



A World Transformed: The Art of Jessica Park
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This forty-eight page art biography tells the story of Jessica Park, an artist with an unusual ability. Jessica's Park's lifelong struggle with autism has been transformed through her remarkable art. When she is making one of her signature rainbow-colored paintings, Jessica's autism becomes part of her engine of creativity, her "disability" becomes an *ability*. Colors and shapes organize her world and inspire her paintings. Personal "enthusiasms" motivate her sensibility. Her sense of composition, drawing skill, and attention to detail help to realize her intentions. Art and autism work together to form a unique vision, which this compelling narrative presents through many images of Jessica's work, along with family photographs and insightful illustrations by Danielle Christensen (MCLA 2011). Dale Borman Fink, Ph.D., MCLA Professor of Education, is the book's editor. Dr. Pamala Rogers, Director of the Shield Institute Pure Vision Arts Studio, has contributed a compelling Foreword. The book is intended for young readers, but can be enjoyed by everyone. For many, Jessica Park is hope, an artist who has changed her life.

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