

## **The One and Only Ivan** by Katherine Applegate

It won the 2013 Newbery medal and has been immensely popular.

**Summary:** Ivan is an easygoing gorilla. Living at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade, he has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass walls of his domain. He rarely misses his life in the jungle. In fact, he hardly ever thinks about it at all.

Instead, Ivan thinks about TV shows he's seen and about his friends Stella, an elderly elephant, and Bob, a stray dog. But mostly Ivan thinks about art and how to capture the taste of a mango or the sound of leaves with color and a well-placed line.

Then he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from her family, and she makes Ivan see their home—and his own art—through new eyes. When Ruby arrives, change comes with her, and it's up to Ivan to make it a change for the better.

Katherine Applegate blends humor and poignancy to create Ivan's unforgettable first-person narration in a story of friendship, art, and hope. (Taken from <http://www.harpercollinschildrens.com/books/One-Only-Ivan/>)

### **Book Info:**

<http://theoneandonlyivan.com>

**School Library Journal interview:** <http://www.slj.com/2013/03/authors-illustrators/interviews/the-one-and-only-how-katherine-applegate-created-a-classic-and-nabbed-the-newbery/#>

**Harper Collins Discussion Guide:** <http://645e533e2058e72657e9-f9758a43fb7c33cc8adda0fd36101899.r45.cf2.rackcdn.com/reading-guides/RG-9780061992278.pdf> accessed from <http://www.harpercollins.com/9780061992278/the-one-and-only-ivan>

### **2014-15 news articles**

Judy pointed out a Star Tribune article about the Como Gorillas' unexpected but safe escape from their enclosure.

<http://www.startribune.com/entertainment/family/266606121.html>

Kathleen also shared the following: <http://www.mprnews.org/story/2014/07/10/gorilla-escapes-enclosed-space-at-como-zoo-now-secure>

Judge Recognizes Two Chimpanzees As Legal Persons: A First

<https://www.thedodo.com/chimpanzees-legal-persons-1102211341.html>

## Thematic List of Potential Objects for *The One and Only Ivan*

Many objects work under more than one theme. For brevity's sake, we've listed each object only once.

Write ups of individual objects are available in a different document on the MGP website.

### ART AS AGENT OF CHANGE/EDUCATIONAL

Space Available, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c7VxnMqmgUc>  
<https://collections.artsmia.org/index.php?page=detail&id=115813>

### THE SPACE BETWEEN HUMANS AND ANIMALS (Totems, symbols, qualities, companions,)

Colima Dog, <https://collections.artsmia.org/index.php?page=detail&id=5992>  
Ganesh, <https://collections.artsmia.org/index.php?page=detail&id=81675>  
Elephant Tusk, <https://collections.artsmia.org/index.php?page=detail&id=1312>  
Ming Ch'i Figures  
Caron Teacups  
Japanese Boys' Kimonos  
Stampede, <https://collections.artsmia.org/index.php?page=detail&id=4196>  
Cream of Wheat ads  
Senufo Firespitter mask, <https://collections.artsmia.org/index.php?page=detail&id=99730>

### GUARDIAN

Nio Figures  
Guardian Mahabala, <https://collections.artsmia.org/index.php?page=detail&id=91030>  
Tiger Emerging from Bamboo,  
<https://collections.artsmia.org/index.php?page=detail&id=45653>  
Guardian Lions, <https://collections.artsmia.org/index.php?page=search#query=guardian+lions>  
Lokapala, <https://collections.artsmia.org/index.php?page=detail&id=84073>

### HOME/HABITAT/DOMAIN/ENVIRONMENT

MacFarlane Memorial Room, <http://new.artsmia.org/teaching-the-arts/american-period-rooms/the-macfarlane-memorial-room/>  
Frank Lloyd Wright i.e. dining set, <http://www.artsconnected.org/resource/5299/table-from-a-dining-set>  
Scholar's Garden  
Nayarit House  
Collage IX (try to avoid, as likely to be used in August tours)

### FRIENDSHIP/UNDERSTANDING/PROMISES

Friendship Blanket, <https://collections.artsmia.org/index.php?page=detail&id=112568>  
Impressionists, <http://new.artsmia.org/teaching-the-arts/the-lasting-impression-of-french-impressionism/>  
Cubists

### MAKING ART WITH WHAT YOU HAVE:

Delaney's Untitled, <https://collections.artsmia.org/index.php?page=detail&id=67499>

Portrait of Mlle Hortense V, <https://collections.artsmia.org/index.php?page=detail&id=774>

PLUS...

CHARACTERS/ITEM FROM STORY

Your Dog (Bob or others), <https://collections.artsmia.org/index.php?page=detail&id=102644>

Picasso's Baboon (multiple)

Poet with Birds\* (Ivan), <http://www.artsconnected.org/resource/6468/the-poet-with-the-birds>

Surrealists (Julia), <http://new.artsmia.org/teaching-the-arts/surrealism/>

Picasso's work (Ivan)

Hartigan's Billboard

Cy Twombly, Untitled

## Examples of tour routes used in 2014

I will make a final selection of objects based on what the kids answer to my first question - "What words would you use to describe Ivan?"

Starting on 2 East:

- Joga - Protector with a dog peeking from under his hat in G 220
- Elephant attacking a Feline
- Karkuteilla fabric and second fabric by the same artist of a Jungle with a Polar Bear
- Colima Dog in G 260
- Friendship Blanket in G 261
- Hunter's Shirt (dyed with MUD) in Target Atrium

Then on the Third floor:

- Baboon with Young in G 376 and maybe the Tanguy in the same gallery
- Delaney (painted on raincoat) in G 375
- Zhang Huan 1/2 (Text) photo of artist with body writing in G 374
- Mona Hatton - Cube in G 373 and potentially the Cy Twombly and Your Dog in the same gallery
- Photos in the Weinstein exhibit (Damm Family and Paris shot with Jumping Dog and FLW Gas station)
- FLW Table with Chairs (Room in a Room) in G 300
- After Rain on Minnehaha Creek (it looks like a wild place that Ivan would like) in G303

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- Memorial Tusk (250)
- Friendship Blanket (261)
- Finnish Elephant (257)
- Colima Dog (260)
- 9x9x9 (Your Dog, Cy Twombly, Savannah in same room) (373)
- Baboon and Young (376)

Linda Thain

MacFarlane Period Room

Baboon and Young

9x9x9

Homeless Damm Family photo

walk through African galleries

Friendship Blanket

Finnish elephant

Guardian Mahabala

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Guardian Mahabala

Walk through African Galleries (id them but not stop at a piece)

Friendship Blanket (adults liked this one especially)

Finnish Elephant

Homeless Damm Family  
9x9x9 (really good)  
Baboon and Young (loved it)  
Chagall's Poet w/ Birds

Mary Bachhuber

**Images:**

**Katherine Applegate** and her dog, who was her inspiration for Bob.  
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The real **Ivan**'s photo: <http://theoneandonlyivan.com/ivan/>  
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