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Vincent van Gogh and the Colors of the Wind

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A visually staggering rendition of the angst-ridden Dutch artist's life, from boyhood to death: his experiences and artistic influences and, mostly, his exceptionally close relationship to his brother Theo are the book's focus. Readers will view fourteen of van Gogh's paintings, featured and discussed in the contexts in which they were created. The ear he sliced with a razor in frustration, his time spent in a madhouse, and his shattering disappointment with fellow painter and friend Paul Gauguin are related without sugar coating. Van Gogh the complex man, brilliant visionary, and devoted brother is honored in this beautiful book. Ages seven and up.

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