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## Review of *Randolph Caldecott: the Man Who Could Not Stop Drawing* by Leonard S. Marcus

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*Randolph Caldecott: the Man Who Could Not Stop Drawing*

Marcus, Leonard S.

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Leonard S. Marcus takes painstaking effort to describe the life of Randolph Caldecott in this book that seems like a mix between a picture book and a chapter book, minus the chapters. The book follows Caldecott's life as he discovers his talent for drawing and pursues this talent through illustrating children's books. Marcus takes a biographical tone and includes influential figures in Caldecott's life. The book emphasizes the reward in following your dreams, a good theme for children exploring what interests them. The text is easy to follow but lengthy for children's picture book. There are no chapter divisions, making it difficult to read in one sitting. This book would be ideal for teachers who want to encourage students to grow up to follow their dreams. It offers a simple, easy-to-understand biography, and its size is great for classroom display.

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