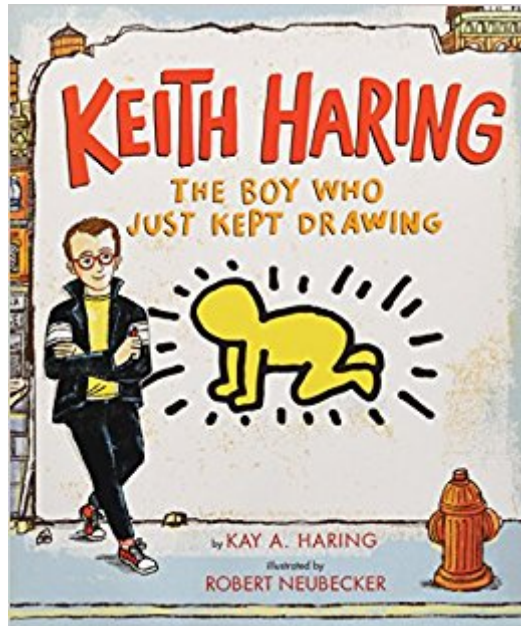


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# Keith Haring: The Boy Who Just Kept Drawing



## Synopsis

Iconic pop artist Keith Haring comes to life for young readers in this picture book biography lovingly written by his sister. This one-of-a-kind book explores the life and art of Keith Haring from his childhood through his meteoric rise to fame. It sheds light on this important artist's great humanity, his concern for children, and his disregard for the establishment art world. Reproductions of Keith's signature artwork appear in scenes boldly rendered by Robert Neubecker. This is a story to inspire, and a book for Keith Haring fans of all ages to treasure.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

\* "This laudatory biography, written by Haring's sister, is guided by his unapologetic rejection of artistic pretension and illustrated in a friendly and accessible cartoony style that fluidly integrates Haring's own work on subway cars and buildings, as well as in galleries." — Horn Book, starred review "Neubecker's colorful illustrations capture the energy with which Keith [Haring] lived his life, and cleverly integrate some of the artist's original works... Always upbeat, this story is a celebration of art and life." — Booklist "Neubecker neatly incorporates Haring's real pieces into these zesty, bustling, digital-and-pencil illustrations.... Haring's work pops; Neubecker's compositions and enthusiastic crowd scenes do it wonderful credit." — Kirkus "An enlightening look at the merits of street art and how it allows those who may not ordinarily venture

into a museum or gallery to experience and enjoy art....Children will relate to young Haringâ™s drive to pursue his calling despite naysayers."Â Â "School Library Journal"Cheerily energetic....Schools with âœPicture Personâ• programs, as well as primary grades art teachers, will want to share this appealing title."Â Â "BCCB"Exuberant...Neubecker (I Won a What?) combines images of Haringâ™s work (all identified in a closing spread) with his own punchy cartooning, which dovetails perfectly with the effervescent energy that characterized Haringâ™s imagery."Â Â "Publishers Weekly

There was a boy named Keith who liked to draw...So he drew...and drew...until one day, he was one of the most famous artists in New York City. But that didn't matter to Keith Haring. He cared about sharing his artwork with everyone and making the world a better place. And all the while, he just kept drawing. This boldly illustrated picture book brings the life and art of this iconic pop artist to life for young readers and artists. Written by Keith Haring's sister Kay and featuring dozens of his actual drawings and paintings, this is a one-of-a-kind book about a one-of-a-kind artist.

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Fabulous book! In an interview with the Huffington Post, Kay Haring said the takeaway was :  
"ÂœDream big, work hard, give back!" What an inspiring message for all ages!!! got a book for myself and then thought of numerous friends who would love to read it and share it with their kids and friends---so I've gifted them with copies, hoping it motivates people to create and engage, and make this world a better place! What a lovely story, charmingly told and beautifully illustrated. Super happy to have this delightful book read and to share!

I purchased this book for the children at the library where I work to promote artistic expression creativity. I like the overall theme which is to be true to your art and keep going no matter what the critics may say. I found the illustrations to be exceptionally well done and very colorful.. The binding is excellent and it is a great addition to our collection.

My whole family loves this book! As an art teacher and mom, I was so excited to see this new book. I've already used it in my art camp this summer and my children ask for it to be read to them multiple times a day. The quote from Keith at the end brought tears to my eyes. Kay has made something so beautiful- a tribute to Keith and her knowing and loving him and growing up with him,

a tribute to his life, work, and art, and just an amazing and beautiful story. I've never recommended a children's book more strongly.

The reason I got the book was because Husband grow up in Kutztown,Pa...Keith Haring family and my husband family went to the same Church in Kutztown,Pa. Also I like the way Keith did his drawing's because they are very different....

A nice children's book about a talented artist. The illustrations contain actual graphics of Keith's artwork.

This book was a great introduction to my Keith Haring lesson. It gives insight to how generous and wonderful Keith was. I love when authors write books about artists!

BEST EVER!! I love Keith Haring! This is a KH Lovers DREAM

A wonderful book that adults will love sharing with children. It presents the perfect opportunity to have a variety of conversations not just about art, but life as well.

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