



## GRR: Getting Reading Reading

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Getting Reading Reading Children's Book Group is proud to support Reading's Year of Culture in 2016. The theme for February is "Design for Reading" – for more details see <http://www.reading2016.org.uk/project/february/>

Each month we are selecting some books to fit in with the YOC themes. For February we're suggesting some books on art and design for children and their parents/carers. You will be able to borrow them from your local library or buy them through your local bookshop. They are books that we have enjoyed or found useful and is not meant to be exhaustive – you may also have some great ideas for books that you would recommend to your friends. If you would like to share these, find us on Twitter @grrchris or email [grr.reading@ntlworld.com](mailto:grr.reading@ntlworld.com)

1. Children's Laureate Chris Riddell has set himself the challenge to do a doodle a day – his book *Chris Riddell's Doodle a Day* (Macmillan) provides a year's worth of prompts for young artists
2. Have a go at playing the 'shape game' introduced in Anthony Browne's picture book story about a family's visit to an art gallery - *The Shape Game* (Corgi)
3. Share this story about what it might feel like to be a refugee and how art can sometimes help with coming to terms with sadness and loss – *Colour of Home* by Mary Hoffman and Karin Littlewood (Frances Lincoln)
4. Find out about a favourite illustrator - *A Life in Pictures* by Michael Foreman (Pavilion) is a recent example
5. Make your stories come alive with incredible artwork - *How to Make Awesome Comics* by Neill Cameron (David Fickling) provides a step by step guide
6. There are lots of practical guides to drawing Manga – try *Kids Draw Big Book Of Everything Manga* by Christopher Hart (Watson-Guption Publications)
7. Take some lessons in how to create great art from *The Story of Art* by Teal Triggs and Daniel Frost (Wide Eyed)
8. Introduce children to the world of art with *The Art Book for Children* (Phaidon)
9. Step into 1960s Provence where a young boy encounters the artist he idolises in *Meeting Cezanne* by Michael Morpurgo and Francois Place (Walker)
10. Develop an interest in the design of buildings – start with *13 Architects Children Should Know* by Florian Heine and *13 Buildings Children Should Know* by Annette Roeder (Prestel)