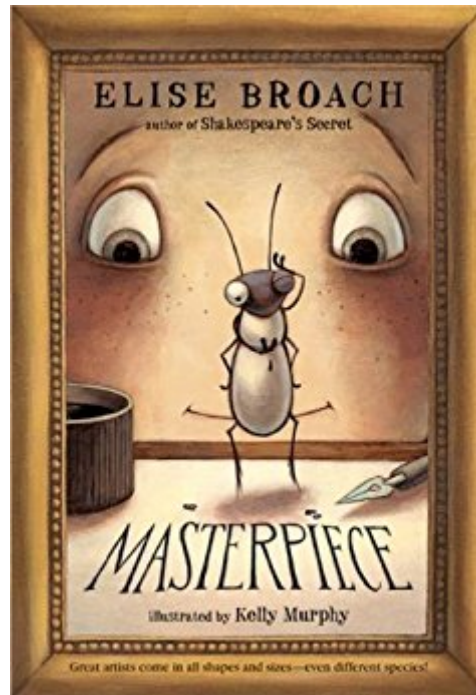




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Synopsis

Marvin lives with his family under the kitchen sink in the Pompadays' apartment. He is very much a beetle. James Pompaday lives with his family in New York City. He is very much an eleven-year-old boy. After James gets a pen-and-ink set for his birthday, Marvin surprises him by creating an elaborate miniature drawing. James gets all the credit for the picture and before these unlikely friends know it they are caught up in a staged art heist at the Metropolitan Museum of Art that could help recover a famous drawing by Albrecht Dürer. But James can't go through with the plan without Marvin's help. And that's where things get really complicated (and interesting!). This fast-paced mystery will have young readers on the edge of their seats as they root for boy and beetle. In Shakespeare's Secret Elise Broach showed her keen ability to weave storytelling with history and suspense, and Masterpiece is yet another example of her talent. This time around it's an irresistible miniature world, fascinating art history, all wrapped up in a special friendship – something for everyone to enjoy. Masterpiece is a 2009 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

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An enjoyable story rife with teaching opportunities. It can be used to discuss art, DÃfÂ ree's art, family relationships or encourage creative writing.

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It is a great book for people of all ages. It is funny, mysterious, and is a good time killer. I would recommend this book to anyone who wanted a good read.

Gfreat book from when I was in 5th grade had to buy and read again, it is a very enjoyable book for non art lovers as well.

Masterpiece is a great book. I would highly recommend that you read this book to your children/child. This story about friendship between two unlikely characters made me think about how anyone can be friends if you judge them by their hearts. Review by Cole Boyd.

This was a fun read and very well written. I love the message of friendship and the incredible feelings art can have on you!

Fantastic read-aloud book. Really great story. Enjoyed by third grade boys (we passed this one on to friends we liked it so much) and first grade girl. Side benefit: a little art history lesson.

Masterpiece is a wonderful adventure story for both boys and girls. Elise Broach`s writing is so accessible, even for young readers. A story of a blossoming friendship between two unlikely buddies. A treasure.

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