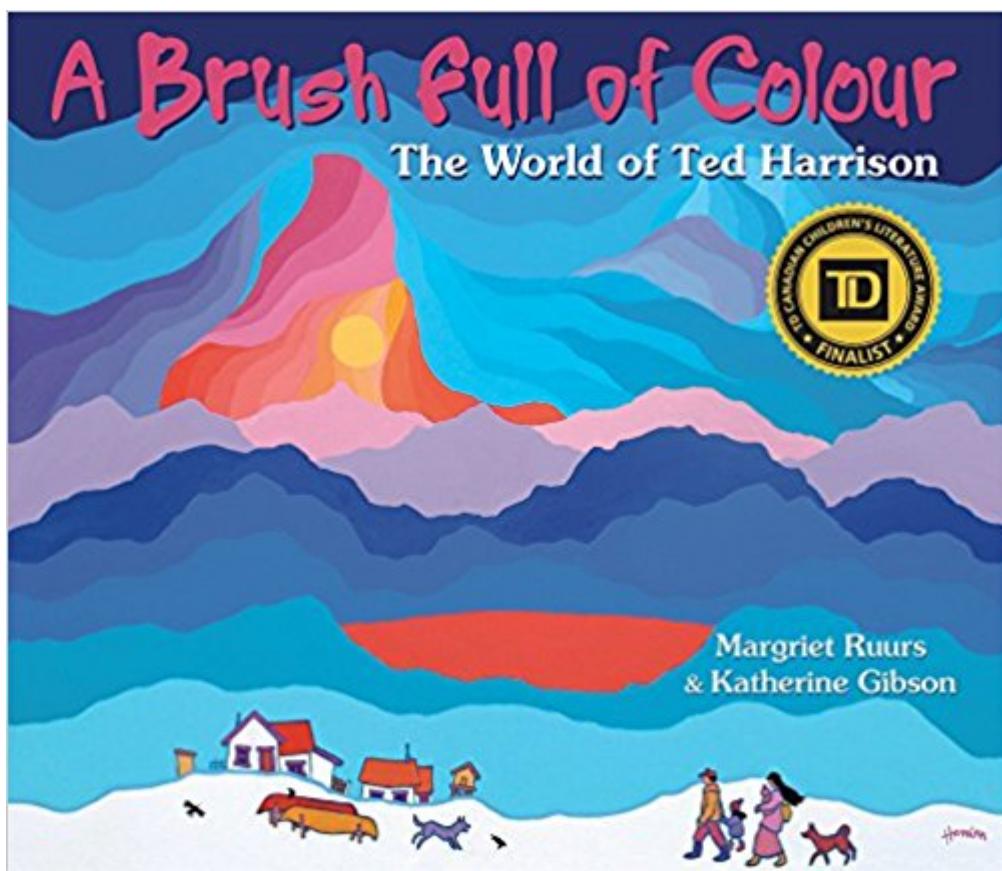


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# A Brush Full Of Colour: The World Of Ted Harrison



## **Synopsis**

Ted Harrisonâ™s brightly coloured and wildly imaginative paintings set in the Yukon have become synonymous with the North. His instantly-recognizable images of the land of the midnight sun hang in galleries and private collections around the world. But how did a boy who grew up in a drab mining town in northeast England become one of Canadaâ™s most beloved and decorated artists? A Brush Full of Colour is the story of a boy whose passion for learning would save him from a life in the coalmines. The books by the American writer Jack London and Canadian poet Robert Service fired his imagination with scenes of the wilderness and the Klondike Gold Rush. He wanted to become an artist and he went on to art school. A stint in the British Intelligence Service gave him the chance to travel. But Ted never stopped dreaming of the North, and when he saw an advertisement for teachers in Northern Alberta, he jumped at the chance. Margriet Ruurs and Katherine Gibson trace the life of Ted Harrison and the influences that would lead to his unique style as an artist. Filled with full-colour examples of his vivid art and with a foreword written by Ted Harrison, A Brush Full of Colour will provide inspiration for a new generation of budding artists.

## **Book Information**

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Gr 3â™6â™ An outstanding, well-organized biography about the life of Ted Harrison, one of Canada's most recognized and popular painters. The book chronicles the man's life, from his birth in the coal mining town of Wingate, County Durham, England, where his father gave him pencil and paper and

told him to draw; to art school and military service post-World War II, which gave him the opportunity to see the world; to teaching art in Malaysia; and finally immigrating to Canada and combining all the designs and techniques he had seen around the world and finding his own style. Harrison vowed that his paintings would only depict positive images. He developed a colorful, vibrant technique that reflected the joys of life. While many love his work, others are more critical. However, Harrison remains upbeat: "We must be who we are in everything we do, no matter what others say." This book is filled with quotes from Harrison and examples of his work, all demonstrating his love for vivid colors and flowing lines. **VERDICT** A joy to look at and an inspiration to read.â "Paula Huddy, The Blake School-Highcroft Campus, Wayzata, MN

a must have...The text is easy to read, comprehensive, and interesting...[A] beautifully presented book...Highly recommended... (Resource Links)A child-friendly introduction to an iconic, wonderfully accessible and quintessentially Canadian artist. (Kirkus Reviews)This outstanding biography does more than just inform the reader of Ted Harrison's life in a well organized way. A Brush Full of Colour is indicative of the spirit and passion of its subject...Highly Recommended. (CM Magazine)This inspirational and informative biography includes many stunning examples of Harrisonâ™s luminous artwork as well as resources, sources and a foreword written by the artist himself... (Canadian Children's Book News)Seldom does an artistâ™s biography for children offer so many beautiful reproductions of the subjectâ™s work. Pair this inviting book with Ashley Bryan: Words to My Lifeâ™s Song (2009), another wonderfully visual celebration of an artist following his own path. (Booklist)An outstanding, well-organized biography...A joy to look at and an inspiration to read. (School Library Journal)this book is virtually larger than life...A Brush Full of Colour is an exemplary youngCanLit biography (CanLit for LittleCanadians)

Used this in my classroom to teach about Ted Harrison. Kids loved the bright colors.

What's not to love about this book. It's a very interesting read about the artist's life and work. The illustrations included of his work are fantastic. Mr. Harrison was from England but loved northern Canada so moved there. His artwork depicts northern life, climate, landscape. Exquisite.

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