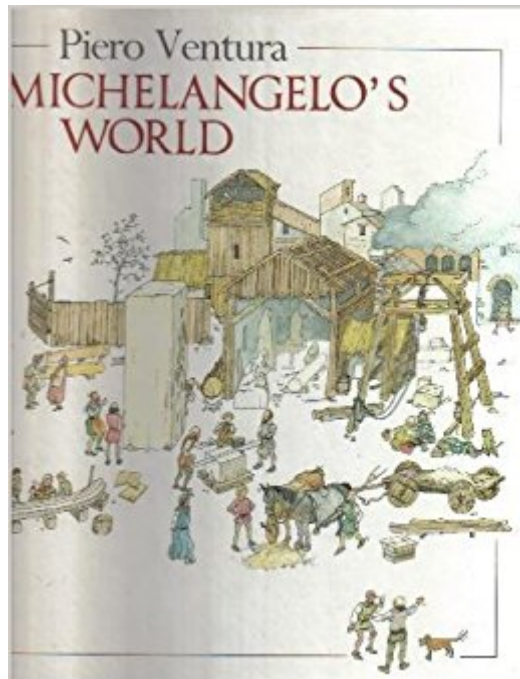




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# Michelangelo's World



## Synopsis

Recounts the life of the famous sculptor, painter, poet, and architect who flourished during the Italian Renaissance.

## Book Information

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Grade 6-9-- Ventura's minutely detailed scenes of Renaissance life decorate a translated text that is heavy with Italian place names and references to famous people in Renaissance history. The concept is good. Michelangelo, as an old and enfeebled sculptor, remembers the past and recounts the circumstances in which he created his most famous works: the Pieta, the statue of David, the tombs of Julius II and the Medici princes, the painting of the Sistine chapel, and the plans for St. Peter's cathedral dome. Unfortunately, neither text nor illustrations offer much insight into the personality and character of the artist. Further, there is a feeling of discrepancy between the even-toned, fact-based narrative and the lighthearted, miniaturized drawings filled with comic detail. In many instances it is difficult to see what part of the text is being illustrated, and even more difficult to identify the figure of Michelangelo in the crowded group scenes. Despite its disappointing features, Ventura's pictures do make this an attractive volume, and it should be a good purchase for the art shelf. A chronology of Michelangelo's life and a photographic display of his principal works in the last pages add to the usefulness of this informational picture book for older children. --Shirley Wilton, Ocean County College, Toms River, N.J. PAPERBACK ROMANCEROUNDUP Reviewed byDoris Fong Benson High SchoolPortland, Oreg. NACHOSCopyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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Piero Ventura is a gifted Italian children's writer/illustrator who published a number of books in English in the 1980's. Unfortunately, most of his books have gone out of print and have to be purchased used. Fortunately, most of his books can be purchased at a very reasonable price. He is one of my favorite illustrators and I have purchased all of his books to read to my young children. "Michelangelo's World" is an autobiography of sorts in which the elder Michelangelo recounts the major incidents of his artistic life. As to be expected, Piero Ventura teases out a wonderful story that follows Michelangelo's life from boyhood to old age. All of his major works of art are explained and put into their proper context. For extra measure, Ventura's detailed pen and ink drawings are beautifully rendered and are appealing to both children and adults alike. This is a great book and I highly recommend it.

Very Happy!

Purchased this book for my eight year old daughter and ended up reading it myself! This book is a true keeper with great illustrations and it will teach both young and old about Michelangelo.

Michelangelo's world by Ventura, Piero 1472, born. Years later he becomes a worker. Explains how the marble is in his blood and many other facts about his younger life. He loved working in marble. I received this book from National Library Service for my BARD (Braille Audio Reading Device).

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