

GUIDE TO GO BEYOND THIS BOOK

You have in your hands a fantastic book to develop your imagination and discover the amazing world of art.

We wish you an exciting adventure!

- At the beginning and end of the book you'll find lots of names of artists and little pieces of their work. Can you find them all in the story?

- Look at the first page of the story. What was Mrs Dog doing when she fell asleep? Do you think that could explain her strange dream?



- Follow along with the thief throughout the story. Can you explain what happens to him?

- How about the black birds? How are they involved with the stories of other characters?

- Why is Mrs Rabbit so mad at Mrs Pig on the first page? Follow along with these characters throughout the story.



- The nurse is really busy in this story. How many people does she help, and what does she do to make them better?

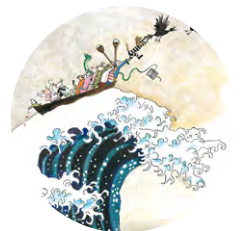


- New characters (can-can dancers and a violinist; a lion and a sleeping girl...) show up on some pages.

Where do you think they came from?

- The painting the thief takes from Mrs Dog at the beginning of the story is different from the one she shows her friends at the end. How is it different and what do you think got her to change it?

- Can you find all the elements of Mrs Dog's new painting in the previous pages? And whatever happened to the old painting?



- Can you find all the characters in Mrs Dog's dream among her friends on the last page?



ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH THIS BOOK

- *Art with cake* features many famous painters, whose names you'll find on the **endpapers** (the pages that are glued to the front and back covers). Are you familiar with any of these names? Choose a couple that sound interesting and find more information about the artists and their work.

- In the real world, what is the best place to find paintings and works of art? Are there many museums where you live? Have you ever been to one?



- Out of the museums close to you that you haven't visited, which would you be most interested in and why?

- Mrs Dog's house also contains some objects that belong to the works of some of the artists featured in the story. Can you find any?



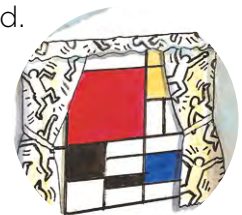
- Out of the paintings mentioned in the story, which is your favourite and why? You can find more information about it (when it was painted, where it is currently...).

- The artists featured in the story drew inspiration from all kinds of things: landscapes, weather events, people, objects, animals... And a cake, as is the case with Mrs Dog. What do you find inspiring? What would you like to make a painting of?

- Mrs Dog paints her husband in the painting with a cake. If she had painted itself, it would be called a self-portrait. Could you paint or draw a **self-portrait** of yourself with something that inspires you?



- The real-life artists featured in the story all have one thing in common: they are all men. Throughout history, there have been many wonderful male artists, but also many great female artists that art history has overlooked. Can you find some information about female artists you think are interesting?



- Of all the works of art pictured in the story, which is the oldest and which is the newest? Do you know any artists or works of art that are older than the oldest one featured in the book? What are their names?

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