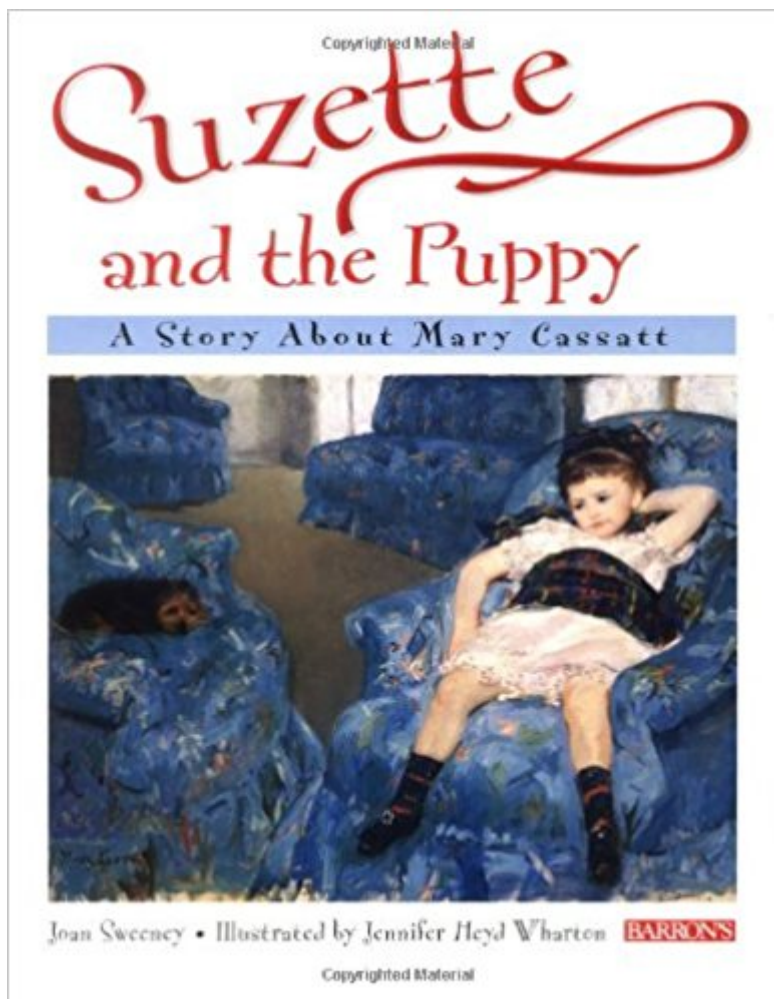




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# Suzette And The Puppy: A Story About Mary Cassatt (Young Readers)



## Synopsis

Little Suzette and her nursemaid enjoy daily walks in the handsome park near their home. Often, they see a tall, elegant lady strolling in the park with her tiny puppy. Then, a comical incident transforms Suzette and the puppy into friends. The time and place of this gentle story is Paris in the 1870s, when many fine artists were creating the exciting approach to painting called Impressionism. As it happens, little Suzette's Uncle Edgar is one of those artists. He is the famous Edgar Degas. One day, Uncle Edgar sends an artist to paint Suzette's picture. Imagine Suzette's surprise, when the artist turns out to be the tall lady from the park! And imagine Suzette's delight when the little puppy comes with her! The result of this enchanting meeting lives on to this day in an art masterpiece. For the woman was the major American artist, Mary Cassatt. Her painting of Suzette and the little dog, known as *The Little Girl in the Blue Armchair*, now hangs in the National Gallery of Art, in Washington, D.C. Among this book's many beautiful full-color illustrations is a reproduction of the story's painting.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 3-This picture book introduces children to a well-known painting. A young French girl visits the park each day with her nursemaid. While playing, she meets a woman who owns a puppy, and

Nipper and Suzette become fast friends. The story describes their amusing encounters. The child is surprised to learn that the dog's owner is Mary Cassatt, whom her uncle, Edgar Degas, has commissioned to paint her portrait, resulting in *Little Girl in a Blue Armchair*, now hanging in the National Gallery of Art. This fictionalized tale is enjoyable for its serene depiction of Parisian life around 1870. Watercolor illustrations evoke the impressionist style and blend in with Cassatt's own work. On one of the last pages, the author encourages discussion by asking readers to consider why Suzette appears bored in the masterpiece. -Ilene Abramson, Los Angeles Public Library  
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A great book. The budding artist I gave it to loved it, and she pointed out so many wonderful things in the pictures. I think it gave her a new love for art.

If you are looking to purchase a gift book for a child, I would suggest that you buy a Laurence Anholt book instead of this one. It did not hold my daughter's interest. We read it once, and we were done with it. I would not have felt bad about it if I had taken it out of the library. We did like seeing the artwork of Mary Cassatt, but it wasn't something that I would like to keep on my shelf permanently and take up space in my house. It was a nice way to introduce my daughter to Mary Cassatt, and she was able to identify the painter when we took her to the Philadelphia Museum of art. "Mommy look - A Mary Cassatt! So, I would say that it was successful in that regard.

This book is a charming way to introduce Mary Cassatt or to use as a realistic fiction book when teaching children about artists. The author brings Cassatt's world to life through the antics of her charming dog and a little girl she eventually paints. A good addition to an artists' study unit.

A lovely book to go along with "Mary Cassatt" artist studies. My 4 & 6 year old children love this book!

4 year old boy loves it every time. Excellent series for exposing children to great art!

I purchased this book for use in my classroom teaching our Meet the Masters program. The kids loved the story.. factual with some embellishment, the students were hooked!

This is a great children's picture book to introduce your child to the famous artist, Mary Cassatt. The

storyline and illustrations are excellently done!

This is an absolutely charming book concerning the events that led up to the famous Marry Cassatt painting "Little Girl in a Blue Armchair." As the story opens we are introduced to the young girl named Suzette, whose nursemaid believes in taking daily outings, no matter the weather. During these outings they meet a tall American lady whose little doggie causes much mischief. The little doggie becomes a favorite of Suzette's and everybody else in the park, including the policeman. Through a series of coincidences, Mary Cassatt is selected to paint little Suzette's portrait. And as the portrait reveals, both the little girl and the doggie, would rather be out playing in the park rather than stuck inside and having to sit still for a portrait!

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