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Renoir And The Boy With The Long Hair



Synopsis

Jean, this story's handsome, long-haired little boy, happens to have a very famous father—the artist Pierre Auguste Renoir. But the boy also has a problem. Despite Jean's many protests, his father thinks Jean's hair is too beautiful to be cut short. This renowned artist loves to use his son as a model in many of his paintings, and he insists that Jean is still young enough to keep his hair long. Meanwhile, the other kids often tease Jean, which makes him quite angry—and well-meaning adults sometimes mistake Jean for a pretty girl, which annoys and embarrasses him. How can he convince his dad that he's old enough to have short hair? This gently amusing story for children is beautifully illustrated in a manner that resembles the painting style of Jean's illustrious father, and it includes several illustrations that are faithful copies of Renoir's paintings. Of course, the senior Renoir finally relents, and young Jean Renoir does get his hair cut. Still later as an adult, Jean becomes famous in his own right as a widely acclaimed film director.

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Customer Reviews

This is the perfect book to spark a child's interest in art. I read it to my sons (ages 5 and 7) and they had fun picking out their favorite Renoir paintings. Then they wanted to go to the museum so they could look for Renoir paintings. (This made me happy!) My older son identified with Jean (Renoir's son), who wanted to be more like the other kids, but more importantly, he admired Renoir

who followed his passion and didn't care what anyone thought of him. What an inspiring message for kids!

Great Book! Lots of fun to read. My children and I both enjoyed the story, how little Jean was part of his father's artwork and creative process. Good for all ages, from 4 to 41. I liked learning more about Renoir.

I'm a third-grade teacher and bought this book for my class library. There's a mixture of real art pieces and drawings done by an illustrator whose style goes well with the paintings. It's a fun way for the kids to learn about something new. I highly recommend it to teachers of grades 3-5. It's a fast favorite, and now my class is filled with Renoir fans.

My kids (who hate having their hair cut) love this book and have been asking for it every night. I love the fact that now they'll grow up knowing who Renoir was, recognizing his paintings, and knowing the surprising and amusing story behind them. This is such a gem of a story and it's so wonderful that someone thought to write a children's book about it. Great story, beautiful illustrations.

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