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PICTURE BOOKS

Adele & Simon by Barbara McClintock
Andrew Drew and Drew by Barney Saltzburg
Archie by Dominica More Gordon
Art by Patrick McDonnell
Art & Max by David Wiesner
The Art of Miss Chew by Patricia Polacco
Artist Ted by Andrea Beaty
The Artist who Painted a Blue Horse by Eric Carle
Aspiring Artist (Fancy Nancy series) by Jane O’Connor
Bad Day at Riverbend by Chris Van Allsburg
Ballyhoo Bay by Judy Sierra
Bear’s Picture by Daniel Pinkwater
Bridget’s Beret by Tom Lichtenheld
A Carousel Tale by Elisa Kleven
Chalk by Bill Thomson
Chloe and the Lion by Mac Barnett
Crafty Chloe by Kelly DiPucchio
Danny’s Drawing Book by Sue Heap
David’s Drawings by Cathryn Falwell
The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt

A Day with No Crayons by Elizabeth Rusch
Like crayons and blank paper, Elizabeth Rusch’s “A Day with No Crayons” and Drew Daywalt’s “The Day the Crayons Quit” are an unbeatable dynamic duo. “A Day with No Crayons” features an irrepressible young artist named Liza, who, upon having her crayons taken away as punishment for drawing on her bedroom wall, finds her day suddenly gray. Luckily, Liza soon discovers bursts of color everywhere, from a ribbon of blue toothpaste in the sink to the green grass.
stains on her pants. Soon Liza is creating art with new materials such as a brick in place of sidewalk chalk and a nature collage of pebbles and petals. An ode to inspiration and the shades within each color, this is art beyond the basics. “The Day the Crayons Quit” also celebrates the liveliness of color, although in this case it’s the crayons themselves that make their opinion known. Tired of being misused, under-used or over-used in the same predictable ways, the crayons address their complaints, in letter form, to bewildered young artist Duncan. Duncan’s response is a dazzling picture that addresses every grievance in a most brilliant and creative way. Daywalt’s witty and one-of-a-kind treatment encourages thinking outside of the [crayon] box. Ages 5-9 (both titles).

**Dog Loves Drawing** by Louise Yates  
**Doodler Doodling** by Rita Gelman  
**Draw Me a Star** by Eric Carle  
**Elena’s Serenade/Elenita** by Campbell Geeslin  
**Faces** by Zoe Miller  
**The First Drawing** by Mordicai Gerstein  

**Fraidyzoo** by Thyra Heder  
Little T doesn’t share her older sister’s excitement over going to the zoo; she remembers something at the zoo is scary, but can’t think what. Her parents and sister turn her fears into a gentle and artistic alphabet game, as they build elaborate animal costumes from materials around the house. A bubble wrap-clad umbrella trailing streamers becomes a jellyfish while a clothesline of recyclables becomes a massive and elaborate snake. Many of the animal creations go unnamed, introducing a guessing element to this depiction of a fun-loving and very imaginative family. A surprise ending leads to laughs as well as one final artistic construction that will leave readers brainstorming family art projects of their own. Ages 4-8.

**Hank Finds Inspiration** by Craig Frazier  
**Harold and the Purple Crayon** by Crockett Johnson  
**Hugo & Miles In: I’ve Painted Everything** by Scott Magoon  
**I Ain’t Gonna Paint No More!** by Karen Beaumont  
**I Gotta Draw** by Bruce Degen  
**I Know a Wee Piggy** by Kim Norman  
**If I Built a Car/If I Built a House** by Chris Van Dusen  
**Immi’s Gift** by Karin Littlewood  
**It’s Picture Day Today!** by Megan McDonald  
**Journey** by Aaron Becker  
**Katie’s Sunday Afternoon** by James Mayhew  
**The Line** by Paula Bossio  
**Little Dog** by Lisa Jahn-Clough
**Norman the Doorman** by Don Freeman

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**The Paper Princess** by Elisa Kleven

**Paris in the Spring** with Picasso by Joan Yolleck

**The Pencil** by Allan Ahlberg

**Polka Dot Penguin Pottery** by Lenore Look

**Room for the Baby** by Michelle Edwards

**Sky Color** by Peter Reynolds

**Snowballs** by Lois Ehlert

**Think Big** by Elizabeth Garton Scanlon

**Uncle Andy’s Cats** by James Warhola

**Whale Shines: An Artistic Tale** by Fiona Robinson

**ARTIST BIOGRAPHIES**

**Balloons over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy’s Parade** by Melissa Sweet

**Diego Rivera: His World & Ours** by Duncan Tonatiuh

**Dreaming Up: A Celebration of Architecture** by Christy Hale

**An Eye for Color: The Story of Josef Albers** by Natasha Wing

**Frida/Frida (Español)** by Jonah Winter

**Henri’s Scissors** by Jeanette Winter

**It Jes’ Happened: When Bill Traylor Started to Draw** by Don Tate
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