



## **The Painter and the President: Gilbert Stuart's Brush with George Washington**

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An iconic portrait of George Washington comes to life in this painterly picture book. George Washington is a man of action who loathes making idle conversation and sitting for portraits. Gilbert Stuart is the premier portrait painter of the late 1700s and a lively conversationalist. The two men begin as oil and water, but the end result is the enduring—albeit unfinished—image of America's first president. The illustrations take painting as their inspiration, with visible brushstrokes and dramatic contrasts creating an immersive experience.

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