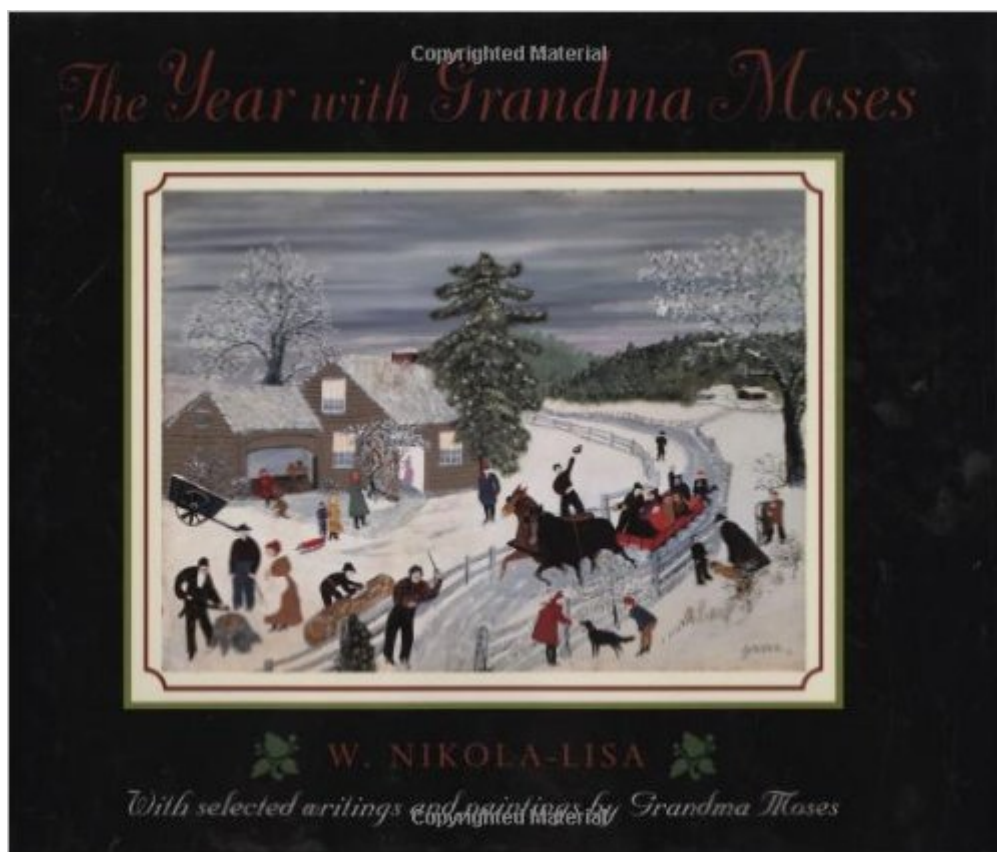


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The Year With Grandma Moses



Synopsis

A unique introduction to an important American Artist. When Grandma Moses looks out her window, she sees a world of spotted cows, a world of thunderstorms, rain-drenched fields, and hand-washed laundry flapping in the wind. This stunning picture book introduces children of all ages to the work of legendary artist Grandma Moses. Beginning in the spring -- full of thunderstorms and scenes of laundry flapping in the wind -- Nikola-Lisa's lyrical text captures the seasons on a farm and highlights the simple yet wonderful moments depicted in Grandma Moses's folk art paintings. The experience is made all the more intimate by Grandma Moses's journal excerpts, which give readers a first-hand look at what inspired the artist. With its paintings and descriptions of hay rides in the fall, ice-skating in winter, and flower-gathering in the spring and summer, *The Year with Grandma Moses* celebrates an important American artist and shares her special world with others. When Grandma Moses (born Anna Mary Robertson) was in her seventies, her paintings were discovered by a New York art collector. By her 100th birthday, Grandma Moses had become one of the most well-known and beloved artists of her time. She died in 1961 at the age of 101.

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Customer Reviews

Grandma Moses, who died at the age of 101 in 1961, was one of the most beloved folk artists in the United States. "The Year with Grandma Moses," by W. Nikola-Lisa, brings together 13 of her classic

paintings, along with brief excerpts from the artist's own autobiographical writings. The result is a beautiful tribute to a remarkable artist. The book opens with a great full-color photographic portrait of Grandma Moses at work at her painting table in 1952. A brief but informative biography sets the stage for the treasures that follow. Grandma Moses was a rural New York farm wife for most of her long life, and her paintings reflect this world. Colorful, lively, and rich in detail, these paintings record and celebrate the daily lives of farm communities. We see classic farmhouses, a horse-drawn carriage, children climbing a tree, cows grazing, people engaging in chores, and other sights. Because the book focuses on a year in Grandma's world, the paintings reflect all of the seasons. We see the green fields of springtime, the brilliant foliage of autumn, and the snowy landscapes of winter. "The Year with Grandma Moses" is a wonderful book that captures the spirit of an American creative legend.

I use this book to help my kindergarten students learn about Grandma Moses. We focus on her use of details and elaboration to "tell" the stories of her life and the lives of her family and friends. The illustrations are lovely and full of details for my students to practice describing and analyzing. I ask them what they see. (e.g. If they say they see winter, I ask them what they see in the picture that lets them know it might be winter.) Students then begin a drawing assignment using details to visually "tell" the story of our first snowfall this year (it came BEFORE Halloween!) We then extend our learning with a book about Clementine Hunter, another wonderful and inspiring, untrained artist. The stories of these two ladies, from different parts of the U.S., reinforce the worth and value of all our lives and the artwork we create.

The pictures in this book are amazing! Grandma Moses at her finest. They also show the changing seasons and how they affect life on the farm. The narration ties nicely with the pictures. My kindergarten students, who had a mini unit on Grandma Moses in Art Class, loved this book.

...As a senior and dabbling in the medium, Grandma is an inspiration...search "Grandma Moses Paul Harvey" on You Tube for "The Rest of the Story"...Enjoy.

This is a beautifully done book on a well known but seldomly talked about artist. I love that the illustrations are all her paintings. Students love to see the simplicity of her work.

It makes a nice addition to my "coffee table" books. A quick read, but interesting to find what

inspired Grandma Moses and see the paintings.

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