

# History Of Crayons

## **The Colorful History of Crayons: From Ancient Pigments to Modern Masterpieces**

Have you ever stopped to think about that humble crayon, a seemingly simple tool that sparks creativity in millions? It's a staple in classrooms, art studios, and even adult coloring books. But the history of crayons is far more fascinating than its unassuming appearance suggests. This post delves into the captivating journey of the crayon, from its ancient roots in natural pigments to its modern, mass-produced glory. We'll explore the key milestones, the innovative minds behind its development, and the enduring legacy of this iconic tool. Get ready to unleash your inner artist as we uncover the vibrant history of crayons!

### **Early Beginnings: Pigments and Prehistoric Art**

Long before the sleek, wax-encased sticks we know today, humans used natural pigments to create colorful marks. Cave paintings dating back tens of thousands of years reveal early forms of artistic expression, employing crushed minerals, charcoal, and plant-based dyes. These weren't exactly crayons, but they represent the rudimentary beginnings of colored marking tools. Think of ochre, charcoal, and berries - the very first "crayons" were simply the raw materials of nature, ground down and applied to surfaces. This primitive form of crayon-making highlights the innate human desire to create and express through color.

### **The 18th and 19th Centuries: Laying the Foundation**

While ancient civilizations utilized natural pigments for art and marking, the evolution toward the modern crayon was a gradual process. The 18th and 19th centuries saw significant advancements in material science that indirectly contributed to the crayon's development. Improved understanding of chemistry allowed for the creation of more stable and vibrant pigments. The discovery and refinement of new colorants played a crucial role, leading to a wider palette of options. This period wasn't about creating the crayon itself, but it laid the crucial groundwork for its eventual emergence. Think of it as setting the stage - the players and the props were slowly coming together.

### **The Birth of the Modern Crayon: A Contested Claim**

Pinpointing the exact inventor of the modern crayon is surprisingly difficult. Several individuals and

companies are credited with early iterations, making the history somewhat murky. However, one of the key players is often cited as Edwin Binney and C. Harold Smith. In 1885, they developed what is considered the first mass-produced crayon, marketed under the Crayola brand. This was no mere coincidence. Their company, Binney & Smith, had already been producing high-quality pigments, and their innovative approach involved mixing these pigments with wax. The result was a far superior product: durable, reliable and available to a wide market. This marked a significant turning point in the history of crayons, transforming a niche product into a widespread, beloved art supply.

## **The Crayola Phenomenon: Branding and Innovation**

The Crayola brand became synonymous with crayons. The company continually refined its formula, introducing new colors, and expanding its product line. The iconic crayon box, the shape and size of the crayons themselves, all evolved and are recognizable even today. Beyond simply making crayons, Binney & Smith cultivated a strong brand identity which contributed significantly to the lasting popularity of their product. This careful branding positioned the crayon not just as an art supply, but as an integral part of childhood development and learning. The clever marketing also tapped into the creativity inherent in using crayons, making them a beloved tool for generations.

## **Crayons Beyond Childhood: Artistic Expression and Beyond**

While crayons are inextricably linked with childhood, their applications are far more extensive. Many renowned artists have utilized crayons in their work, demonstrating the versatile medium's artistic potential. Crayon art is not limited to children's drawings - its use in professional artwork reveals a surprising depth and range of techniques. Modern artists often employ crayons for their unique textural qualities and vibrant color saturation. From bold strokes to subtle shading, crayons offer a distinctive aesthetic that appeals to artists of all skill levels.

## **The Evolution Continues: New Materials and Technologies**

The crayon hasn't stood still. Over the years, advancements in materials science have led to improvements in crayon formulations. This includes the development of new waxes, pigments, and binders that result in smoother application, brighter colors, and enhanced durability. Even the packaging has undergone changes, reflecting advancements in printing and sustainable materials. The ongoing innovation ensures that crayons continue to adapt to the changing demands and preferences of artists and consumers alike.

