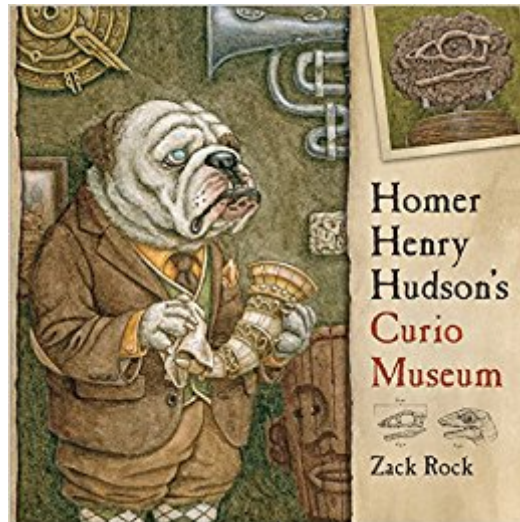




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Homer Henry Hudson's Curio Museum



Synopsis

With a nose for adventure and an eye on history, Homer Henry Hudson travels the world for pieces to add to his exhibits at the Curio Museum. Author and illustrator Zack Rock crafts a tale brimming with curiosities, not the least of which is the true identity of the museum's canine caretaker, who, as he reflects on the exotic collection at his paws, becomes inspired to venture out into the unknown once again.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 2-5 •Homer Henry Hudson is an explorer, collector, and caretaker of the Homer Henry Hudson Curio Museum, where he displays his discoveries for the world. He is also a bulldog, who dresses in jackets and tweed and treats himself to sushi for dinner after a walk through the park. "The walk exercises my feeble leg and the fish diet helps maintain my dazzling figure." Finally, Homer Henry Hudson is a storyteller, and he loves watching museum visitors discover the tales behind each artifact in his collection. He spends most of the book sharing these stories with readers. From a "Radial Tide Diviner," found in the Ionian Sea, to a "Nottlandian Stuffed Animal (bear)," all the objects have his adventures at their core. Even the museum itself has an interesting history. While the text focuses on Homer Henry Hudson's stories, more subtle details about each artifact are hidden in the dusty-brown spreads. The text regularly reminds readers that "everything has a story"

while encouraging them to look around more closely to find their own. Text heavy, with dark detailed pictures, this book may appeal most to those who enjoy looking and listening closely. — Julie Roach, Cambridge Public Library, MA

"In Rock's debut picture book, an eccentric bulldog named Homer Henry Hudson collects "bits and bobs" from around the globe, displaying them floor to ceiling in his museum of curios. Hudson takes great pride in his collection of riches, masterfully illustrated by Rock. These days, sidelined by an injury, this alliterative pooch keeps his museum 'spick-and-span' and treats himself nightly to sushi dinner. He introduces museumgoers to his favorite exhibits, such as the Newfoundlandian Stuffed Animal (a teddy bear), given as a token of gratitude from a young girl. Or his Humble Willow Root Cane, a twisted stick that mirrors his anguish at not being able to travel. But it's his affection for the Manneken Mort of King Ingmar, a figurine wound with bands of the king's life stories, that gets this bulldog wondering. Are his bands complete, or are there more? Rock's illustrations are rendered in a subdued palette of watercolors, rich in earth tones and infused with touches of humble elegance. Young explorers will pore over the endpaper, title page and two-page spreads of museum space, drinking in each detailed treasure. Hudson's droopy, liver-spotted mug is so realistic readers will want to scratch him behind the ears. Hudson claims, 'Everything has a story.' And through his personal descriptions and musings over each artifact, he knows how to tell a good one." - Kirkus Reviews

A heartwarming story with completely magical drawings that you'll find yourself lost in, this book is an instant classic. As Homer Henry Hudson takes you through his collection of treasures and experiences, you find yourself wanting to share this book with all the explorers and would be explorers you know. It seems the biggest treasure in the museum is not the one that Homer Henry Hudson thinks, it's this book itself. A beautiful book with a charming story. It's great for children and adults.

Pre-ordered this book because I was familiar with Zack Rock's work! I was not disappointed!!! Zack is a wonderful artist, and has now proven himself a great story teller as well! Can wait to see where Homer goes next. Keep up the good work, Zack!!

Gorgeously illustrated story of a delightfully eccentric bulldog, caretaker of Homer Henry Hudson's Curio Museum. The adventures of the great explorer, Homer Henry Hudson, are revealed as the

caretaker takes us through his favorite displays. The detailed illustrations will be pored over by kids and adults alike. The glimpses of many other displays throughout the book and on the endpapers fueled my child to make up his own stories. This is a book that we'll return to again and again, and a rich source of inspiration for kids.

Thinking back to my own childhood, the books I loved most were those with intricate illustrations. As I opened Homer Henry Hudson's Curio Museum I was transported back to my childhood, remembering nights where I laid awake in bed studying each page of my favorite picture books. I'm pretty sure this book will serve that purpose for my kids, which is one of the highest compliments I could pay it.

How this book got overlooked by the "mainstream," I have no clue. This is a brilliantly illustrated story that gives a fresh perspective on the richness of objects in our world. I certainly hope to see more gorgeous books by Zack Rock!

What a delight! Each page is so full of detail that you will find yourself looking through this book many times. I loved the story; it is very charming. It should satisfy grown-ups as well as children.

An invitation to explore your local, familiar world and then the wider world. The book gentling reveals that the things that interest you and your preferences are important. Honoring them leads to growth.

Highly recommend this children's book!

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