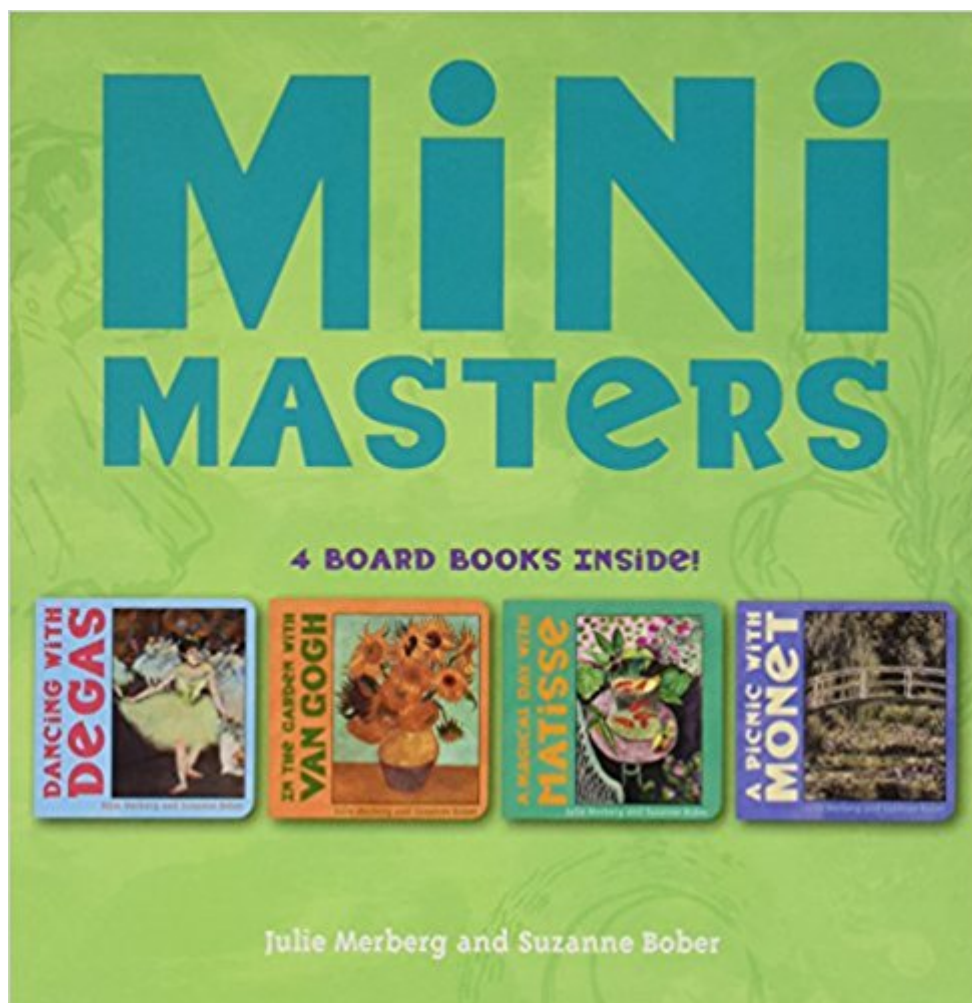


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# Mini Masters Boxed Set



## Synopsis

Four beautiful board books from the best-selling Mini Masters series, all packed in a colorful box. The set includes: Dancing with Degas, A Picnic with Monet, A Magical Day with Matisse, and In the Garden with Van Gogh.

## Book Information

Age Range: 1 - 5 years

Series: Mini Masters

Board book: 4 pages

Publisher: Chronicle Books (September 7, 2006)

Language: English

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Product Dimensions: 5.6 x 2.1 x 5.9 inches

Shipping Weight: 2 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.6 out of 5 stars 173 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #23,260 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #85 in [Books > Children's Books > Arts, Music & Photography > Art](#) #424 in [Books > Children's Books > Early Learning > Basic Concepts](#) #948 in [Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Family Life](#)

## Customer Reviews

Lucinda McQueen has illustrated numerous bestselling books including THE LITTLE RED HEN and the Sparkling Egg series (both Scholastic). She also illustrated TURN THE KEY (original). Suzanne Bober and Julie Merberg are co-authors of the successful Minimasters series (published by Chronicle Books): A Magical Day with Matisse, A Picnic with Monet, Dancing with Degas, Dreaming with Rousseau, In the Garden with Van Gogh, On an Island with Gauguin, Painting with Picasso, Quiet Time with Cassatt, Sharing with Renoir, " and Sunday with Seurat. "

When my daughter got these books for her first child, I thought they were nice. The colors are true to the original art and large enough to easily identify the work. And then, my daughter took said first child on outing to an art museum. When her two and half year old turned a corner and looked up to correctly identify "Van Gogh!", well that even impressed a stranger in the room who incredulously asked, "HOW old is she?" Not surprisingly, my opinion on these books changed from just 'nice' to amazing. I totally underestimated what a powerful learning tool these would be. I bought a set for

my other grandchildren, and will be giving them as gifts. You should, too!

I liked it, BUT I can't say that it's a must have a normal family's collection. For one, the quality of the books is low and I fear I (as an Adult) am going to bend the cardboard. The pricepoint is quite good for getting 4 books, and they are all pretty good. I enjoyed the pictures curated and the rhyming text to tie them together, but I can see how it would annoy some people. The unfortunate thing is, I think I enjoy these books more than my toddler son. I find this series, despite it's gimmicky indie boardbook style, a better fit for older children and even adults (minus the rhyming text that people complain about).

My daughter's name is Monet so, naturally, I had to get this set. It is cheaper here than in my local 2nd hand book store. The stories are great and I love that they keep her attention. Each set of pages is a new color so they are visually captivating for infants. She will grow up with a great education in the arts, partially due to this set. Great intro for young kids!P.s. My 8 year old is mostly interested in the back page of the books which states the info about each painting (name, year, place, etc). Talk about an education! I wasn't expecting her to live these books too!

These are great books. We purchased our first book, Picnic with Monet when my daughter was a newborn. She is now 20 months old and she has the Mini Masters Boxed Set (a great deal) and Quiet Time With Cassat. She loves these books! She will bring them to me one-by-one and ask me to read each one over and over. I think she enjoys the lyrical quality of the text as well as the paintings. She loves pointing out the different items in each painting and commenting on what is taking place (playing, sleeping, dancing, etc.) It's interesting that even though some elements in certain paintings are rather abstract, she still knows what she is looking at. I love fine art and grew up seeing many of these paintings, so I'm glad that I can expose my daughter to the Masters in such a fun and positive way.

I purchased this box set despite the reviews warning of 'nudity'. Firstly, I want to address the fact that the only book with suggested nudity is the Matisse book and the people depicted in his work have extremely limited detail and thus, I am very comfortable reading these books with my children. Secondly, this box set is such a treasure to our family and I love that they are admiring famous works of art all while reading a board book! Highly recommend!

These books are beautiful. Very classy choice to give as a gift, especially when the parents are artists or appreciate the arts!

This was such a great purchase! We originally bought only "in the garden with Van Gogh" for our three year-old and he loves the rhymes and the illustrations so much that the book was worn out from so much using it. We then got this set and it was a great choice. All four books have great quality, yet are sturdy so they can be used even by young kids. The rhymes from the text stick with you, and introduce new sounds and words that you otherwise would rarely teach a kid. I would totally recommend this as a gift!

I love this board book set! What a great idea to introduce art to little ones!

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