



## ***The Magical Life of Mr Renny - Leo Timmers***

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Mr Renny's artworks look so real they are like photos of the objects that he paints. Every week the cheerful dog trundles his paintings to the market – but no one buys his beautiful works of art. He becomes despondent and increasingly hungry without money to buy food. He wishes out loud that his painting of an apple was real so he could eat it.

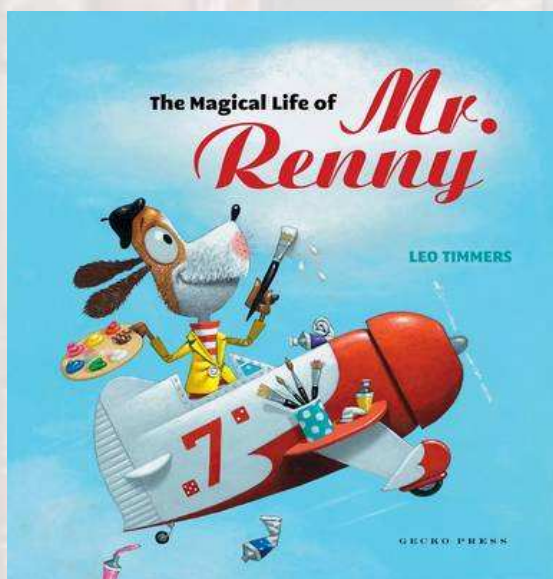
A stranger hears Mr Renny and encourages him to bite into the apple. Instantly, all the paintings come to life. Mr Renny races home and paints an array of expensive things beyond the reach of a poor artist: a mansion, a car, a boat, a swimming pool and numerous possessions. They all become real and Mr Renny is rich beyond his wildest dreams.

However, he soon tires of the luxuries when he realises they don't bring him lasting happiness. Mr Renny thinks long and hard about what is important in his life. His difficult choice opens up many opportunities for discussion.

The brightly-coloured illustrations are full of movement, interest and creative design. Young readers will enjoy exploring the fine details and visual humour. The characters are all animals – except for one human who plays a pivotal role in the story.

This attractive picture book is a large-size publication printed on quality paper. Excellent value!

**Reviewed by children's book author, Jean Bennett**



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