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### Who was Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart?

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McDonough, Yona Zeldis. *Who Was Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart?* Illustrated by Carrie Robbins. Grosset & Dunlap, 2003. ISBN 0448431041. \$4.99. 106 pp.

Reviewer: Margaret Manchak

Reading Level: Preschool; Primary;

Rating: Dependable

Genre: Informational books;

Subject: Mozart, Wolfgang Amadeus, 1756-1791--Juvenile literature; Composers--Austria--Biography--Juvenile literature;

*Who Was Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart?* is a brief biography from birth to death of the famous composer and musician. The text is simple and straightforward and contains some interesting facts: Wolfgang had an older sister who was also a quite talented musician. Wolfgang wrote his first opera at twelve years old, which was a flop. Most of the writing, however, is vaguer than this, and generally uninspired. Still, it is well-written for children and has good flow. This much cannot be said for the illustrations, which look like bad photocopies of half-baked pencil and ink sketches. They give the book an unfinished feel.