## Conclusion

The journey of the crayon, from ancient pigments to the sophisticated products on store shelves today, is a testament to human ingenuity and the enduring appeal of color. Its humble beginnings and subsequent rise to widespread popularity highlight the power of innovation and the undeniable connection between art, creativity, and everyday life. The next time you pick up a crayon, remember the rich history behind this seemingly simple tool, and unleash your own creative potential.

## FAQs

1. Are crayons toxic? Modern crayons are generally non-toxic, but it's always advisable to supervise young children using them and ensure they don't ingest the wax. Older crayons may contain potentially harmful substances, so it's best to use newer crayons.
2. What is the most popular Crayola crayon color? While exact sales figures aren't publicly released, anecdotal evidence and surveys often point to red as being a consistently popular color choice.
3. How are crayons made? Crayons are manufactured by mixing pigments, waxes (like paraffin wax or beeswax), and binders. These ingredients are melted, mixed, and then poured into molds before being cooled and packaged.
4. When did Crayola crayons first introduce the 64-count box? The iconic 64-crayon box was introduced by Crayola in 1958.
5. What are some alternative materials used in crayon-like products? Beyond wax-based crayons, there are oil pastels and chalk pastels, offering different textural properties and artistic effects. Watercolor crayons are another variant, combining water-soluble pigments with a waxy base.

**history of crayons: The Crayon Man** Natascha Biebow, 2019 Celebrating the inventor of the Crayola crayon This gloriously illustrated picture book biography tells the inspiring story of Edwin Binney, the inventor of one of the world's most beloved toys. A perfect fit among favorites like *The Day the Crayons Quit* and *Balloons Over Broadway*. purple mountains' majesty, mauvelous, jungle green, razzmatazz... What child doesn't love to hold a crayon in their hands? But children didn't always have such magical boxes of crayons. Before Edwin Binney set out to change things, children couldn't really even draw in color. Here's the true story of an inventor who so loved nature's vibrant colors that he found a way to bring the outside world to children - in a bright green box for only a nickel With experimentation, and a special knack for listening, Edwin Binney and his dynamic team at Crayola created one of the world's most enduring, best-loved childhood toys - empowering children to dream in COLOR

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**history of crayons:** *Crayola Crayola LLC*, Lisa Solomon, 2021-11-16 A vibrant and colorful history of Crayola crayons, from the company's origin story, the birth of the Crayola crayon, the evolution of the iconic crayon packages, and profiles of every Crayola color from Sky Blue to Carnation Pink. Everyone has a relationship with color. If you think back to your first memories of exploring color, there is a very good chance that crayons were involved. And when it comes to crayons, Crayola is king. This book explores the history of a beloved childhood art supply, while also delving into our relationship with color: how we use and create with color, and how we name colors. It looks at the history of the 120 iconic colors of Crayola and where they came from, and how Crayola itself has helped shape our understanding of color over the last century and a half. Finally, this book explores how people -- adults and children alike -- have and continued to turn to Crayola to inspire and manifest their creativity. Filled with hundreds of illustrations and archival photos, Crayola is a nostalgic and fascinating wonderland of creativity and delight.

**history of crayons: The Crayons' Book of Numbers** Drew Daywalt, 2016-10-18 Counting is as easy as 1... 2... purple?... in this charming book of numbers from the creators of the #1 New York Times Best Sellers, *The Day the Crayons Quit* and *The Day the Crayons Came Home*. Poor Duncan can't catch a break! First, his crayons go on strike. Then, they come back home. Now his favorite colors are missing once again! Can you count up all the crayons that are missing from his box? From the creative minds behind the *The Day the Crayons Quit* and *The Day the Crayons Came Home* comes a colorful board book introducing young readers to numbers.

