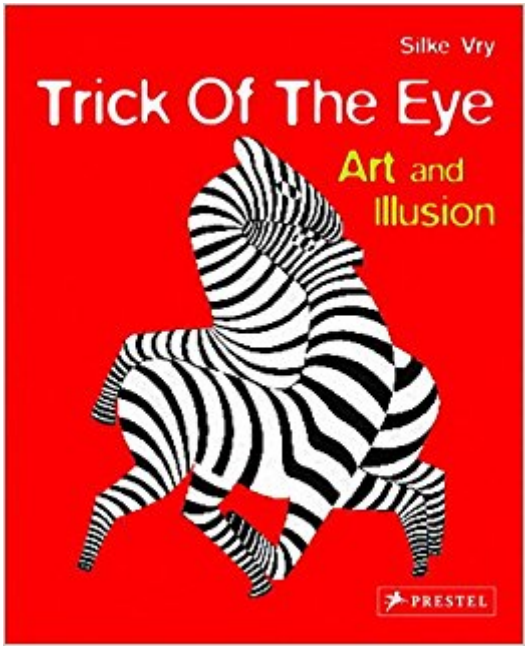
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Synopsis

This colorful, lively, and endlessly entertaining book for children looks at artistic illusion showing that art history is rife with tricksters.If seeing is believing, then artists might be the biggest liars of all. Painters, sculptors, and photographers often try to convince their audiences that the paint is wet; the fruit is real; the window is open; the figureÃ¢â ¬â„¢s eyes are following you around the room. This fun and informative book takes young readers on a thematic tour of art as illusion. From the Parthenon through examples from nearly every major movement and culture, vibrant works of art are revealed to contain visual tricks, puns, hidden clues and just plain deceit. SeuratÃ¢â ¬â„¢s pointillism, da ViinciÃ¢â ¬â„¢s mysterious Mona Lisa, MagritteÃ¢â ¬â„¢s playful paintings-within-paintings, and Duane HansonÃ¢â ¬â„¢s eerily realistic statues are all explored in detail to discuss the techniques, styles, use of perspective and composition that implore us to look at them again and again. Filled with ideas for do-ityourself optical projects, each chapter focuses on a theme such as color, hidden pictures, and surrealism. Designed with the curious eye in mind, this book will introduce young readers to beguiling works of art with fresh insight and a new way of appreciating some of the worldÃ¢â ¬â„¢s most important works of art.

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The book was gifted to a friend. She got it.

I bought this book for teaching about Op Art and it has been a fantastic resource. The images are great and the way that the text explains how to make the illusions are helpful in explaining Op Art to students.

Great

great, thanks

"The Trick of the Eye, Art and Illusion" is a fascinating and descriptive book that tells about different illusions, paintings and art. In this book, you will see many different illusions that will blow your mind. Different varieties of paintings and pictures make the book just a touch better. You can explore the amazing illusions and the fascinating paintings in this short but descriptive book. My personal favorite illusion/part was (page27) "From Fair to Foul...". It shows a picture of a young lady upside down and when you flip it over she is an ugly lady because her lips are upside down but they look beautiful when we look at them upside down. Her eyes are also upside down but they look normal. It’s very surprising and it captures your mind and makes you realize that you need to look more closely at things.I recommend this book to people ages 8-100 years old, I don’t think younger kids will understand many of the paintings and they might not get the illusions. I think older people would like it because it isn’t very challenging but it is very mind capturing, descriptive and entertaining.Reviewed by Young Mensan Sofia H., age 10, Denver Mensa

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