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Hundertwasser For Kids: Harvesting Dreams

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"Painting is to dream," said Hundertwasser. "When the dream is over, I don't remember anything I dreamed about. The painting, however, remains. It is the harvest of my dream." This statement is at the heart of this engaging introduction to the work of the eccentric artist, humanitarian, environmentalist, and architect who dedicated his life to the beautification of the world we live in. Dozens of activities in this book will captivate children of all ages and take them on a journey through a magical world of creativity and self-fulfillment. The projects here help young readers discover nature's gifts, encourage exploration of what lies outside one's doorstep, and emphasize the importance of ecological harmony as vital to living a happier life. Children and their parents will return again and again to this colorful and entertaining tribute to an artist whose legacy offers hope and inspiration for all of us.

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Customer Reviews

This book is presented in a child-friendly but never condescending manner, and it's filled with creative ideas for projects. Young artists, teachers and parents can all enjoy learning about Hundertwasser, his art and architecture style, and his passionate enthusiasm for the environment. I only wish I had been introduced to this inspirational artist as a child with such a book.

A wonderful and imaginative book, full of delightful history and story making. A reason to be silly with
kids, to provide for a creative dream of adulthood.

A fantastic bibliography for an exceptional artist. The book is very well done, emphasizing the architecture. I discovered this part in the book. I knew the painter, not the architect. A great adventure for kids.

I am an art teacher and loved this book. I am using it to teach 5th graders about Hundertwasser, the artist, architect, and environmentalist, but it also helps students think about their dreams and living their lives with purpose and focus. The art is colorful and kid friendly. Hundertwasser’s architecture has many environmental issues to be discussed. His art is imaginative and as one of my students said, "He uses every crayon color in the box." I think all young artists will love this book.

I became acquainted with Hundertwasser’s paintings years ago and since have bought his calendars, books, and whatever else I can. This is a fun book and shares the joys that this artist has instilled into most of his paintings. Very good quality book, and efficient seller.

This is a wonderful book. The photos are beautiful. A great history of this amazing artist is told. My kids responded in such a positive way.

This book is a great resource for any art teacher who wants to introduce their students to the works of Hundertwasser. The text thoroughly explained the life and works of the artists and my students enjoyed looking at the pictures of the Hundertwasser buildings. I did not know much about him and this book taught me so much. It was also a great way to talk to young students about repurposing materials and how we all need to take care of our natural environment. Loved the book!

I teach art and my students absolutely loved this book! Hundertwasser is a great artist for young children to learn about.

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