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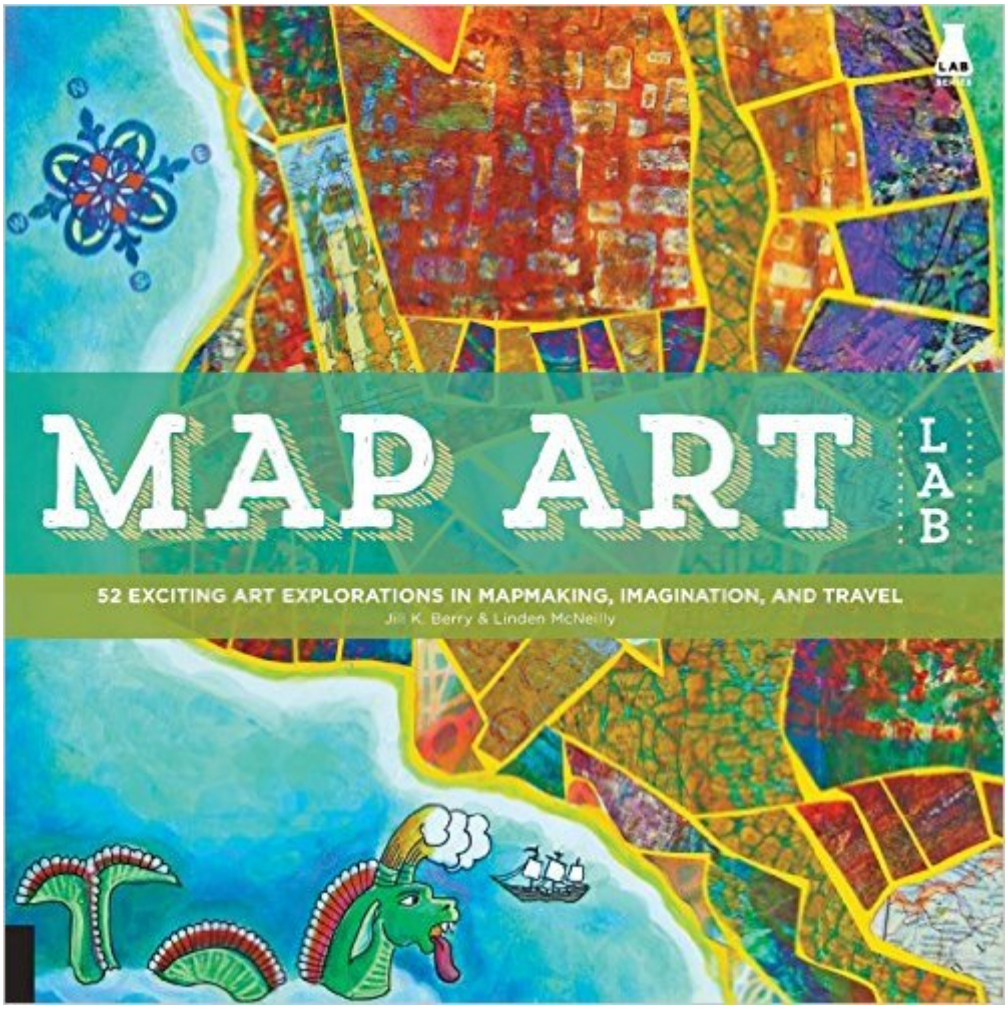

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Synopsis

Travel through the exciting world of cartography with Map Art Lab. This fun and creative book features 52 map-related activities set into weekly exercises, beginning with legends and lines, moving through types and styles, and then creating personalized maps that allow you to journey to new worlds. Authors Jill K. Berry and Linden McNeilly guide readers through useful concepts while exploring colorful, eye-catching graphics. The labs can be used as singular projects or to build up to a year of hands-on creative experiences. Map Art Lab is the perfect book for map lovers, creative/DIY-inspired, designers. Artists of all ages and experience levels can use this book to explore enjoyable and engaging exercises. Everyone loves maps. And what's not to love? They are beautiful and fascinating, they teach you things, they show you where you are, places you long to go, and places you dare to imagine.

