

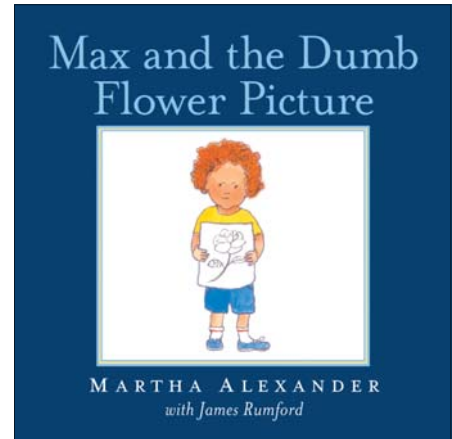


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# Max and the Dumb Flower Picture

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## It's time to color outside the lines.

Sunday is Mother's Day, and Max doesn't have a gift. Miss Tilly has given each student a copy of a flower picture to color—a “dumb flower picture,” according to Max. He knows that his mother wouldn't want a picture drawn by someone else. What's a frustrated artist to do? When he runs away to create his own picture, the class goes looking for him. They find him and his masterpiece hiding behind a bush. Max's drawing not only inspires the rest of the class to create their own original artwork, but also enlightens the teacher.

In her last book, the late Martha Alexander celebrates individuality and creative expression. Completed from her sketches by acclaimed children's book creator James Rumford, the art is classic Martha Alexander—intimate, insightful, and honest.

The endpapers feature flower drawings contributed by Martha Alexander's family, friends, and colleagues.

*Martha Alexander wrote and/or illustrated nearly seventy books for young readers, including A You're Adorable (Candlewick) and I'll Protect You from the Jungle Beasts, reissued by Charlesbridge.*

*James Rumford has written and illustrated several books for children, including Beowulf: A Hero's Tale Retold (Houghton Mifflin) and Sequoyah: The Cherokee Man Who Gave His People Writing (Houghton Mifflin), a Sibert Honor book. He lives in Honolulu, Hawaii.*

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