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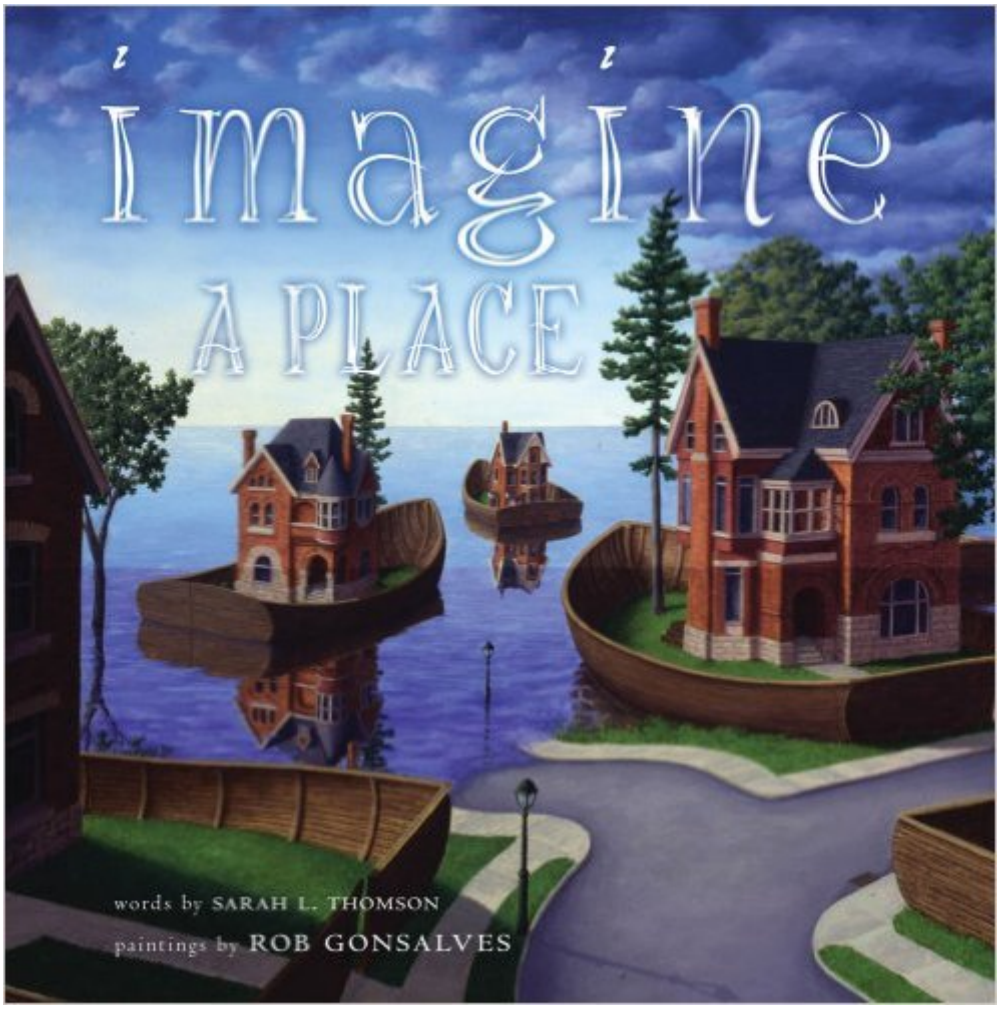

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Synopsis

If you can imagine a place, you can go there. Imagine a place that makes you feel as free as a bird. Imagine a place where getting there is worth whatever it takes. Imagine a place that makes you feel like it's always been your destination. Imagine a place made out of pure imagination. Imagine a Place is a gorgeous companion to the critically acclaimed Imagine a Night and Imagine a Day, and reminds us that imagination is powerful enough to take us anywhere we want to go. And Rob Gonsalves's exquisitely conceived paintings leave you in awe...of his imagination.

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Customer Reviews

The artwork of Rob Gonsalves in the books Imagine a Place, Imagine a Day and Imagine a Night is genius. Adults and children alike will spend hours looking at his pictures. Most of his art is a beautiful but impossible image - very imaginative. For example, you might find a picture of a hiker setting out across stones on a foggy creek. Gradually the stones turn into castle spires and hikers are hopping from tower to tower.If you ever as an adult looked back at a picture book from your childhood and found that the words were very few but your memories of that book were very detailed and vivid due to the artwork, these books will be among the best of those.I bought an extra copy of a Rob Gonsalves book and cut it up and had the pictures laminated and hung in my high school math classroom. Every student and teacher loves them. Everyone who has ever been in the

room has a favorite picture that he finds amazing.

I’m prepared to get slammed about my review here, but here goes. Gonsalves is a genius, no denying that (above five star for sure). But the narration that accompanies the pictures are corny. I’d much rather have a description of the painting from the author. The book is cheaply made, thin, and the paper is substandard. I understand that producing an art book is very expensive. Too bad though. I’d pay double to have Gonsalves amazing artwork properly displayed.

We have only yet to check this book out from the library, but it is in my wish list right now, I loved it! My 4 kids (ages 10-3)all loved it as well and we just sit and look at all the beautiful pictures and talk about the transitions/optical illusions that the artist made. It was well done and I am excited to read the other two, "Imagine a Day" and "Imagine a Night."The book is not so much a story as it is a poem. It really is the beautiful artwork that goes along with the writer’s simple words that makes this book so amazing.We love it and I highly recommend it!

We saw the artist’s work at Lake Tahoe and our kids fell in love with the paintings. I highly recommend these (there are three) to all families. The verses are beautiful as well.

I LOVE this artist and the prose attached to each painting by Sarah Thomson. I already had the other two books "Imagine a Day" and "Imagine a Night" and felt compelled to add to this collection with "Imagine a Place". We have seen some of the original paintings by Rob Gonsalves in a South Lake Tahoe gallery and marvel at his imagination and talent. I show these books to all my artist friends and they, too, are taken with his creativity and style. As we can’t afford one of his paintings, we are happy to look at the books! The prose in the book is very thought-provoking and appropriate to each painting. These two talents combined make for a beautiful, universal gift.

Rob Gonsalves art work is just exquisite. He is a creative master of the surreal landscape. This is his third book and again the story line like the other books is entertaining.My kids enjoyed his earlier books and my youngest has had the benefit of enjoying all three.Even if not purchasing for a child, the art work is so wonderful anyone would enjoy these books which are a compilation of Gonsalves work.

Imagine Just a Place takes you on a magically journey to a place that is found only in your mind’s

imagination and dreams. It is a wonderfully escape route to a place that is not found in reality; but is based on the dreams and imagination of the artist. The words of the story connects well to the beautiful and magical landscape found in this enchanting book. It is my perfect escape into the world of what ifs and dreams. I plan to use this book in my dream journal workshop this summer to encourage my students and to stimulate and motivate them to use the creativity found in their imagination as a source for their writing.

This masterfully illustrated along with thought provoking writing makes this book a perfect addition to a family library. It is not limited to a young child's library of picture books. Adults will find it fasinating as well.

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