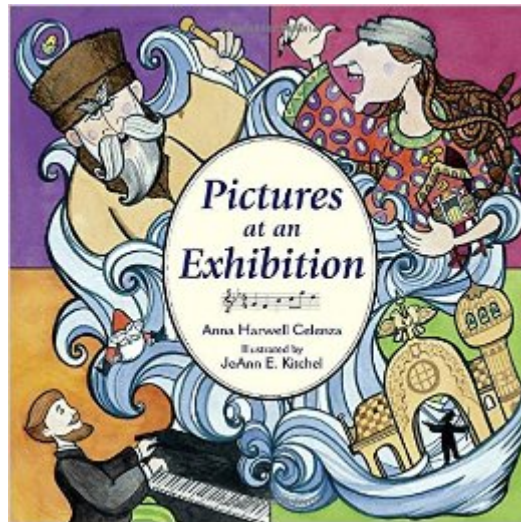


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# Pictures At An Exhibition



## Synopsis

When his friend Victor suddenly dies, composer Mussorgsky is deeply saddened. But, with the help of his friends, and through his own music, Modest finds a way to keep Victor's spirit alive. Readers of all ages will enjoy the inspirational story behind the composition of Pictures at an Exhibition. Bright, colorful illustrations incorporate elements of Russian folk art and traditional symbols. View pages from artist JoAnn Kitchel's notebook for explanations of the symbols and see her pencil-sketch research of the Russian culture. This handsome book and CD recording provide enrichment for the whole family.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## Customer Reviews

A wonderful picture book which brings true story, art and music together I have ever read. They harmonize well. Reading this book with the accompanying Mussorgsky's music is one of my greatest enjoyment, especially when in late afternoon. I highly recommend this book to the students who now are learning art or music but do not have much time for reading. It is a good opportunity for them to get started from it and will bring in something for them.

This book is yet another treasure in this series for children. The vivid illustrations are so beautiful and they complete the story well. The author gives a good accounting of the story here, without

going too far into the details that would be unpleasant for young children. This story is full of passion and the music CD that accompanies it is wonderful. My children love this series and beg to listen to the music from each book. What a great gift to give any child; the love of music! I love that my young children know the stories behind great compositions and enjoy listening to them. I have learned a thing or two from reading these books as well! Definitely worth five stars!

A great book about music and friendship. Excellent. Be warned that the composer's friend dies - It is handled delicately, but wanted you to know.

The paperback version does NOT come with the CD. I returned my paperback copy that was missing the CD and sent me another paperback copy with NO CD... DO NOT buy the paperback if you want the CD!!!

Pictures at an Exhibition I liked the book very much, as well as the colorful illustrations. I bought it for my elementary school students. Most third graders could stay with the story without more pictures breaking up the text. (I wouldn't recommend going lower.) My main disappointment was with the accompanying CD. It was a recording of the piano music, all good and well, but there was only one band so hearing the different musical "pictures" was difficult. My students cannot stay focused on a thirty-minute piece. I purchased an orchestral recording (on it each section had a separate band) for my students to hear much of the music. Other than this, I would recommend the book highly. I'd give it a FIVE if the piano recording had the bands separating the selections.

This is a wonderful read for 7-9 yr olds, although I would recommend taking your kid to a museum first and/or a concert. My son had some exposure to both, we talked about Impressionists, had read other books about artists of that era, and he'd attended several classical music concerts. I think the background helped, and he liked the book. It was too difficult for him to read on his own; we read it together, then he "leafed through it" again on his own.

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