dean. ***Autobiography of My Dead Brother***. HarperCollins, 2006. 224 p. (978-0060582913). Gr. 8–11. Jesse pours his heart and soul into his sketchbook to make sense of life in his troubled Harlem neighborhood and the loss of a close friend.

Parra, Kelly. ***Graffiti Girl***. MTV, 2007. 247 p. (978-1416534617). Gr. 7–9. A Mexican-American high school student in a small California town is drawn into the underground world of graffiti art, feeling that it is the only way to express herself artistically and still remain true to her cultural identity.

Russo, Marisabina. ***A Portrait of Pia***. Harcourt, 2007. 240 p. (978-0152055776). Gr. 6–8. As childhood friendships change, her brother's schizophrenia worsens, and her mother's latest boyfriend seems likely to become her stepfather, 12-year-old artist Pia Crossley tries to gain control of her life by contacting her father, who returned home to Italy before she was born.

Tullson, Diane. ***Zero***. Fitzhenry & Whiteside Ltd., 2006. 185 p. (978-1550419504). Gr. 5–9. Kas is doing well at her new arts school--her art is progressing nicely, she is adjusting well to living away from home, and she has made friends—but she has a destructive secret that she cannot confide to anyone around her.

Web sites

100% Coffee Art, www.coffee-art.com. Web site of coffee artist Karen Eland with illustrations of her work.

Bear Necessities Sculpture, www.chainsaw-art.com. Web site of Washington chainsaw artist Bob King.

Chainsaw Art, Sculpture and Carvings, www.chainsawartist.com. Web site of New York chainsaw artists Rick and Judy Pratt.

Coffee Art by Angel and Andy, www.justcoffeart.com. Web site of two coffee artists with illustrations of their work.

Flickr, www.flickr.com. A digital photo and media file sharing Web site.

Graffiti Creator, www.graffitcreator.net. This site allows you to generate your own graffiti-styled texts.

Graffiti Playdo, <http://graffiti.playdo.com>. Spray to your heart's content on the online graffiti walls.

Ice Dragon Ice Sculptures, www.icedragonice.com. Web site of ice sculptor Dawson List.

Vatican Tours, mv.vatican.va/3_EN/pages/x-Pano/CSN/Visit_CSN_Main.html. Virtual tour of the Sistine Chapel.

Wayne Demoranville Artworks, www.chainsawcarvingman.com. Web site of New England chainsaw artist Demoranville.

Web Gallery of Art, www.wga.hu/tours/sistina/index1.html. Virtual tour of the Sistine Chapel.