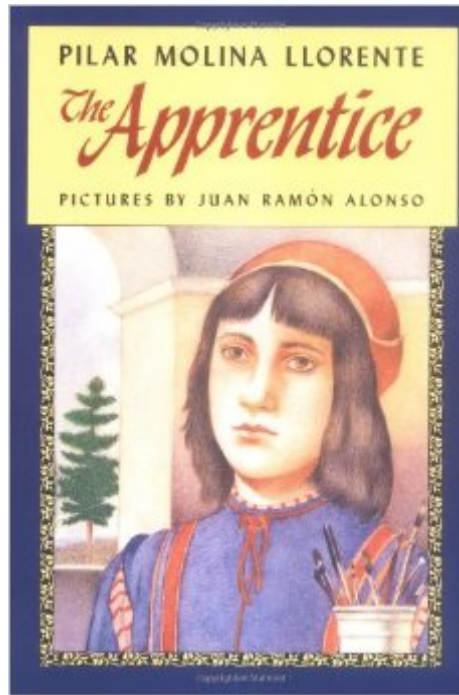


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# The Apprentice



## Synopsis

In Renaissance Florence, thirteen-year-old apprentice Arduino's dreams of being a painter are challenged after he discovers the extreme measures the Maestro Cosimo di Forlì will take in the name of jealousy. Arduino faces a decision that could cost him his only chance to realize his life's dream.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

The Apprentice is a truly wonderful, well-written book. The story is about a boy in Renaissance Italy who decides to quit his family business and become a painter. He goes through many ordeals and mistreatments as an apprentice, and has an unjust master. There is also a mysterious attic that the other apprentices say noises have come from, and cannot be discussed in front of the master. If you like historical fiction and books about freedom, this book is for you.

The Apprentice is a wonderful and breath-taking book. Arduino wanted to be an artist and not a tailor. His father granted his wish and sent him to be an apprentice to Cosimo di Forlì, a famous artist. But one night, Arduino found out a terrible crime that his master had committed and what he was hiding in his attic. Would Arduino give up his dream of being an artist and reveal the terrible secret? Read and you will find out. I am surprised that this book only has two reviews so far. It

deserves many more.

I am reading this book aloud to my 8, 7 and 4 year old. They love it so much that want me to keep reading and reading. They chose to have me read this book to them over watching a movie. It's so exciting and well written that to stop reading is almost torture!

The Apprentice is a simple but charming story of a young boy's dream to become a painter in Renaissance Italy. In order to achieve his dream, young Arduino must overcome challenges that test his courage, loyalty, and passion for painting. Throughout the story, the reader learns about the social customs and statuses during that time period among men and women, which make this story not only an entertaining read but also a possible book for an art history classroom. The illustrations add to the story, making it an overall delightful read.

Pilar Molina Llorente is an splendid writer. She describes the atmosphere of Florence in a detailed and enthusiastic fashion that brings the story to life. The author creates credible and consistent characters. Is a very appealing story for both kids and young readers. An attractive and dynamic book.

This is quite well done for the age range noted. It does start a little slowly, so have your reader persist, it really starts to grab the reader around pp 25-30. The mystery in the tower room is a great gothic touch. The young reader will be gratified that justice is done in the end and hard work is rewarded. The historical back-drop is well done and this is one of the only historical fiction works out there for children. I would love to find something for high-schoolers, or at least grades 6-10. The fantasy works and female romances that are available are not the genres I need.

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