**history of crayons: The Day the Crayons Quit** Drew Daywalt, 2013-06-27 The hilarious, colorful #1 New York Times bestselling phenomenon that every kid wants! Gift a copy to someone you love today. Poor Duncan just wants to color. But when he opens his box of crayons, he finds only letters, all saying the same thing: His crayons have had enough! They quit! Blue crayon needs a break from coloring all those bodies of water. Black crayon wants to be used for more than just outlining. And Orange and Yellow are no longer speaking—each believes he is the true color of the sun. What can Duncan possibly do to appease all of the crayons and get them back to doing what they do best? With giggle-inducing text from Drew Daywalt and bold and bright illustrations from Oliver Jeffers, *The Day the Crayons Quit* is the perfect gift for new parents, baby showers, back-to-school, or any time of year! Perfect for fans of *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* by Mo Willems and *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith. Praise for *The Day the Crayons Quit*: Amazon's 2013 Best Picture Book of the Year A Barnes & Noble Best Book of 2013 Goodreads' 2013 Best Picture Book of the Year Winner of the E.B. White Read-Aloud Award \* "Hilarious . . . Move over, Click, Clack, Moo; we've got a new contender for the most successful picture-book strike." -BCCB, starred review "Jeffers . . . elevates crayon drawing to remarkable heights." -Booklist "Fresh and funny." -The Wall Street Journal This book will have children asking to have it read again and again." -Library Media Connection \* "This colorful title should make for an uproarious storytime." -School Library Journal, starred review \* "These memorable personalities will leave readers glancing apprehensively at their own crayon boxes." -Publishers Weekly, starred review "Utterly original." -San Francisco Chronicle

**history of crayons: *More Than Peach* (Bellen Woodard Original Picture Book)** Bellen Woodard, 2022-07-26 Penned by the very first Crayon Activist, Bellen Woodard, this picture book will tug at readers' heartstrings and inspire them to make a difference! When Bellen Woodard's classmates referred to the "skin-color" crayon, in a school and classroom she had always loved, she knew just how important it was that everyone understood that "skin can be any number of beautiful colors." This stunning picture book spreads Bellen's message of inclusivity, empowerment, and the

importance of inspiring the next generation of leaders. Bellen created the More Than Peach Project and crayons with every single kid in mind to transform the crayon industry and grow the way we see our world. And Bellen has done just that! This moving book includes back matter about becoming a leader and improving your community just like Bellen. Her wisdom and self-confidence are sure to encourage any young reader looking to use their voice to make even great spaces better!

**history of crayons: Edwin Binney** Jennifer Blizin Gillis, 2005 Edwin Binney did not invent crayons. He did invent better and cheaper crayons. Edwin was good at knowing what people needed. He knew how to get people to work together.

**history of crayons: The Crayons' Book of Colours** Drew Daywalt, 2021-07-22 Learning colours is fun in this entertaining book from the creators of the #1 New York Times Bestsellers, *The Day the Crayons Quit* and *The Day the Crayons Came Home*.

**history of crayons: Red** Michael Hall, 2015-02-03 A blue crayon mistakenly labeled as red suffers an identity crisis in this picture book by the New York Times–bestselling creator of *My Heart Is Like a Zoo*. This funny, heartwarming, colorful picture book about finding the courage to be true to your inner self can be read on multiple levels, and it offers something for everyone. Funny, insightful, and colorful, *Red: A Crayon's Story* is about being true to your inner self and following your own path despite obstacles that may come your way. Red will appeal to fans of Lois Ehlert, Eric Carle, and *The Day the Crayons Quit*, and makes a great gift for readers of any age! Red has a bright red label, but he is, in fact, blue. His teacher tries to help him be red (let's draw strawberries!), his mother tries to help him be red by sending him out on a playdate with a yellow classmate (go draw a nice orange!), and the scissors try to help him be red by snipping his label so that he has room to breathe. But Red is miserable. He just can't be red, no matter how hard he tries! Finally, a brand-new friend offers a brand-new perspective, and Red discovers what readers have known all along. He's blue!

**history of crayons: From Wax to Crayon** Robin Nelson, 2003-01-01 How are crayons made? Clear wax is melted in a factory. Once it's melted, color is added to it, it is poured into crayon-shaped molds, cooled, and wrapped in a paper label. Sorted into sets, the brightly colored crayons are boxed and sent in trucks to stores to be sold to you.

