Here's Looking at Me: How Artists See Themselves

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Self-portraits can be done in many different styles, mediums, and in settings, as Raczka's short work shows. Along with explanatory text, fourteen artists' self-portraits are included—some familiar (Van Gogh, Rockwell), some less so (Gentileschi, Chagall).

Raczka asks questions to encourage readers to look closely at the paintings and provides small bits of analysis that youngsters (or even uninitiated young adults) can easily understand. The tone is light and informative without being patronizing. Perfect for budding artists and art critics.