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Reviewer

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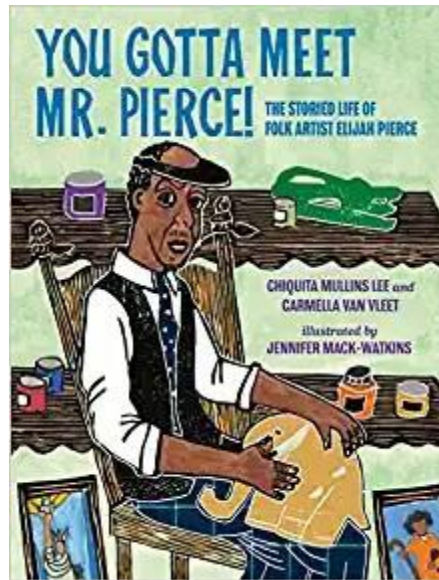
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Classification

Nonfiction (730.92 or biography)

Grade Level

K-4



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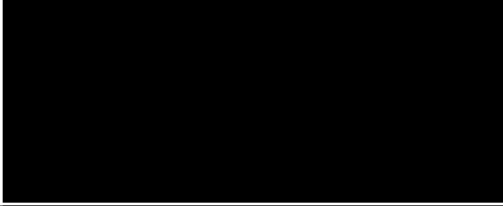
Based on the true story of artist Elijah Pierce (1892-1984), this delightfully colorful picture book begins with Elijah's work in his barbershop as an adult. A fictional young boy listens to Elijah's stories about growing up and going into the woods with his dog to carve pictures and animals into the trees. Many quotes are used throughout the book to add to the unique story of how this talented artist grows. As he gets older, Elijah begins to carve pictures of people on wood.

Illustrator Jennifer Mack-Watkins provides double-page spreads filled with color depicting Elijah's story along with many examples of his work. Back pages include an author's note revealing the details of Elijah's early childhood and how he moved from Mississippi to Ohio. An artist's note is also included. Elijah carved thousands of pieces throughout his lifetime and became an honored artist. The list of his honors and awards from 1973-2004 are included. Examples of his artwork are shown throughout the book along with details about their year, titles, and dimensions at the end. The author includes a list of where to find Elijah's work displayed throughout America in Ohio, New York, Georgia, Wisconsin, and Washington, D.C. This delightful



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and meaningful story will be an inspiration for current and future artists beginning with the youngest.



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