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Editorial Review

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Full-page paintings reminiscent of Hopper originals accompany the straightforward text of this picture-book biography from the team behind *Night Flight* (2011). Burleigh introduces the introspective and determined artist in gentle paragraphs detailing Hopper's life, beginning with his childhood dream to become an artist, through to his last work, *Sun in an Empty Room*, as well as his struggle for notoriety in the twentieth-century art world and his reasons for painting—"I'm after ME." Minor's full-color gouache illustrations depict scenes that might have inspired Hopper for his most iconic paintings—a gas station on an empty road, a lighthouse, a diner, a deserted street—all in Hopper's distinctive, light-filled style. Other pages are filled with charcoal-gray sketches, as if drawn directly from an artist's notebook. Cleverly, in each spread where Hopper appears, he is always looking intently at something, which emphasizes how much his art arose from studied observation of the world around him. With a closing author's note, time line, and further reading, this is a lovely, quiet introduction to a luminary among American painters. Grades 1-4. --Sarah Hunter

Review

"In a narrative as calmly straightforward as Hopper's work, Burleigh introduces the great American realist."
The Horn Book

"Hopper was one of the foremost American painters of the 20th century, and this wonderfully illustrated book provides a detailed biographical portrait of him. Minor's art, lush and perfectly varied with pencil sketches interspersed between colorful paintings, is accompanied by Burleigh's compelling text."
School Library Journal

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"*Two masters of illustrated, brief biographies for young people reunite . . . an enduring and inspiring book that will help kids to understand the *why* and *how* of an artist at work."
Kirkus Reviews, STARRED REVIEW

"In many scenes, readers peer over Hopper's shoulder as he works, seeing what he sees. The accessible narrative then invites the audience to think more critically about the context in which Hopper created."
Publishers Weekly, starred review

"Minor's sweet, verdant watercolors shine."
The Boston Globe on If You Spent a Day with Thoreau at Walden Pond

"Offers a glimpse of Thoreau's philosophy that young children can understand."
School Library Journal on If You Spent a Day with Thoreau at Walden Pond

"A fine introduction to the value of Thoreau and the natural world."
Kirkus Reviews on If You Spent a Day with Thoreau at Walden Pond

"Poignantly imagines a father and son paying their respects on the prairie."
USA Today on Abraham Lincoln Comes Home

“Moving prose and dramatic night scenes show them as part of a grieving yet grateful nation, paying homage to a fallen hero.” ?*San Francisco Chronicle on Abraham Lincoln Comes Home*

“This quiet, lovely book sensitively communicates a sense of the magnitude of loss felt by so many.” ?*Kirkus Reviews on Abraham Lincoln Comes Home*

About the Author

Robert Burleigh has written many acclaimed children's picture books, including several illustrated by Wendell Minor, including *Abraham Lincoln Comes Home* and *If You Spent a Day with Thoreau at Walden Pond*. Bob splits his time between Grand Haven, Michigan, and Chicago.

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