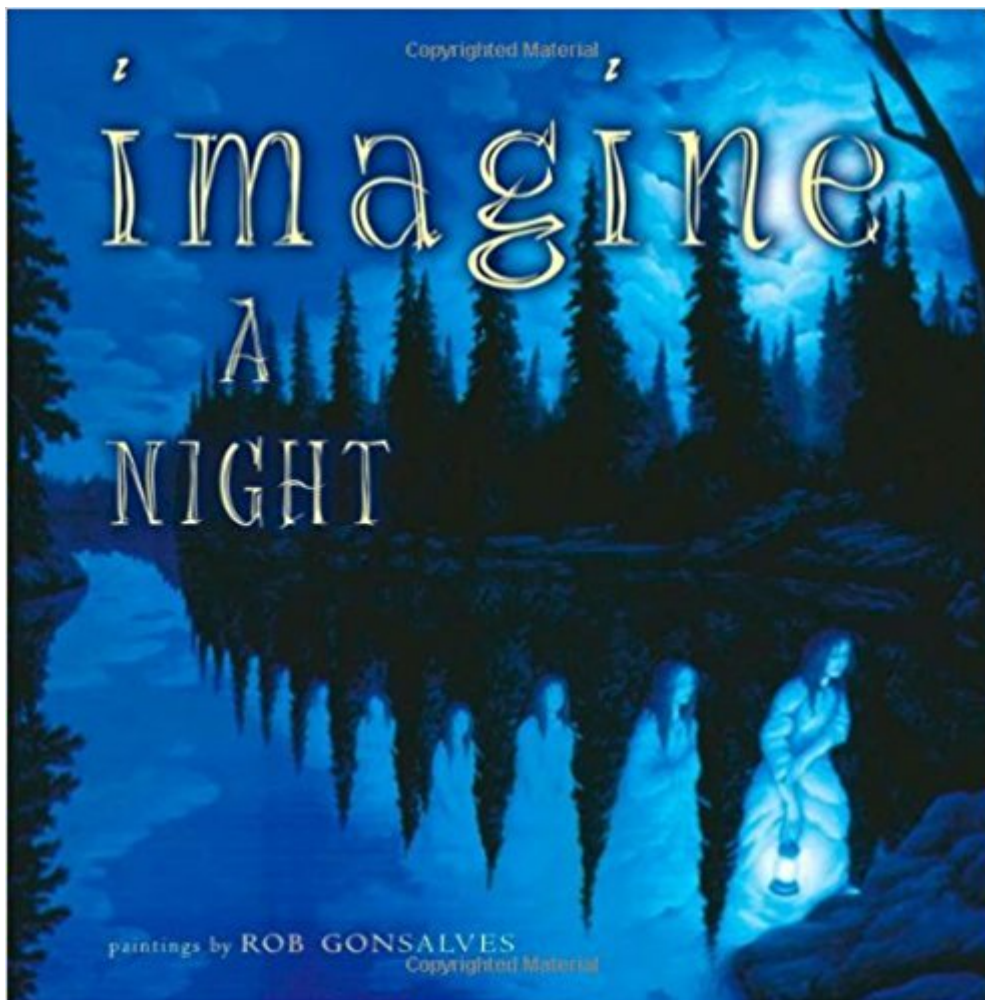


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# Imagine A Night



## Synopsis

Imagine a night when you can ride your bike right up the stairs to your bed. Imagine a night when your toy train rumbles on its tracks out of your room and roars back in, full sized, ready for you to hop on for a nighttime adventure. Imagine a night when a farmer plays a lullaby on his fiddle, and his field of sunflowers begins to dip and sway to the rhythm. Imagine a night when ordinary objects magically become extraordinary...a night when it is possible to believe the impossible. With the intrigue of an Escher drawing and the richness of a Chris Van Allsburg painting, renowned Canadian artist Rob Gonsalves depicts that delicious time between sleep and wakefulness, creating a breathtaking, visual exploration of imagination and possibility that will encourage both children and adults to think past the boundaries of everyday life, and see the possibilities beyond.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 4 Up-Magical realism permeates Gonsalves's large acrylic paintings, and they are essential to the lyrical text. For "imagine a night when-you can hear a farmer play his fields to sleep," the artist depicts a man playing a fiddle on a porch in front of a field of sunflowers-but no, the flowers have human faces, leafy bodies, and green-gloved hands, and they are bowing their heads in sleep. A painting of children riding their bikes up a flight of stairs accompanies "imagine a night when you

might find that gravity doesn't work quite as you expected." A girl walking in a church cloister suddenly looks over her shoulder and discovers that she's not alone, as the pointed church windows become hooded monks forming a procession. In the back of the book, each painting is repeated in miniature with its actual name. This is a fascinating foray into the imagination and a fine discussion starter for older children. For another look at things that are not what they seem, pair it with Guy Billout's *Something's Not Quite Right* (Godine, 2002). Marianne Saccardi, Norwalk Community College, CT Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Rob Gonsalves grew up drawing images from his imagination. Before becoming a full-time artist, Mr. Gonsalves worked as an architect. He began exhibiting paintings in Toronto in 1990, and his work is now shown throughout North America and beyond. His picture books are *Imagine a Place*, *Imagine a Night*, and *Imagine a Day*, which was the recipient of the Governor General's Literary award. He currently lives in Ontario, Canada. Sarah L. Thomson's other books include *The Dragon's Son*, which was named one of the best science fiction, fantasy, and horror books of 2001 by Voice of Youth Advocates; *Stars and Stripes*; and *Imagine a Night*. She lives in Maine.

The art in this book by Rob Gonsalves is wonderful!! It is filled with imagination and an awesome use of unusual, yet clever, perspective. Figures emerge from nature, buildings emerge from canyons, priests emerge from cathedral windows...the list goes on and on. The limited text in the book is more of a reflection of the paintings rather than the other way around. I didn't need the text for the book to inspire me. If I were rating the text alone, it would be so, so. The paintings are what make this book spectacular! The book should be considered for most all age groups. Even though it appears to be geared more toward a child audience (because of its size and the typestyle/font), I wouldn't buy this book for a small child. However, I think it could be appreciated by those 10 and older.

I love his magic realism- sort of a combination of M. C. Escher and William Joyce. The books are put together well, and the caption on the opposite page is quiet and appropriate.

Great books. short, but the pictures are optical illusions and even as an adult you can stare at them forever. This has been one of my sons fav books from the age of 5 till current (9years) - he also has *imagine a day*, equally as good!

A beautiful and provocative book. Wonderful as inspiration for children to write their own "Imagine a Night" poems.

A beautiful book, so fun to look at and dream.

Always love Rob's artwork and visionary imagination!

This book is excellent for children's imaginations. Do not buy this book for a story but for the excellent illustrations.

The wife is putting these pictures to music for her elementary school classes to perform to. A little, dance, singing and accompaniment with flutes and it will be a winner.

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