

# The Museum of Modern Art

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## THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART PUBLISHES CHILDREN'S BOOK FEATURING EIGHT WORKS FROM THE COLLECTION

### *Art Safari, An Adventure in Looking, for Children and Parents at The Museum of Modern Art*

The Museum of Modern Art is publishing an engaging new children's book that invites families to explore together the Museum's painting and sculpture collection either at the Museum or at home. *Art Safari* highlights eight artworks that feature animals (see list below), and encourages families to look, to question, and to talk about what they see. Available on June 6, 1997, the book includes a discussion section about each work, at-home art activities, and blank pages for children to create their own artworks. *Art Safari* is written by Joyce Raimondo, Family Programs Coordinator at The Museum of Modern Art.

"I developed this book, in part, because of all the positive feedback from our Family Programs on this topic," remarks Ms. Raimondo. "Sometimes museums can be intimidating places, especially to parents with young children. One of my purposes in writing *Art Safari* was to make the Museum a fun and enjoyable experience for families where they can learn about art by looking and talking about what they see. Rather than emphasizing factual information about art, this book draws on children's natural curiosity and eagerness to share ideas."

*Art Safari* begins with an introduction that guides parents and others easily through the book. Each artwork is accompanied by questions devised to develop children's visual observation skills by asking them to describe what they see, followed by questions at the end of

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each sequence that encourage them to think about the artists' intentions. The at-home art projects help children make connections between what they see in the Museum and their own lives, and the blank pages at the end provide space for them to express their creativity and to respond to the artworks and accompanying questions.

The works included in **Art Safari** are *I and the Village* by Marc Chagall; *Dog* by Alberto Giacometti; *Fulang-Chang and Me* by Frida Kahlo; *Cat and Bird* by Paul Klee; *Dutch Interior, I* by Joan Miró; *She-Goat* by Pablo Picasso; *Agrarian Leader Zapata* by Diego Rivera; and *The Sleeping Gypsy* by Henri Rousseau.

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***Art Safari, An Adventure in Looking, for Children and Parents at The Museum of Modern Art***, by Joyce Raimondo, is available for \$5.95 (paperbound) in The MoMA Book Store or by mail order at 212/708-9888. 9 x 9". 32 pages. 9 color illustrations.

**Family Package:** For \$11.50, receive a copy of *Art Safari* plus admission to the Museum for one adult and up to four children ages 5-12. Admission for each additional adult is \$8.50.

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