**history of crayons: Harold and the Purple Crayon** Crockett Johnson, 2015-09-29 From beloved children's book creator Crockett Johnson comes the timeless classic *Harold and the Purple Crayon*! This imagination-sparking picture book belongs on every child's digital bookshelf. One evening Harold decides to go for a walk in the moonlight. Armed only with an oversize purple crayon, young Harold draws himself a landscape full of wonder and excitement. Harold and his trusty crayon travel through woods and across seas and past dragons before returning to bed, safe and sound. Full of funny twists and surprises, this charming story shows just how far your imagination can take you. "A satisfying artistic triumph." —Chris Van Allsburg, author-illustrator of *The Polar Express* Share this classic as a birthday, baby shower, or graduation gift!

**history of crayons: Love from the Crayons** Drew Daywalt, 2021-08-05 Celebrate Valentine's Day – and love – with the number 1 bestselling *Crayons*!

**history of crayons: The Day the Crayons Came Home** Drew Daywalt, 2015-08-18 The companion to the #1 blockbuster bestseller, *The Day the Crayons Quit*! "Highly anticipated (yes, even for adults)" —*Entertainment Weekly* I'm not sure what it is about this kid Duncan, but his crayons sure are a colorful bunch of characters! Having soothed the hurt feelings of one group who threatened to quit, Duncan now faces a whole new group of crayons asking to be rescued. From Maroon Crayon, who was lost beneath the sofa cushions and then broken in two after Dad sat on him; to poor Turquoise, whose head is now stuck to one of Duncan's stinky socks after they both ended up in the dryer together; to Pea Green, who knows darn well that no kid likes peas and who ran away—each and every crayon has a woeful tale to tell and a plea to be brought home to the crayon box. Praise for *The Day the Crayons Came Home* Mr. Daywalt's text blends with Mr. Jeffers's illustrations to make a picture book that will have children clamoring for more crayon adventures.—*The Wall Street Journal* \* A masterwork of humor and design . . . Sure to be as popular

as *The Day the Crayons Quit*.—Booklist, starred review \* A brilliant, colorful tale that begs to be read aloud and a must-have for all collections.—School Library Journal, starred review \* Once again, Daywalt and Jeffers create rich emotional lives and personalities for their colorful cast, and it's hard to imagine a reader who won't be delighted.—Publishers Weekly, starred review "Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers once again offer perceptive and frequently hilarious insights...*The Day the Crayons Came Home* will have readers of all ages chuckling—and will inspire kids' empathy and imagination in equal measure."—BookPage Praise for *The Day the Crayons Quit* The #1 New York Times bestselling phenomenon—over two years on the bestseller list! Winner of the E.B. White Read-Aloud Award Amazon's 2013 Best Picture Book of the Year A Barnes & Noble Best Book of 2013 Goodreads' 2013 Best Picture Book of the Year \* "Hilarious . . . Move over, Click, Clack, Moo; we've got a new contender for the most successful picture-book strike." -BCCB, starred review "Jeffers . . . elevates crayon drawing to remarkable heights." -Booklist "Fresh and funny." -The Wall Street Journal This book will have children asking to have it read again and again." -Library Media Connection \* "This colorful title should make for an uproarious storytime." -School Library Journal, starred review \* "These memorable personalities will leave readers glancing apprehensively at their own crayon boxes." -Publishers Weekly, starred review "Utterly original." -San Francisco Chronicle

**history of crayons: Sneakers** Samuel G. Woods, 1999 Explains how sneakers are designed, cut, sewn, embroidered, assembled, inspected, laced, and boxed for shipping.

**history of crayons: The Crayon Box that Talked** , 2011-10-26 Yellow hates Red, so does Green, and no one likes Orange! Can these crayons quit arguing and learn to cooperate? Shane DeRolf's deceptively simple poem celebrates the creation of harmony through diversity. In combination with Michael Letzig's vibrant illustrations, young readers will understand that when we all work together, the results are much more colorful and interesting.

