

Read Aloud Guide for Families



A Head Full of Colors

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Themes: Creativity, Self-Expression, The Arts

Book Brief: Jean-Michel loves art and he loves New York City—so he decides to decorate the town in style!

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Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, “Have you ever wanted to make art on something big, like a wall or sidewalk? What would you draw or paint?”
- Explain to your child that this story is about real events, but it is told like a story with characters, a setting, and events in order.

While Reading: Make Connections

- What does Jean-Michel love? How can you tell?
- How does Jean-Michel decide to share his art with the city?
- Describe the kind of art Jean-Michel creates. What makes it special?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, “How did Jean-Michel use his creativity to make New York City more colorful and interesting?”

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Create a “City Art Project.” Give your child a large piece of cardboard or paper and have them design their own artwork to “decorate” a pretend building or wall. Encourage them to use bold colors and shapes like Jean-Michel did.
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