



Harold and the Purple Crayon - Crockett Johnson

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Some good books never date. *Harold and the Purple Crayon* is a classic picture book that has remained a favourite with readers since its first publication nearly 60 years ago.

It's a wonderful tale where a young boy with a large crayon decides to go for a walk in the moonlight. However, there isn't any moon so Harold draws one. Then he makes a long straight path so he won't get lost. But the safe path isn't going anywhere so the boy and crayon venture into the unknown.

Harold experiences a number of challenges where each difficulty is solved by a simple, yet clever, drawing. The purple crayon allows him to go up, over and around obstacles with a few strokes of genius.

The reader goes along on a magical journey of wonder and discovery.

Youngsters of all ages will find new delights with each re-read. To avoid any unwanted wall art, be sure to have a packet of crayons and plenty of paper on hand for the budding artists.

Reviewed by children's book author Jean Bennett

