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Review

"A must-have book for anyone wanting to learn or teach about art elements and principles and their connections to (picture book) art and visual perception." -*Kirkus Reviews, starred review*

"Will delight any artist, art aficionado or reader of picture books." -- Shelf Awareness for Readers

"What a pleasure to be given a front row seat as Molly Bang explores and interprets the power and subtleties of shape, line, space, and even color. This is no dreary academic lesson in design. It is an accessible and engaging glimpse of a process of discovery as it unfolds in real time. For anyone wishing to expand their visual literacy skills, I can't think of a better way to start than with Picture This." -David Macaulay, author/illustrator of *The Way Things Work*, *Cathedral*, and *Black and White*

"Retooled and redesigned for a new generation, Picture This remains a peerless handbook and guide for anyone who wishes to make picture books or understand how visual narrative works." -Leonard S. Marcus, children's book historian and critic

"Picture This is the Strunk and White of visual literacy. A must for anyone interested in reading and understanding images." --Brian Selznick, Caldecott Medal winner for *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*

"Molly Bang's Picture This remains a delightful excursion through the landscape of visual literacy. Students of art and design will benefit from its crisp examples and insightful analysis of form in visual communication while enjoying the book's elegant synthesis of type and image." -Robert Brinkerhoff, Head of the Illustration Department, Rhode Island School of Design

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"For the past twenty-five years I have had the privilege of seeing Picture This work with a wide range of audiences, from middle school art classes to children's literature graduate students learning about picture books. This edition will allow a new generation to benefit from Bang's explorations, culminating in her clearly-stated insights about what makes pictures work." --Lolly Robinson, Creative Director, The Horn Book

"Brilliant, insightful, and accessible." --Print Magazine's Best Design Books of the Year

"A must-have for picture book aficionados." -*School Library Journal, starred review*

About the Author

Molly Bang has authored and illustrated more than three dozen books and has won three Caldecott Honors, a Kate Greenaway Honor, and a Charlotte Zolotow Award, among other accolades, in her long career as a writer and artist.

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