



Gloria van Donge

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Gloria van Donge has a talent for using adorable characters to illuminate the delightfully nuanced thinking of gifted children. There is a tenderness to the characters and a tone of celebration of their uniqueness that all children will enjoy. The parent section is thought-provoking and captures the essence of the joys and challenges that both parents and children face.

Reading the books, you cannot help but smile, and I cannot wait to read them to my child. I highly recommend this book series to all parents of gifted children.

> – Dr. Kirsten Baulch Mentor Extension Education Programs for Gifted Children

Christina's white boots etched dance moves in the dirt. She eased into her art smock and tied it with a perfect bow.

"Today, I will do everything perfectly," she said. "Not like last week when my coloring was a mess!" Lion, Tiger, and Leopard gathered their art supplies. They were excited because they knew that they could do whatever they liked in art class that day.

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Christina settled down at her tree stump. She laid out a sheet of drawing paper: She placed her paintbrushes evenly at the side.

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"What are you doing, Christina?" asked Lion.

"Why did you bring your paintbrushes?" puzzled Tiger.

"We don't need them for paw painting today," said Leopard.

"I do need them today because I want to do everything perfectly," answered Christina. "Paw painting isn't real painting, and I want to make a proper picture."

She flattened the frills of her art smock. Then she dipped the tip of her brush into the **yellow** paint and...

... the paint pot tipped over.