

Art Speak



Let's Talk about this and learn about the artist.

Chuck Richards wants the viewer to look at his work again and again. He wants you to come back to see what you missed the first time around. Children, especially, are invited to get lost in the imagery, navigate the scenes and eventually discover all of the whimsy and imagined stories in each work.

The painting you are viewing is from the children's book, *Jungle Gym Jitters*, written and illustrated by Richards. Even though art has always been a big part of his life, he realized after twenty-five years and fatherhood, writing and illustrating books for children was the direction he wanted to pursue.



Chuck Richards

As a children's book artist, I want this imagery to have the same essential qualities that goes into my fine art. My work involves a careful manipulation of space, light and movement combined with a fanatical obsession with craftsmanship. [I] want my pictures to be interactive and to provide children with a place that will engage their imaginations

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