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Map Art Lab is a fun art activity book for those interested in art and cartography.The 52 projects included involve mixed media, and uses all the different elements of the map to create art. You'll get to draw sea monsters like olden day maps, create all sorts of interesting looking roads, make a pop-up map, a tea-stained treasure map, satellite map of your house and many more.In many cases, you're not making an actually usable map, but a piece of art that's inspired by maps.Some of

the projects would require you to collect glass tiles or stones to make a mosaic map, or have a camera or sketchbook in hand and look out for map-like creations from nature, many projects involve drawings, some collages, and other interesting ways to create art.There's a good variety of art inspired projects.It's a very hands-on book, recommended to art and craft lovers.(See more pictures of the book on my blog. Just visit my profile for the link.)

This is a beautiful book that we chose to review on Readerkidz, our blog for teachers, librarians and parents of kids K-5. The book's audience is much broader, though. Map Art is filled with wonderful art projects for ALL ages that involve maps, armchair exploration and the imagination. Each project has simple but detailed instructions, and they range from quick and easy to elaborate. Favorites include telling a story by map; using Google Earth to portrait where you live; quilted maps; making your own board game; word, treasure, and pop-up maps. It's ideal for art and social studies teachers, groups of any kind, and any one who loves creative, well-designed, hands-on projects.

This book is just what I thought it would be! Lots of great ideas, directions, examples and suggestions! If you like to make your own maps, especially as a form of journaling, you really, really might want this book!

Artist Jill K. Berry has done it again! Her brand new book Map Art Lab is pure delight!And this time she's teamed up with her sister to write the book - Linda McNeilly is not only Jill's sister,but also has 25 years experience teaching in public schools and has an MFA in writing!Map Art Lab is divided into seven wonderful units:Ã Â Map BasicsÃ Â Map MagicÃ Â Flat MapsÃ Â Mixed-Media MapsÃ Â Personal MapsÃ Â Cartographic Projects andÃ Â Inspired by ArtistsThese units contains 52 two-dimensional and three-dimensional activities.Pick your favorites and dive right in or do one activity a week for a year-long of map fun!My favorite unit is Map Magic in which Jill shares techniques for creating map elements from ordinary, everyday materials. Can't wait to string up longs and lats!There are oodles of great images of map art by both students and contemporary, professional artists - along with ways to make map art inspired by famous artists of the past like Alexander Calder and Joan Miro.Jill's brilliant map art is featured throughout the book, too. I especially love the maps Jill draws on her grandmother's favorite pair of gloves of her grandmother's two favorite trips. It is exquisite!Plus there are lots of fun and inspiring quotes about maps along with map history tidbits sprinkled throughout this book!

Love how colorful it is and all the different images people create making maps. Although I'm not an artist or teacher it sure makes me want to create my own personal map of favorite places I visit or have visited in the past. This book takes my mind to places I haven't thought about before. Thank you.

Love when a book lives up to it's hype, and then some! 6 stars! Great projects and examples, lots of content.

The authors have created a wonderful book, but they have been let down by the publisher. This is yet another book with text that is too pale to read. I will keep it because the content is wonderful and the text in things like supply lists is fine. The other text is really sub-par. Is that an attempt to save money on printing?.

This book just wasn't what I was looking for. It has strengths, but it just didn't work well for me personally.Despite the subtitle, this is not a book about "mapmaking." In the place of making maps, the authors present a series of suggestions that either have the appearance of maps or are actually hand-drawn infographics. To be sure, these projects are very artistic and authentic. The instructions are less ordered lists with illustrations than they are recommendations. For example, project 18, "Story Maps" has seven steps that include, "outline your sketch in pen," "paint in your drawing," and "label the known areas." It is accompanied by four illustrations from four separate stories.The part of the subtitle that I think I was missing was "art explorations." I love maps and I love making art, but this book just didn't fit the bill for helping me make realistic maps. It does, however, have plenty of very poetic and artistic ideas for somebody looking for a nice project on a rainy, something to do with a group, or someone looking for a bit of artistic meditation.

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