Learning to Illustrate Children's Books

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Abstract

Children's book illustrators need to learn how to tell a story with pictures for children of all ages. That knowledge comes from learning how children read pictures at various developmental stages and from creating countless thumbnail sketches, story boards and book dummies that bring words and pictures together over and over again until they sing.

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This children's book is my chance to continue that tradition. Without the weight of an impending deadline I'm allowed to slow down and actually paint. But because I don't paint very much, I am very slow. This is how I learned to make books in art school: Straightedge, knife, double-sided tape and a bone folder. Cut out each spread and bind it together. For young children who are about to start learning and reading they will find the colourful illustrations in children's book quite fascinating.

Illustration means to illustrate or highlight a particular point. If you have a look at some of the earlier books in the Middle Ages such as gospels and Bible you will find thousands of illustrations. An illustration is quite different from art forms like paintings, sketches, drawings, or other fine arts. The main purpose of illustration is to get a message across to the readers or viewers. Some of these illustrations are absolutely breath taking but the children's illustrator Jane Massey talks you through the process of illustrating children's books from understanding the brief to checking for continuity. This is a great tutorial for new and aspiring illustrators to learn about how to work with clients and develop upon their ideas. Follow the tutorial here. Digital Collage Illustration in Photoshop. In this video tutorial you'll learn how to create a digital collage children's illustration using scanned textures and art to give a really unique feel. You'll be able to take these ideas forward to use in other illustrations and projects for an i