

★ **How Dreadful!****Claire Lebourg****Sophie Lewis, Translator**

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A quirky collection of creatures provide a lesson on self-expression in this tongue-in-cheek picture book about the subjectivity of art. Paty's exhibition is only three days away, and she has little prepared. She calls on her friends to be her models, but their reactions to their portraits shatter her confidence; beauty is found in the eyes of different beholders on exhibition day. The watercolors are applied with a light touch, giving the book a delicate, painterly feeling befitting its winged protagonist.

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