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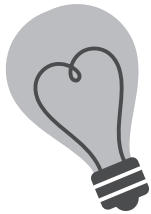
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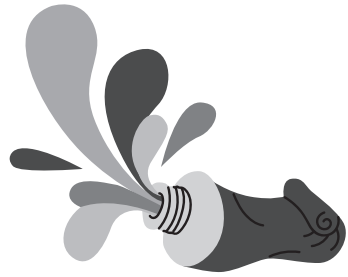


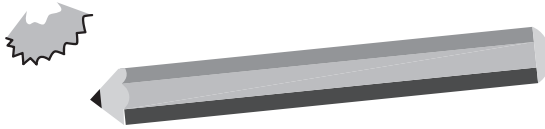
‘What a timely publication this is. We Brits too often forget to celebrate one of our greatest exports – creativity. But with a fun and engaging tone, Joe has an uncanny knack of speaking directly to the middle grade reader and you can feel his excitement as he reminds them how much of the artistic world is at their fingertips. A cheeky little gem.’
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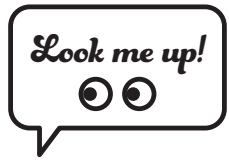




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To my darling Sam,
for everything

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Hello!


HI!

Dear Reader,

Hi, I'm, Joe! I wrote this book you're about to read and, well, I wanted to introduce myself.

From a young age I have loved lots of different forms of ***art***, such as drawing, colouring, writing, poetry, music, film, TV. Now, I want to share with you how ***joyful*** and ***inspiring*** art can be.

I've been a ***drummer*** since I was nine years old.



When I was eleven I joined my first band, and since then I have always played

in one. I've toured the UK on many occasions as a drummer, and even in America too! (More on that later . . .)

I was very lucky to grow up around ***books*** and lots of other art, because my parents LOVE reading, and my dad is also a ***painter***. We had several of his paintings on the walls of our house, and after I left home, he turned my old bedroom into an ***art studio***.

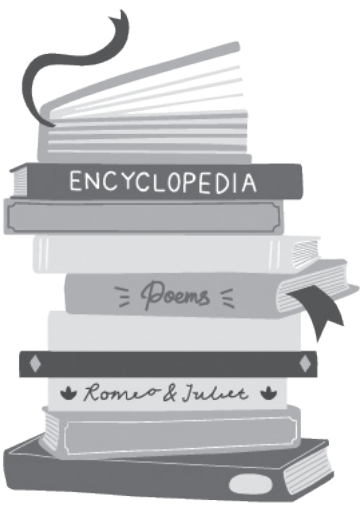


Whenever I go home to visit, I get to see all of his new creations,

and what's extra awesome is they're being created in my old room, the place where I used to make ***art of my own*** with my drums.

Growing up around my dad's art made me ***appreciate*** it from an early age, and I have since become a small-time collector of modern art.

Similarly with books, ***being read to*** by my mum and growing up around a little ***library*** of my own made me a voracious reader and books are now part of my job! As well as being an author,



I do other bookish work like hosting events with other authors, judging national story prizes, and I have a podcast about books too.



I still absolutely luuuuuuuuurve watching films and TV (who doesn't?) and I have a huge passion for radio, which is, in my opinion, also a form of art.

I studied ***radio production*** at university, so was constantly recording shows in studios, editing and mixing features and documentaries, and coming up with new creative ideas. I'm now

a radio producer, so you could say I have built a ***career*** from one of my favourite artforms.

All in all, I like to keep my ***mind busy*** with creative stuff, whether I am creating it myself or enjoying someone else's creations. I really hope that by the time you've finished my book, you might want to do the same. ☺

Happy reading!

Joe x



What is art?



That's a big question – probably too big to start with, actually. Let's try this instead . . .

What do YOU think art is?

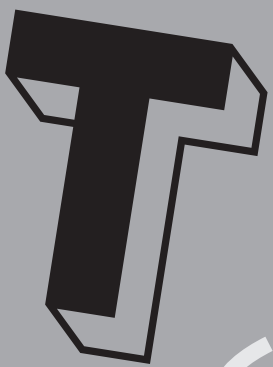
I used to think 'art' referred to ***drawings*** and ***paintings*** and nothing else. Art was something that hung on the walls of galleries and museums, I thought.



Well, some art *does* hang on the wall of galleries and museums – and drawings and paintings are certainly art – but that little word, those three letters:







cover SO MUCH MORE
than *just* drawings
and paintings.



Now when I think of ***art***, I think of music, books, films, dance, poetry, comedy, fashion, photography, TV and so many other things.


Art


is


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