**history of crayons: *The Crayons' Book of Feelings*** Drew Daywalt, 2021-05-04 The crayons are back in this board book all about feelings from the creators of the #1 New York Times bestselling *The Day Crayons Quit* and *The Day the Crayons Came Home!* Everyone knows the crayons love to color, but did you know that crayons have feelings too? Sometimes they are happy and sometimes they feel downright blue. From the creative minds behind the *The Day the Crayons Quit* and *The Day the Crayons Came Home*, comes a fun board book to help young readers understand and express their feelings.

**history of crayons: *The Art of Crayon*** Lorraine Bell, 2016-07-01 Create astonishing artwork with crayons! Crayons aren't just for kids anymore! Sculptors use them whole, bundling thousands of crayons to create environmental and installation-size sculptures. Carvers pierce and reshape crayons with scalpels, turning them into mini totems, helixes, and portrait busts. Landscape and still-life artists layer crayon shades in works on paper that rival paintings in their subtlety and depth. What will you do?! *The Art of Crayon* will guide you through a gallery of works by contemporary artists who use crayons as a diverse and dynamic medium. Each chapter includes a specific style of crayon artwork, complete with engaging projects from author Lorraine Bell to help you learn different techniques. From sculpture, to carving, to melted wax and drawing, you'll soon become a master crayon artist!

**history of crayons: *A Century of Crayola Collectibles*** Bonnie Bond Rushlow, 2002 The author presents a rich history of the crayon manufacturers Binney and Smith Company, a chronology of changes made in crayon colors and packaging through the years, descriptions and current values, and other interesting facts and trivia about Crayola crayons. 380 color photos.

**history of crayons: Crayola: Edwin Binney & C. Harold Smith** Lee Slater, 2021-12-15 In this title, readers will learn about the creators of Crayola Crayons, cousins Edward Binney and C. Harold Smith. Follow their story from their early creation of wax pencils, slate pencils, and dustless chalk to the invention of the Crayola Crayon. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. Big Buddy Books is an imprint of Abdo Publishing, a division of ABDO.

**history of crayons: *Brothers at Bat*** Audrey Vernick, 2012-04-03 The Acerra family had sixteen children, including twelve ball-playing boys. It was the 1930s, and many families had lots of

kids. But only one had enough to field a baseball team . . . with three on the bench! The Acerras were the longest-playing all-brother team in baseball history. They loved the game, but more important, they cared for and supported each other and stayed together as a team. Nothing life threw their way could stop them. Full of action, drama, and excitement, this never-before-told true story is vividly brought to life by Audrey Vernick's expert storytelling and Steven Salerno's stunning vintage-style art.

**history of crayons:** How the Crayons Saved the Unicorn Monica Sweeney, 2019-09-17 Can a lost box of crayons help a lonely unicorn regain his color? A shy unicorn has a hard time making friends. In his sadness, his colors start to fade away until they are gone completely. Worrying that he may never get back his colors or make true friends, the unicorn finds himself lost and alone. It is not until he comes across a group of spunky crayons that his world changes. The crayons band together to help their new friend get back his colors, and in the process play and have fun. The crayons' helping generosity and friendship may just be what the unicorn has been missing! How the Crayons Saved the Unicorn is the all-new, colorful friendship book from the plucky crayons who brought you How the Crayons Saved the Rainbow. How the Crayons Saved the Unicorn teaches the importance of friendship and self-confidence through seven crayons with unique personalities and their hopes to help a friend in need.

**history of crayons:** The Crayons' Christmas Drew Daywalt, 2019-10-17 A brand-new Crayons book from the #1 New York Times best-selling duo Drew Daywalt and Oliver Jeffers. This hilarious interactive book has letters, games, ornaments, a poster and even a pop-up Christmas tree - perfect for the festive season! 'Tis the season for all of us to write our Christmas wish lists. But everyone knows - even the Crayons - that the best presents are the ones that you give. In this unique book, readers join in as Duncan, the Crayons and their families celebrate the festive season. With real, folded letters to pull from their envelopes and read, games, press-out ornaments, a poster and a pop-up tree, this book is the perfect gift for fans of The Day the Crayons Quit and The Day the Crayons Came Home.

