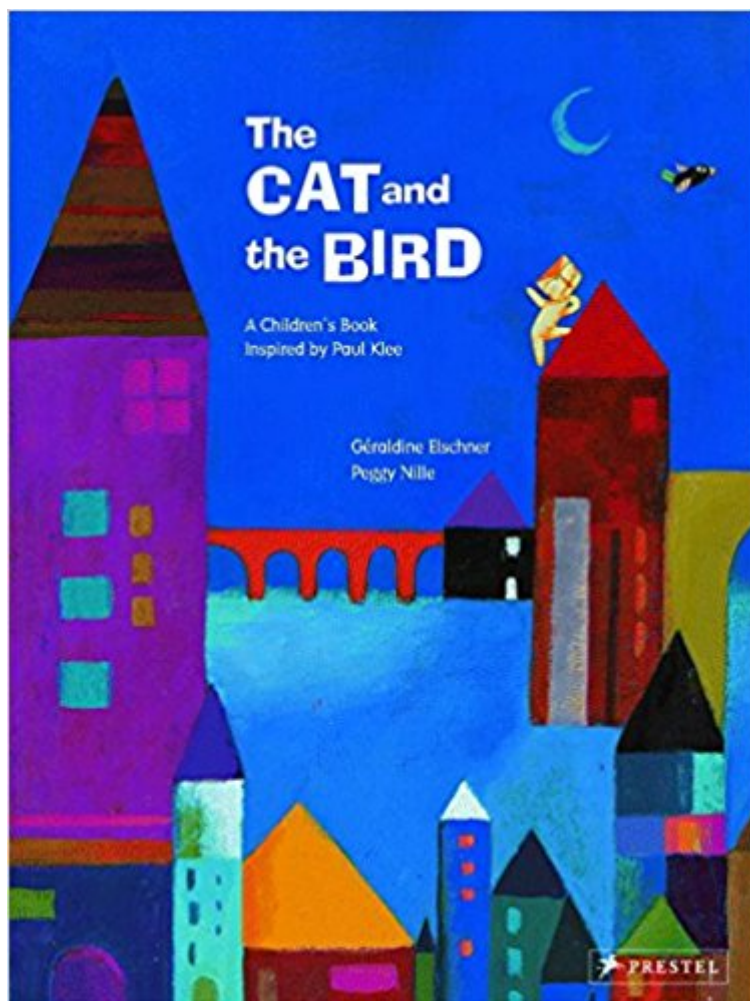


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# The Cat And The Bird: A Children's Book Inspired By Paul Klee



## Synopsis

A treasured painting by Paul Klee is the basis for this whimsical tale about a cat and a bird, and about the themes of freedom and friendship. A cat lives in a house filled with toys, but everyday she dreams of being free like the bird she watches through the window. Finally with the bird's help, she is able to escape and dance on the roofs of the city by moonlight. This lovely story unfolds in a series of playful, brilliantly colored illustrations based on the artist Paul Klee's work. Influenced by the artist's bright palette and use of shapes and line, the book culminates in a dazzling reproduction of Klee's Cat and Bird. Accompanied by information about the artist and this iconic painting, the book invites appreciation of the unfettered joyfulness that makes Klee one of the most universally loved artists of all time.

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This is a very special book with a touching message. It has beautiful illustrations and an entrancing story line. I used it as a springboard to studying Paul Klee and doing an art project based on this story. I read this book to a group of noisy fourth grade boys who generally were only interested in sports. To my utter amazement and joy, you could have heard a pin drop while I read the story. The ensuing discussion was lively and sincere and the boys became very invested in and proud of their projects. It was a bit of magic!

This book was used in conjunction with "Paul Klee for Children" in a series of lessons about the artist. Following the reading of "The Cat and Bird" the students were invited to create their own "Cat and Bird" inspired art but using two other favorite animals. The book is imaginative and easy to read, the children would have enjoyed it alone even without the previous introduction to Paul Klee.

Love this book! Great condition & excellent shipping time. I use this book in my Kindergarten art class & it has excellent visuals for our experience.

Love this book. Great read for littles; great art history story for older kids. Beautiful illustrations and large size makes it easy to see all of the detail.

Used this for a lesson in 2D shapes and polygons. After we read the book, the students created their own Paul Klee inspired buildings.

I am using this book to introduce my elementary students to the artwork of Paul Klee and for that purpose it is perfect. This is a large book with great illustrations.

The Artwork is sooooo beautiful. Love it so much

Great book!

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