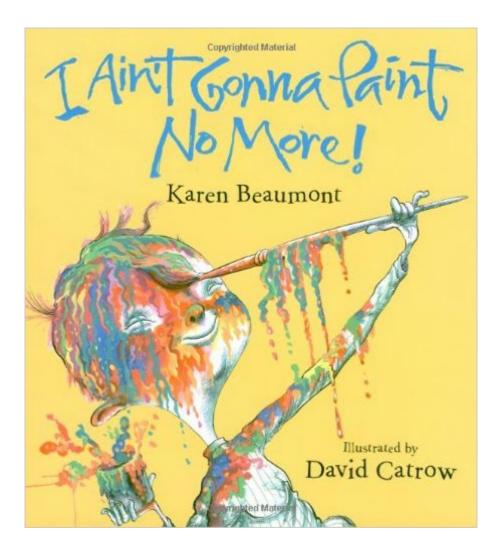
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I Ain't Gonna Paint No More! (Ala Notable Children's Books. Younger Readers (Awards))





Synopsis

A dab of blue here, a splash of red there, a goopy smear of green . . . everywhere. To the tune of "It Ain't Gonna Rain No More," one creative kid floods his world with color, painting first the walls, then the ceiling, then HIMSELF! Before this feisty artist is through, he'll have painted his head, back, hands, legs, feet, and . . . Oh no--here comes Mama!Karen Beaumont's zippy text and David Catrow's zany illustrations turn an infamous childhood activity into raucous storytime fun, giving a silly twist to the fine art of self-expression.

Book Information

Lexile Measure: 620 (What's this?) Series: Ala Notable Children's Books. Younger Readers (Awards) Hardcover: 32 pages Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers; 1 edition (April 1, 2005) Language: English ISBN-10: 0152024883 ISBN-13: 978-0152024888 Product Dimensions: 9 x 0.4 x 10 inches Shipping Weight: 11.2 ounces (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.8 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (209 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #19,491 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #51 in Books > Children's Books > Early Learning > Basic Concepts > Colors #81 in Books > Children's Books > Arts, Music & Photography > Art #176 in Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Friendship. Social Skills & School Life > Self-Esteem & Self-Respect Age Range: 4 - 7 years Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Some folks think too small. If you're going to create a book in which a kid systematically paints every thing around him (living, inanimate, you name it) then you need a certain amount of pizzaz. A bit of whoopsie. A smidgen of hootenanny (recipe: a little bit of hoot, a whole lot of nanny). So let's take "I Ain't Gonna Paint No More". Author Karen Beaumont has rewritten that familiar old folksy ballad "Oh It Ain't Gonna Rain No More" and has reconfigured it into a wild whoopsy-laden affair involving paint here, paint there, and paint just about everywhere. Add into the mix the child-friendly anarchy of David Catrow and you've got yerself a book so jumpety and pleased with itself that anyone who dares criticize the poor grammar in the title should truly hang their heads in shame. Consarn it!The endpapers of this book are splattered in a couple coats of multi-colored goo. Fitting then that the first two-page spread shows our hero sitting behind a curtain with a tell-tale brush and pallet lying not too far away. His mother, colorless save a flush of blush at her cheeks and lips, views the room askance. Turn the page and her words are crystal clear. "YA AIN'T A-GONNA PAINT NO MORE!". The boy sits in a paint splattered tub, his arms crossed in thinly disguised fury. Across from him his dog sits patiently, regarding him. With that, mama has taken all the paints and storied them nice and neat on the topmost shelf of the hallway closet. Little does she know that her son has seen the hiding place, and a few well-placed hatboxes and bowling balls later, the set is back in his hands. The house is now all black and white, but you get the feeling that this is just the calm before the storm. The boy kneels reverently in front of his first can of paint.

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