**history of crayons:** The Crayons: A Set of Books and Finger Puppets Drew Daywalt, 2018-10-16 This adorable set of two board book editions of Daywalt and Jeffers' bestselling The Day the Crayons Quit and The Day the Crayons Came Home and two finger puppets gives young readers an exciting new way to engage with these colorful characters. Full color. Consumable.

**history of crayons:** Broken Crayons Still Color 3 David Weaver, 2020-12-10 Having addictive genes can make life tricky for anyone. Being a major Hip-Hop artist- a self proclaimed rock star, being married to a woman whose investment firm made the Forbes list- while battling an ongoing struggle with pills, alcohol, and various allegations and attacks in the media- is downright exhausting. Devin does everything in his power to try to keep it together for the sake of his family, but often he falls short in his ambitious efforts. Where he falls short, Ashlon picks up his slack; and as a team, they work together to keep their family unit intact through the multiple threats that attack their strength. The mother of his child is in a difficult space as well. It's not easy being the baby mama of a famous artist, and despite their best efforts, communication is a constant task since they're both trying to explain worlds to each other that the other person doesn't live in. One of David Weaver's most personal and soul-clenching books ever. A tear-dropping, breath-taking classic that will go down as one of the most unforgettable stories ever written.

**history of crayons:** Purple Crayons Ross Ellenhorn, 2022-11-01 In this joyous and inventive rereading of the beloved children's book Harold and the Purple Crayon, the author of How We Change (And Ten Reasons Why We Don't) celebrates our inherent "sacred originality" and establishes a new framework for self-reliance. In 1955, Crockett Johnson introduced one of the world's most beloved and enduring young adventurers, Harold and his purple crayon. Today, we need Harold and his penchant for creative solutions more than ever. In Purple Crayons, Ross Ellenhorn looks to Johnson's classic for insights and answers that can help us understand our current condition and point the way towards solutions for healing. Purple Crayons tells a story about America then and now, about living one's life as art; about the powers that block us from doing so,

about the pull and perils of conformity; about serious play and too much seriousness, about what it means to feel alive inside and what deadens our existence. It's also about 1955 in America, all that lay before and—presciently—all that lay ahead, as each of us struggles to draw meaningful and resilient existences on the blank pages—the future yet un-lived—of our lives. This delightful, provocative adventure is a gift of kindness and love that encourages us and gives us hope. As he traces Harold's journey, Ellenhorn offers insights into our "sacred originality"—the idea that each of our unique inner lives are worth nurturing and protecting, and the perseverance, courage, connection, and community necessary to sustain them. Engaging, thoughtful, wise—and illustrated throughout with drawings from the original Harold—Purple Crayons transcends the current divides separating us, reminding us that our fulfillment rests on tapping into what is original about ourselves, finding ways to express our originality, and understanding that doing so is rooted in who we are as Americans.

**history of crayons: Son of Forgotten Hollywood Forgotten History** Manny Pacheco, 2012 Son of Forgotten Hollywood Forgotten History is the long anticipated sequel to the award-winning Forgotten Hollywood Forgotten History, and it tells more rarely shared American stories through the eyes of 21 character actors of Hollywood's Golden Age, including Frank Morgan, Peter Lorre, Cesar Romero, Majorie Main, Andy Devine, Alan Hale Sr., Leo Gorcey, Jack Carson, and Lon Chaney Jr. Son of Forgotten Hollywood Forgotten History is part of the Forgotten Hollywood Book-Series, and it's officially in gift stores, bookshops, and iconic locations, such as the Hollywood Heritage Museum. For further insight, visit [www.forgottenhollywood.com](http://www.forgottenhollywood.com).

