

Book Details

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Grade level: Preschool to 3+

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Themes

- Creativity
- Curiosity
- Determination
- Problem solving
- Geometric shapes
- STEAM

Erno Rubik and His Magic Cube

This first picture book biography of Erno Rubik, creator of the Rubik's Cube, reveals the obsession, imagination, and engineering process behind the creation of this bestselling puzzle that is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2024.


A solitary child, Erno Rubik grew up in post-World War II Hungary, curious about puzzles, art, nature, and their underlying patterns and structures. He became a professor of architecture who was still fascinated with how objects work.


In a quest to help his students understand three-dimensional objects and how they move, he fashioned a cube made up of smaller cubes that twisted and turned without breaking, unexpectedly inventing the most popular puzzle in history!


About the Author

Kerry Aradhya loves puzzling over words and immersing herself in the creative process. She is the author of *Erno Rubik and His Magic Cube* and more than a dozen poems in award-winning children's magazines such as *Babybug*, *Ladybug*, and *Highlights High Five*. When not writing for children, Kerry works as a science editor, performs with a quirky modern dance ensemble, and supports young writers in her role as a collaborating artist with the nonprofit Society of Young Inklings. She lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with her family and their cute but naughty pooch named Sofie.



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Reviews

"Even readers who find the invention more maddening than "magic" should be captivated by this tale of imagination, tenacity, and a global phenomenon that's still going strong."

—**Publishers Weekly**

"A whimsical tribute to the maker of the famous, frustrating, and absorbing puzzle."

—**Kirkus Reviews**

This biography highlights Ernő's curiosity and determination, offering children a growth-mindset story they can apply to their own lives. At the same time, the book explores geometry, engineering, and design, providing an accessible and compelling introduction to these complex topics."

—**Leslie Barnard Booth**, award-winning author of *A Stone Is a Story*

"If you are looking for a nonfiction picture book bio that will capture a child's attention and hold it... this one is it! After 50 years, the Rubik's Cube still fascinates...and kids will be eager to learn about the young man who invented it."

—**Vivian Kirkfield**, author and founder of the #50PreciousWords International Writing Contest

Blog Coverage

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Cover Reveal

January 9, 2024

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February 18, 2024

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Bay Area Book Festival

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Berkeley Public Library, Berkeley, CA

Saturday, May 4, 2024

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Orly Museum of Hungarian Culture

Berkeley, CA

Saturday, June 8, 2024

Children's Fairyland Book Festival

Children's Fairyland, Oakland, CA

Saturday, September 21, 2024