

Stories in Art – Looking at Abstract Art

A Reading List by the Torrance Public Library

When is something not what it seems to be? When is the world expressed in a unique way? Explore some of these books that use the theory of abstraction, or real works of abstract art, and see what you can find in the world!

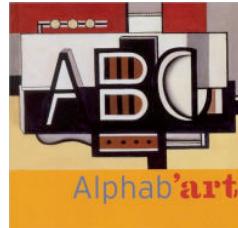
J 709.2 N *Oooh! Picasso*

For each piece of art, the reader looks and tries to decide what it is. A waterfall or a guitar? A stairway or a mask? The abstract works of Pablo Picasso are used to see the world in a new way.



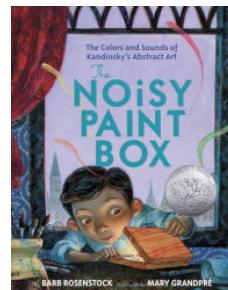
J 702.2 G *Alphab'art: Find the Letters Hidden in the Paintings*

Great abstract artists like Kandinsky, Matisse, and Dubuffet are used in this unique combination of an alphabet book, and a visual game of hide and seek.



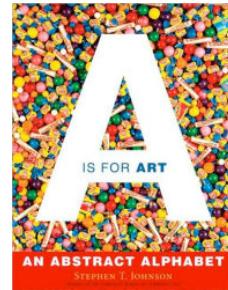
JB KAN *The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art*

Is it a house? Is it a flower? It is the story of Kandinsky, and how he painted sound.



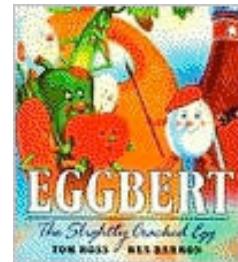
J 709.2 J *A is for Art: An Abstract Alphabet*

This alphabet book uses descriptive words for abstract art pieces, and sends the reader looking across the pages for missing letters in other pieces.



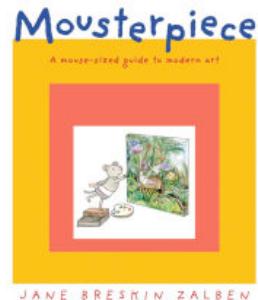
E Ross Eggbert: *The Slightly Cracked Egg*

Eggbert is an egg with a crack. When that gets him kicked out of the refrigerator, he takes his paints and his talents and sets off on an artistic adventure.



E Zalben Mousterpiece: *A Mouse-Sized Guide to Modern Art*

A mouse in a museum starts to create art inspired by all the styles she has seen.



Visiting the Museum

Visiting an art museum can be an eye opening experience. Here are some stories about visits to museums.

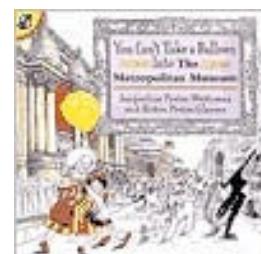
J 708 G616 *Meet Me at the Art Museum*

A ticket stub and a lost nametag tour an art museum after hours, learning about everything from the curators to the cafeteria.



E Weitzman *You Can't Take A Balloon into the Metropolitan Museum*

A girl takes a yellow balloon to the museum and then loses it, causing havoc among the works of art.



J 708.13 B *Visiting the Art Museum*

A family finds all sorts of things to see in the museum.



E Verde *The Museum*

A little girl takes herself on an exciting and rhyming adventure inspired by the art museum.

