

Book Details

Author: Kerry Aradhya

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Format: Hardcover picture book

Grade level: Preschool to 3+

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HORN BOOK STARRED REVIEW

Themes

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



Ernő Rubik and His Magic Cube

This first picture book biography of Ernő 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, Ernő 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 *Ernő 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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PRAISE

★ “Kramer’s intriguing mixed media and digital-collage illustrations bring playfulness and energy to the fore.”

—*The Horn Book, Starred Review*

“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*

Selected Blogs/Media

100 Scope Notes

10 to Note: Spring Preview
February 15, 2024

True Story Blog

Interview
May 28, 2024

Tuesday Debut Blog

Interview
June 11, 2024

Times of India

Mention/quote
June 22, 2024

Six Questions with Kidlit Creators

Interview
July 30, 2024

Selected Festivals/Events

Bay Area Book Festival

Scientific Storytelling Panel
Berkeley Public Library, Berkeley, CA
Saturday, May 4, 2024

Kids Fun Fest/Évzáró Mulatság

Orly Museum of Hungarian Culture
Berkeley, CA
Saturday, June 8, 2024

Puzzle Play on Rubik Day

Mitchell Park Library, Palo Alto, CA
Saturday, July 13, 2024

Children’s Fairyland Book Festival

Children’s Fairyland, Oakland, CA
Saturday, September 21, 2024