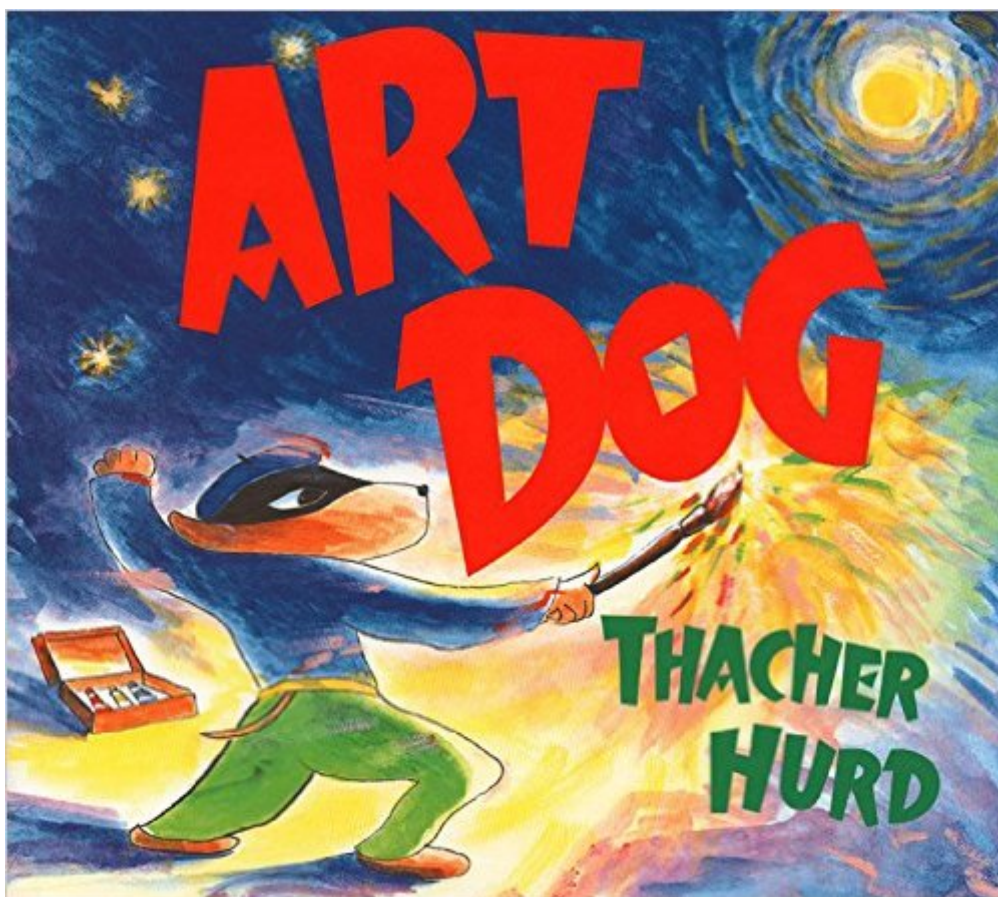


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# Art Dog (Trophy Picture Books (Paperback))



## Synopsis

Oh, no! Someone has stolen the Mona Woofa from the Dogopolis Museum of Art and the police don't even realize that they are barking up the wrong tree when they collar their number one suspect. So it's up to Art Dog, the mysterious, masked painter who roams the streets of Dogopolis, to find the missing masterpiece. Zip! Splash! Smoosh! He paints himself a Brushmobile, and he's off "on a wild and funny chase to capture the dastardly crooks. With the same deft touches of high-spirited fun and adventure that have made *Mystery on the Docks* and *Mama Don't Allow* (both Reading Rainbow Featured Selections) such perennially popular stories, Thacher Hurd serves up a new action-packed tale that will delight young readers. 1996 'Pick of the Lists' (ABA) Children's Choices for 1997 (IRA/CBC) 1998 Red Clover Book Award (VT)

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

By day, Arthur Dog, Dogopolis Museum of Art security guard, and lover of paintings by Vincent Van Dog, Pablo Poodle, Henri Muttisse, and Leonardo Dog Vinci. By night, Art Dog, masked graffiti artist painting the city in beautiful color. "No one knew who Art Dog really was... until one night at the museum." Yikes! Someone has stolen the Mona Woofa! After being falsely accused, Art Dog paints his way out of jail, lifts his nose in the air... "I can smell art a mile away," and saves the day in

superhero fashion..... Thacher Hurd has authored an entertaining, wacky picture book that's sure to tickle the funny bones of young and old alike. His delightful, high-spirited text begs to be read aloud, and is full of terrific sound effects, wordplay, and dog puns. But it's his bold, bright, and splashy illustrations that really make this book stand out and sparkle. Perfect for youngsters 4-8, Art Dog is a funny, engaging, rip-roarin' adventure you don't want to miss. "Who was Art Dog? Who was this painter in a Brushmobile, catcher of crooks, bringer of light to the Dogopolis night?" Only readers will know!

"Art Dog" is a wigglin' fun story book about Arthur Dog, the security guard at Dogopolis Museum of Art. He lives a secret life as a graffiti artist who finds himself being blamed for the stolen "Mona Woofa". However, he is able to paint his way out of...well, I can't give away the story here! (This detective dog sure is smarter than Scoobi Doo!)The story is very short, quick, and barkingly fun. Not only will kids love it, but adults will love the depictions of Vicent Van Dog, Pablo Poodle, Henri Muttisse and others. It is dog-gone worth the few bucks for this book. This sure is a good book to sniff out.

I've read this to my six-year-old since he was a five-year-old - he doesn't get tired of it, and mercifully, neither do I. The idea of a hero who uses painting instead of punches to win the day is so cool it makes me wish I'd written it. Also, I take my son to the children's floor at Berkeley Main Library, where they have a kid's size version of the Brushmobile (you'll have to read the book to know what that it) that he's loved to 'ride in' even before we'd found the book. The day he no longer fits behind the palette, I think we'll both cry.

My granddaughter loves this book and I've read it to her many times in a row. We saw the play and that was fun, too. The humor is multi-layered, appealing to me as well as to her. I showed her the actual paintings that were spoofed (dog-ified) in the book and she loved the humor of the dog art. The result is that she has learned quite a bit about art and we recently held a show of her work in my house that we called "Art Girl."

The illustrations are so brilliant that I can explain the real masterpieces to my grandson. Bought this book 3 or 4 years ago, and my grandson, who is now almost 9 still likes me to read it to him (yes, he can read, but why bother when grandma is around). I am saving it for the next one.

I'm a preschool art teacher and bought this book because I wanted to have more art-related books to read to the children. It's a little too long for 2-3 year olds (their attention spans can't handle it!), but with my 4s and kindergartners, they love it! Especially the boys. Every time the kindergartners come to my class, they bring up "Art Dog" and want me to read it. Definitely a great read for kids in Pre-K/Kindergarten!

I am a volunteer reader reading to students elementary school students, K - 5. Art Dog has been part of my classroom repertoire for over 6 years. The kids love this book. The storyline, the villains, and the hero...the suspense, the drama, and the fun. The beautiful colors & illustrations they all make for a great experience. Then there's the art and references to great artist like Van Gogh, Matisse, Picasso, and Renoir, this books continues to give. I love it, I love reading it and the kids request this book over and over again. I am buying another copy for a relative who is in her first year as a Kindergarten teacher.

My son who is 2 and half years old loves this book. In fact, he wants us to read him this book over and over again. What a great and humourous way to introduce the very young to the world of art!

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