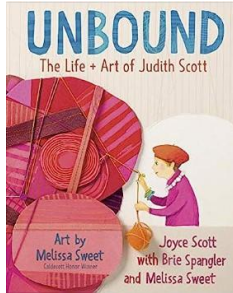


# “Draw Me In!” Booklist

This inclusive nonfiction booklist introduces readers to artists who draw or paint. Each artist's contribution has made our world a more beautiful place. With this booklist, [Finding My Way Books](#) celebrates diversity in art and representation in books.

**Include me in your pictures by drawing me in!**



## Unbound: The Life + Art of Judith Scott

By Joyce Scott with Bria Spangler

For ages 4-8

Joyce Scott shares the story of her twin, Judith, who was an amazing artist. Judith was deaf and had Down syndrome.

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## It Began with a Page: How Gyo Fujikawa Drew the Way

By Kyo Maclear

For ages 4-8

Gyo Fjujukawaa was the leader in adding children of different races to illustrations in children's books.

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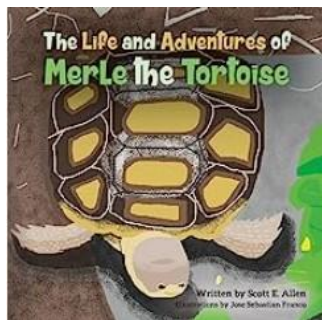
## Nick Springer On the Move

By Jennifer Stratton

For ages 7-12

Life story of Paralympic Gold Medalist Nick Springer; illustrated by USA mouth painter Christopher Kuster ([purchase](#) link)

**Include my artwork by letting me draw with you!**



The Life and Adventures of Merle the Tortoise

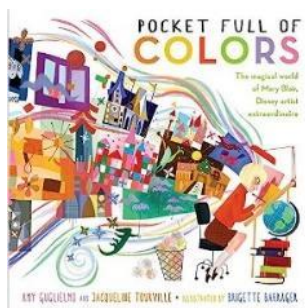
By Scott E. Allen

For Ages 4-8

Illustrated by Jose Sebastian Franco who is autistic and legally blind.

Pocket Full of Colors: The Magical World of Mary Blair, Disney Artist Extraordinaire

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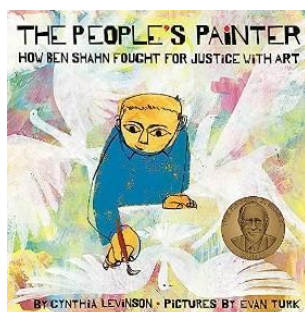
By Amy Guglielmo and Jacqueline Tourville

For ages 4-8

Mary was one of the first women to be hired as a Disney artist and was an enormous influence in adding colors.

“Mary will teach young readers how to value what makes them special and advocate for their talents.” —Booklist

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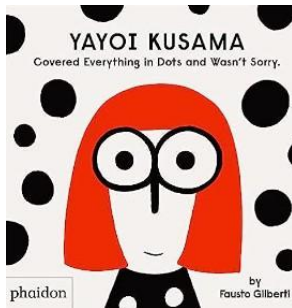
The People's Painter: How Ben Shahn Fought for Justice with Art

By Cynthia Levinson

For ages 4-8

Jewish artist. “A thoughtful introduction to this social justice artist.” —Booklist

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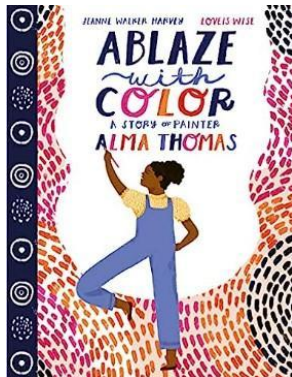
### Yayoi Kusma Covered Everything in Dots and Wasn't Sorry

By Fausto Gilberti

For ages 4-7

Asian artist with mental health challenges

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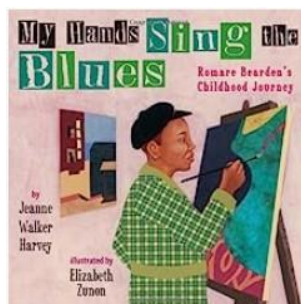
### Ablaze with Color: A Story of Painter Alma Thomas

By Jeanne Walker Walker

For ages 4-8

Alma was the first Black woman to have her work chosen for the White House collection

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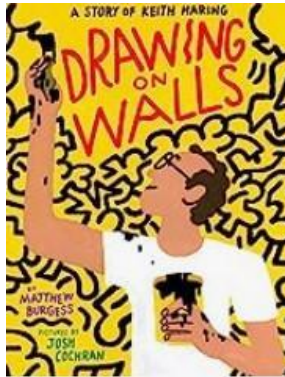
### My Hands Sing the Blues: Romare Bearden's Childhood Journey

By Jeanne Walker Harvey

For ages 6-8

Romare was inspired by his Cherokee grandmother and says his art is visual jazz.

