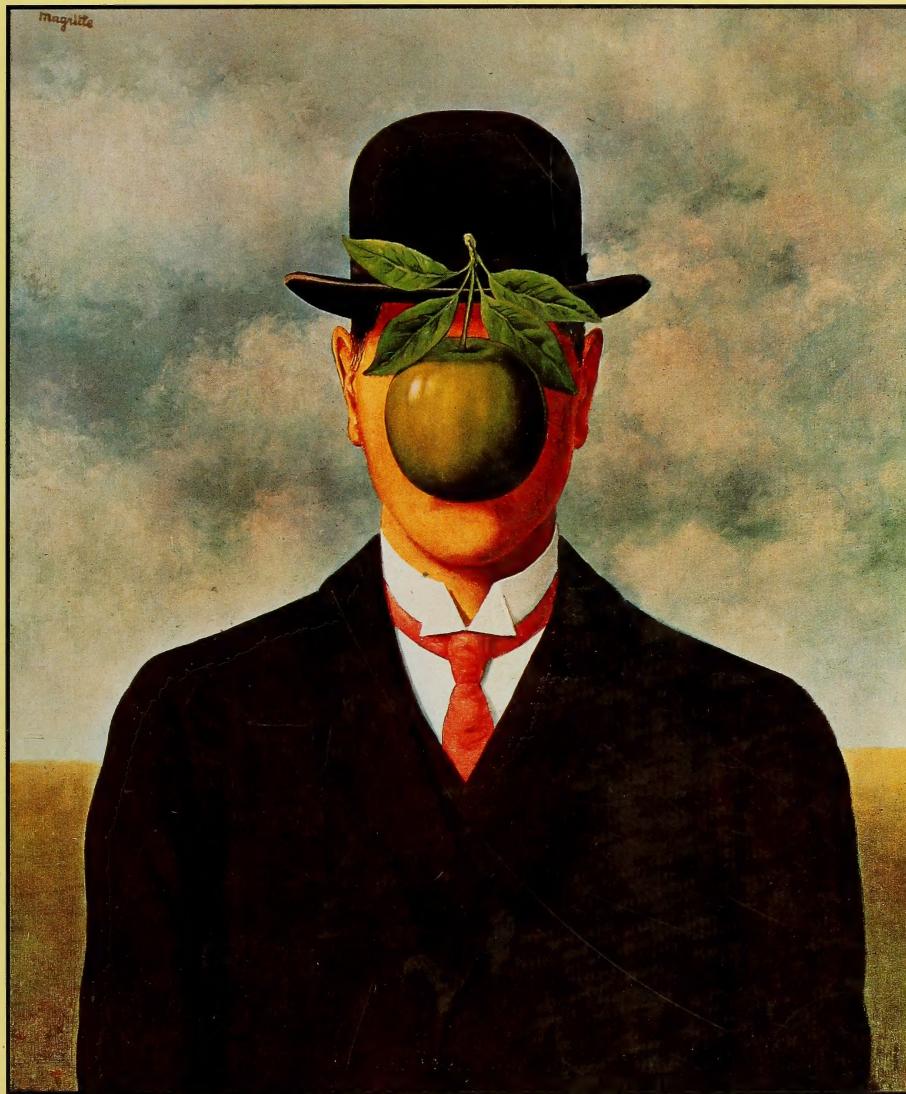
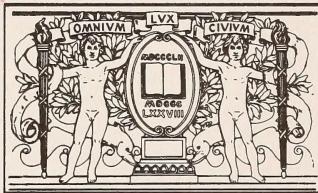


