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## Book Review

# Pocket Bios: Vincent Van Gogh



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### Rating

Excellent

### Level

Primary

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28

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Roaring Brook Press

Vincent van Gogh was an artist from the Netherlands. He was born in 1853 and had six brothers and sisters. Vincent loved to draw and paint. His brother Theo tried to sell some of his paintings, but he didn't have any luck. Eventually, Vincent's mental health began failing. He ended up in a psychiatric hospital for a while, and then he was sent to live under the care of a physician. Through all this, Vincent continued to paint. It wouldn't be until many years after his death that Vincent van Gogh's art would become world famous.

In just a few pages, this charming book gives a great overview on the life of Vincent van Gogh. Every other page has a heading with a few short paragraphs, and the opposite page has an illustration. The story would be easy for young children to understand; however, the book does not leave out the fact that due to Vincent's mental health he cut off his own ear and most likely ended his own life. Both events might be content better suited for older readers. The illustrations are cute and support the text well. At the end of the book, there is timeline of Vincent's life and a map of places in his story. There are also illustrations and descriptions of significant people to him and a list of quick "did you know" facts.