**history of crayons: Broken Crayons** Patsy Dingwell, 2020-09-30 When Ms. Gillis, a preservice teacher on Prince Edward Island, decides to complete her International Teaching Practicum in Kenya, sponsored by Farmers Helping Farmers, she is very excited. She can't wait to start her adventure in the warm African sun, leaving behind cold February days in Canada and (as she comes to learn) a well-stocked Island classroom. She is eager to share her newly-acquired teaching skills with the children in Kenya. She arrives laden with gifts and school supplies from friends on PEI. As she distributes a gift of crayons to her students, she soon realizes that she is the one who has the most to learn. Broken Crayons is a delightful story written for school age children. It is based on a true story that never grows old and one which carries a message for all, no matter your age.

**history of crayons: Crayon** Simon Rickerty, 2014-01-02 A bit of red here. A bit of red there. A bit of red... HEY! You're colouring on my side! This bit of the book is for BLUE. So begins a colourful squabble that takes an unexpected turn - with a funny, feel-good ending!

**history of crayons: Broken Crayons Still Color** Shelley Hitz, Jennifer Waddle, 2017-03-31 Emma and Sophia discover the answer to this question in this fun and impactful children's book. This is a book adults will love reading over and over again as the message brings hope to those of any age. It's a perfect way to end the day and a gift appropriate for any occasion. The book includes discussion questions and a memory verse at the end.

**history of crayons: Crayon Portraiture** Jerome A. Barhydt, 2019-12-10 Crayon Portraiture by Jerome A. Barhydt. Published by Good Press. Good Press publishes a wide range of titles that encompasses every genre. From well-known classics & literary fiction and non-fiction to forgotten—or yet undiscovered gems—of world literature, we issue the books that need to be read. Each Good Press edition has been meticulously edited and formatted to boost readability for all e-readers and devices. Our goal is to produce eBooks that are user-friendly and accessible to everyone in a high-quality digital format.

**history of crayons: The Snowy Day** Ezra Jack Keats, 2012-10-11 The magic and wonder of winter's first snowfall is perfectly captured in Ezra Jack Keat's Caldecott Medal-winning picture book. Young readers can enjoy this celebrated classic as a full-sized board book, perfect for read-alouds of all kinds and a great gift for the holiday season. In 1962, a little boy named Peter put on his snowsuit and stepped out of his house and into the hearts of millions of readers. Universal in its appeal, this story beautifully depicts a child's wonder at a new world, and the hope of capturing and keeping that wonder forever. This big, sturdy edition will bring even more young readers to the



story of Peter and his adventures in the snow. Ezra Jack Keats was also the creator of such classics as Goggles, A Letter to Amy, Pet Show!, Peter's Chair, and A Whistle for Willie. (This book is also available in Spanish, as *Un día de nieve*.) Praise for *The Snowy Day*: "Keats made Peter's world so inviting that it beckons us. Perhaps the busyness of daily life in the 21st century makes us appreciate Peter even more—a kid who has the luxury of a whole day to just be outside, surrounded by snow that's begging to be enjoyed." —The Atlantic Ezra Jack Keats's classic *The Snowy Day*, winner of the 1963 Caldecott Medal, pays homage to the wonder and pure pleasure a child experiences when the world is blanketed in snow.—Publisher's Weekly

**history of crayons:** *The Fantastic Ferris Wheel* Betsy Harvey Kraft, 2015-10-13 The World's Fair in Chicago, 1893, was to be a spectacular event: architects, musicians, artists, and inventors worked on special exhibits to display the glories of their countries. But the Fair's planners wanted something really special, something on the scale of the Eiffel Tower, which had been constructed for France's fair three years earlier. At last, engineer George Ferris had an idea—a crazy, unrealistic, gigantic idea. He would construct a twenty-six-story tall observation wheel. The planners didn't think it could be done. They called it a monstrosity. It wouldn't be safe. But George fought for his design. Finally, in December 1892, with only four months to go until the fair, George was given permission to build his wheel. He had to fight the tight schedule, bad weather, and general disapproval. Against all odds, the Ferris Wheel turned out to be the talk of the Fair, and proof that dreaming big dreams could pay off. Today, George's Ferris Wheel is an icon of adventure and amusement throughout the world.

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