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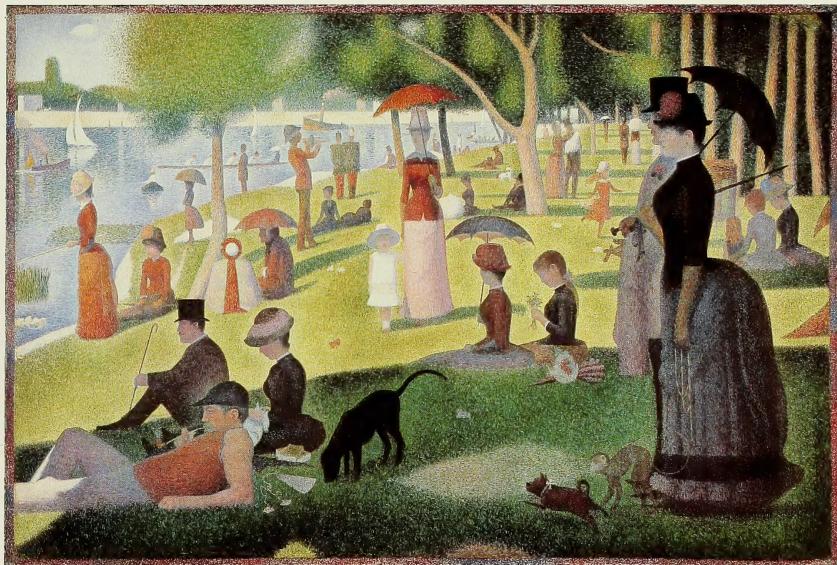
One of my favorite artists is Jan Vermeer. There was a small print of his painting *The Maid with the Milk Jug* on the wall in a dark passage in my grandmother's house. It was part of the furniture so I took it for granted, but I never forgot it. I have included it here in this book of paintings.

I began to play "I Spy" with paintings with my own children when they were very young, and we had great fun choosing the paintings for our own I Spy Alphabet. As we looked into each picture, we found much that was familiar and a great deal that was unfamiliar. Often my children pointed out things which I had never noticed — an apple that had fallen to the floor, a funny-shaped shoe, the wind in the grass, a pattern on the carpet. They helped me to remember how to look and see and judge for myself.

Most art books live on the top shelf, out of reach, but this one is for the picture book shelf. It contains a handful of paintings for you to explore. I hope you will like them and have fun getting to know them.

Lucy Micklethwait, 1991

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Greenwillow Books, New York

I spy  
with my little eye  
something beginning with

Aa

René Magritte, *Son of Man*



I spy  
with my little eye  
something beginning with

Bb

Henri Rousseau, *Football Players*



I spy  
with my little eye  
something beginning with

Cc

William Hogarth, *The Graham Children*



I spy  
with my little eye  
something beginning with

Dd

Jan Van Eyck, *The Arnolfini Marriage*



I spy  
with my little eye  
something beginning with

Ee



I spy  
with my little eye  
something beginning with

Ff

Pablo Picasso, *Sitting Woman with a Fish Hat*

هادی



I spy  
with my little eye  
something beginning with

Gg



I spy  
with my little eye  
something beginning with

Hh



I spy  
with my little eye  
something beginning with

Ii

Sandro Botticelli, *Madonna of the Magnificat*



I spy  
with my little eye  
something beginning with

Jj

Jan Vermeer, *The Maid with the Milk Jug*



I spy  
with my little eye  
something beginning with

Kk

Jan Steen, *The World Upside Down*



I spy  
with my little eye  
something beginning with

Ll

John Singer Sargent, *Carnation, Lily, Lily, Rose*



I spy  
with my little eye  
something beginning with

Mm



MISS MARIE OSORIO MANRIQUE IN ZYDICA STYLING NACHO

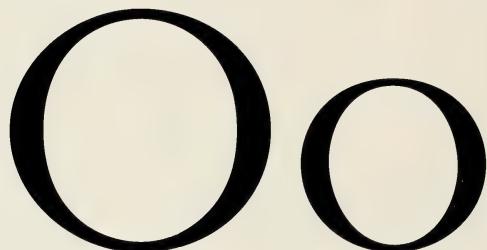
I spy  
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Nn

Jan van Huijsum, *Flowers in a Vase*



I spy  
with my little eye  
something beginning with



Henri Matisse, *Interior with Etruscan Vase*



Henri Matisse 1940

I spy  
with my little eye  
something beginning with

Pp



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I spy  
with my little eye  
something beginning with

