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# The Museum by Susan Verde

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Author: Verde, Susan

Title: *The Museum*

Illustrator: Reynolds, Peter H.

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Publisher: Abrams Books for Young Readers

ISBN: 9781419705946

Number of pages: 32

Rating: Dependable

Reading/Interest Level: Preschool

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Review:

While a little girl tours an art museum she becomes so enthusiastic about the art work she sees that she starts to dance, twirl, and pose. The girl is exposed to a variety of real modern and contemporary art works. She ends her tour with a blank canvas which allows her to reflect and create her own mental image upon the white canvas.

This book has appeal to a parent who wishes to pass on their enthusiasm for art museums onto their children. In fact, the book was inspired by such an experience for the author and her son. Art savvy parents will like that this book uses so many actual art pieces. Exposure to these pieces will certainly help kids engage with artwork during their own museum visits. The girl's reaction to art is over the top (and it's hard to believe that the museum guards would let that slide), but the real reproductions and the girl's sheer joy with her experience will appeal to particular audiences.

Reviewer: Diana Harter

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