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# Delicious: The Life & Art of Wayne Thiebaud

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Rubin, Susan Goldman. *Delicious: The Life & Art of Wayne Thiebaud*. Chronicle Books, 2007. ISBN 9780811851688. \$15.95. 102 p.

Reviewer: Lauren Bangerter

Reading Level: Intermediate

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Informational books;

Subject: Painters--United States--Biography--Juvenile literature; Thiebaud, Wayne--Juvenile literature; Desserts in art--Juvenile literature; Books--Reviews;

This biography of painter Wayne Thiebaud engages the reader and gives a captivating overview of the painter's life. Rubin chronicles Theibaud's life; from his birth and childhood in the American West, to his first art exhibit in New York, to his retired-tennis-playing life in California. Rubin explains the different themes and phases of Thiebuad's paintings. Most of Theibaud's art reflects his childlike love for desserts and candies. Though he does experiment with landscapes and cityscapes, Theibaud always comes back to his original "delicious" subject. The different colors of the pages and text are bright, fun and refreshing, and they mirror the colors used in Thiebaud's paintings, which are interspersed throughout with insightful commentaries. The overall presentation of the book maintains the happy and energetic spirit of the text. Keeping a good balance between fact-giving and story-telling, Rubin presents the life of this All-American painter and cultural pop icon for young readers to enjoy.

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