Qq



I spy  
with my little eye  
something beginning with

Rr

Marcus Gheeraerts the Younger, *Queen Elizabeth I*



I spy  
with my little eye  
something beginning with

Ss

Joan Miró, *Woman and Bird in the Moonlight*



I spy  
with my little eye  
something beginning with

Tt

Jacob Savery II, *The Animals Entering Noah's Ark*



I spy  
with my little eye  
something beginning with

Uu

Pierre Auguste Renoir, *Umbrellas*



I spy  
with my little eye  
something beginning with

Vv

Marc Chagall, *The Bride and Groom of the Eiffel Tower*



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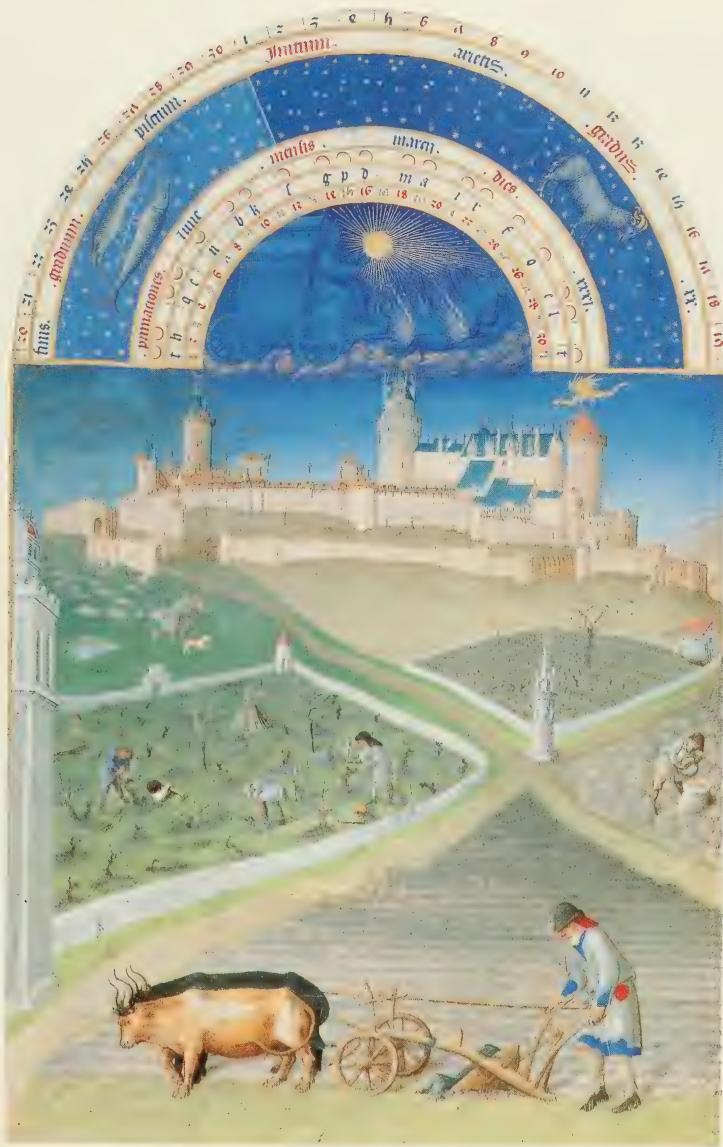
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David Hockney, *A Bigger Splash*



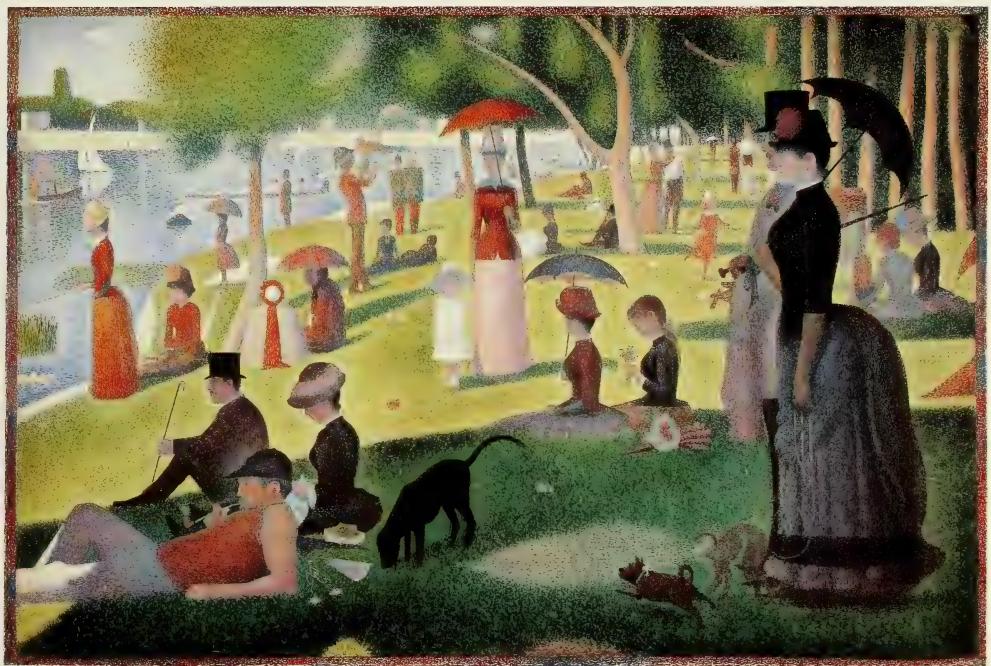
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Xx



