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# **Alexander Calder: Meet The Artist**





# Synopsis

No artist can put a smile on your face quicker than Alexander Calder. A sense of playfulness animates all of his workâ "from his signature hanging mobiles to his endlessly creative toys, drawings, and jewelry. Alexander Calder: Meet the Artist! is an exciting hands-on introduction to this beloved American sculptor. Calder's whimsical world is brought to life by imaginative pop-ups, pull tabs, lift-the-flaps, and cutouts. A universe of artistic possibilities opens up as young readers explore Calder's creative evolution, play with his toy designs, and even create their own sculptural circus.

## **Book Information**

Series: Meet the Artist Hardcover: 18 pages Publisher: Princeton Architectural Press; Act Ina edition (February 4, 2014) Language: English ISBN-10: 1616892250 ISBN-13: 978-1616892258 Product Dimensions: 8.8 x 1 x 12 inches Shipping Weight: 15.2 ounces (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.9 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (13 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #384,118 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #93 in Books > Children's Books > Arts, Music & Photography > Art > Sculpture #168 in Books > Children's Books > Biographies > Art Age Range: 8 - 12 years Grade Level: 2 - 7

## **Customer Reviews**

What a fantastic book! We used it in our homeschool when studying Calder. This book really brought his work to life. It inspired my kids (9 and 7 y/o) to not only play with the interactive pages in the book, but to create and imagine beyond the pages. I hesitated when buying this book because I was torn between it and a storybook about Calder and I am so glad I chose this one! I couldn't be happier with it! This is such a fun book representing such a fun artist! Don't hesitate and miss out like I almost did. Although, I can see where this wouldn't be a good book for littles that like to pull or rip flaps and pull-tabs out of books. Other than that I would highly recommend it!

I live in Chicago and am a Calder fan. I purchased this as a gift for my nephew, Alexander! He was

beside himself when I gave it to him and has spoken to me about it repeatedly since he received it. I see how he is making connections with architecture and art all around him, motivated by this book. (He is a young artist, constantly exploring). Would definitely recommend this

This book is perfect for teaching and learning about this important artist. It is interactive and each page is an adventure. It has things to assemble if you are using it at home, but can be presented to a class without using the additional parts.

You know, my mother is the biggest kid in the family. This book is an interactive book and she just squealed when she got it as a gift. It is such an artistic and creative book to own. Magnificent.

One of the most creative, innovative art history books for kids. I have a degree in art history & can't say enough great things about this series. If you love art or your kids do, get this gorgeous series!

I bought this book as a visual inspiration for my young dancers. Their ballet piece for their recital is to reflect an "art" inspiration. I thought Calder's mobiles and stabiles were the perfect visual for their choreography. When I brought the book to class, these dancers, grades 4 - 6, loved the book, wanted to touch all the pop ups. it is a good book for young students, colorful and interactive.

A beautifully done book; a work of art on it's own. You almost don't want to play with it and "mess it up". I love that you can make your very own circus with the extra pieces. I highly recommend this book.

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