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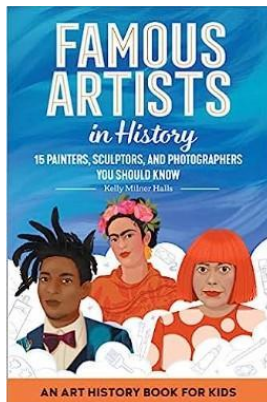


Drawing on Walls: A Story of Keith Haring  
By Matthew Burgess  
For ages 6-14

Famous gay artist who had the passionate belief that “art is for everyone.”

“Everything about this book spells gentleness and creativity.”—Booklist

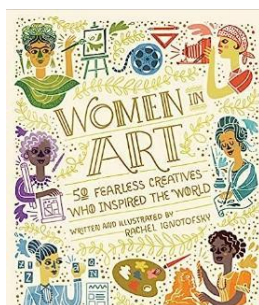
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Famous Artists in History: An Art History Book for Kids  
By Kelly Milner Halls  
For ages 8-12

“Kelly Milner Halls successfully highlights 15 famous artists who look and live as diversely as their very artwork.”--reviewer

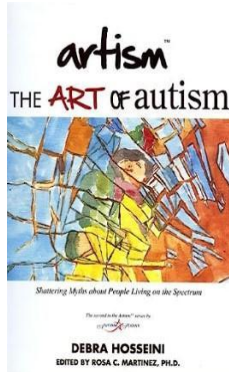
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Women in Art: 50 Fearless Creatives Who Inspired the World

By Rachel Igotofsky  
For ages 10+

<https://bookshop.org/book/9780399580437>



Artism: The Art of Autism

By Debra Hosseini

For ages 16+

Art from 54 autistic artists from around the world.

[https://www.amazon.com/Artism-Art-Autism-Debra-Hosseini/dp/0983130809/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=142ZXVBDPJYI6&keywords=artism+debra+hosseini&qid=1691448498&prefix=artism+debra+hosseini%2Caps%2C105&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Artism-Art-Autism-Debra-Hosseini/dp/0983130809/ref=sr_1_1?crid=142ZXVBDPJYI6&keywords=artism+debra+hosseini&qid=1691448498&prefix=artism+debra+hosseini%2Caps%2C105&sr=8-1)

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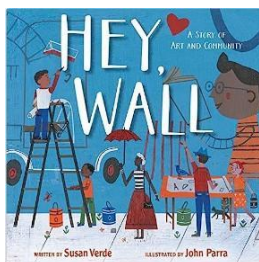
Mouth and Foot Painting Artists [MFPA](#)

Jonah Dillon- artist who paints using his wheelchair; [Jdillachilla website](#) meet Jonah and see his artwork

[Stephen Witshire](#) YouTube channel; autistic artist who draws cities from memory.

13 Amazing Artists on the Autism Spectrum You Need to Check Out: [website](#)

## Include everyone in our communities by drawing plans for a more inclusive world!



Hey, Wall

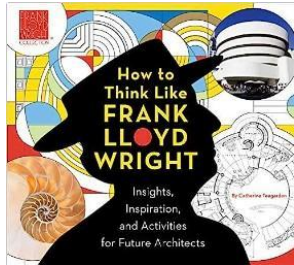
By Susan Verde

For ages 4-8

Community murals can include everyone in the community.

“Walls do not create barriers and divide spaces. They can be canvasses for art making; opportunities to shape a community.”—The Horn Book

<https://bookshop.org/book/9781481453134>



How to Think Like Frank Lloyd Wright: Insights, Inspiration, and Activities for Future Architects

By Catherine Teegarden

For ages 10+

“Frank Lloyd Wright became one of the first architects to fully embrace a level of accessibility.”—Smithsonian Magazine

<https://bookshop.org/book/9781941367476>

## Inclusive Architect Design Website

[Where Is the North](#)

7 Tips for Designing an Accessible and Inclusive Building in Architecture