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The Magic Paintbrush



Synopsis

With her magic paintbrush, Shen can paint steaming pots full of fish and oysters to feed the hungry people in her village, but when the evil emperor hears of her gift he commands Shen to paint gold for him instead. She is determined to keep her promise to paint only for the poor, but how can she match the emperor's mighty power? Julia Donaldson's brilliant verse combines with beautiful illustrations to bring vibrant life to a traditional tale of how a little girl's integrity can withstand the corruption of power and greed.

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Customer Reviews

Beautifully illustrated . . . and wonderful to read aloud * The Daily Telegraph *

Julia Donaldson is the bestselling author of *The Gruffalo*, *The Giants and the Joneses*, *The Wrong Kind of Bark*, and *Night Monkey*, *Day Monkey*. Joel Stewart is the illustrator of such children's books as *The Cow Tripped Over the Moon* and *Have You Ever Seen a Sneeep?*

Trying to remember a story from my childhood.

An original story told in rhyme with unique artwork that recalls the look of old Japanese prints!

Beautiful to see! Enjoyable to read! My son loves every Julia Donaldson book we have!

My grandson loves me to read it for him and I love Julia Donaldsons rhyming style. The illustrations are also phenomenal.

Julia Donaldson has outdone herself. A magical story reminiscent of the classic fairytales we all know and love, The Magic Paintbrush should quickly become a fan favorite. It's now among our top three Julia Donaldson books, along with The Gruffalo and Room on the Broom.

Lovely picture book - this story weaves a new fairy tale - complete with wicked adversaries and a little girl who saves the day and outwits the evil emperor with ingenuity and her magic paintbrush.

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