I spy  
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something beginning with

Yy



I spy  
with my little eye  
something beginning with

Zz



# I Spied with My Little Eye ...

## A apple

René Magritte (1898–1967),  
*Son of Man* (1964)  
Private Collection

## B ball

Henri Rousseau (1844–1910),  
*Football Players* (1908)  
The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum,  
New York

## C cat

William Hogarth (1697–1764),  
*The Graham Children* (1742)  
The National Gallery, London

## D dog

Jan Van Eyck  
(working 1422, died 1441),  
*The Arnolfini Marriage* (1434)  
The National Gallery, London

## E elephants

Indian,  
*Workmen Building the Palace  
of Fatehpur Sikri from  
The Akbarnama* (about 1590)  
The Victoria and Albert Museum, London

## F fish

Pablo Picasso (1881–1973),  
*Sitting Woman with a  
Fish Hat* (1942)  
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam

## G guinea pigs

Follower of Jan van Kessel  
(1626–1679),  
*Still Life with Fruit and  
Flowers on a Table*  
The Harold Samuel Collection,  
Corporation of London

## H heart

Jean-Baptiste-Siméon Chardin  
(1699–1779),  
*The House of Cards* (about 1735)  
National Gallery of Art, Washington,  
Andrew W. Mellon Collection

## I inkwell

Sandro Botticelli (1445–1510),  
*Madonna of the Magnificat*  
(about 1482–1485)  
The Uffizi Gallery, Florence

## J jug

Jan Vermeer (1632–1675),  
*The Maid with the Milk Jug*  
(about 1660)  
Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam

## K key

Jan Steen (1626–1679),  
*The World Upside Down*  
(about 1663)  
Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna

## L lanterns

John Singer Sargent (1856–1925),  
*Carnation, Lily, Lily, Rose*  
(1885–1886)  
The Tate Gallery, London

## M magpie

Francisco Goya (1746–1828),  
*Don Manuel Osorio Manrique  
de Zuñiga* (born 1784)  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York,  
Jules Bache Collection

## N nest

Jan van Huijsum (1682–1749),  
*Flowers in a Vase* (1726)  
The Wallace Collection, London

## O orange

Henri Matisse (1869–1954),  
*Interior with Etruscan Vase* (1940)  
The Cleveland Museum of Art,  
Gift of the Hanna Fund

## P peacock

Carlo Crivelli (working 1457–1493),  
*The Annunciation with St. Emidius*  
(1486)  
The National Gallery, London

## Q quills

Thomas Warrender  
(working 1673–1713),  
*Still Life* (about 1708)  
The National Gallery of Scotland, Edinburgh

## R roses

Marcus Gheeraerts the Younger  
(1561/62–1635/36),  
*Queen Elizabeth I* (about 1592)  
National Portrait Gallery, London

## S stars

Joan Miró (1893–1983),  
*Woman and Bird in the*  
*Moonlight* (1949)  
The Tate Gallery, London

## T turtles

Jacob Savery II (1593–after 1627),  
*The Animals Entering Noah's Ark*  
Private Collection

## U umbrellas

Pierre Auguste Renoir (1841–1919),  
*Umbrellas* (about 1884)  
The National Gallery, London

## V violin

Marc Chagall (1887–1985),  
*The Bride and Groom of the*  
*Eiffel Tower* (about 1939)  
Musée National d'Art Moderne,  
Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris

## W water

David Hockney (born 1937),  
*A Bigger Splash* (1967)  
The Tate Gallery, London

## X ox

The Limbourg Brothers (active 1411–16),  
*March from Les Très Riches Heures*  
*du Duc de Berry* (about 1415)  
Musée Condé, Chantilly

## Y yacht

Georges Seurat (1859–1891),  
*Sunday Afternoon on the Island of*  
*La Grande Jatte* (1884–1886)  
The Art Institute of Chicago,  
Helen Bartlett Memorial Collection

## Z zigzag

Wybrand de Geest (1592–about 1660),  
*Portrait of a Child* (1631)  
Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam

*I would like to thank all the children, parents, teachers,  
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