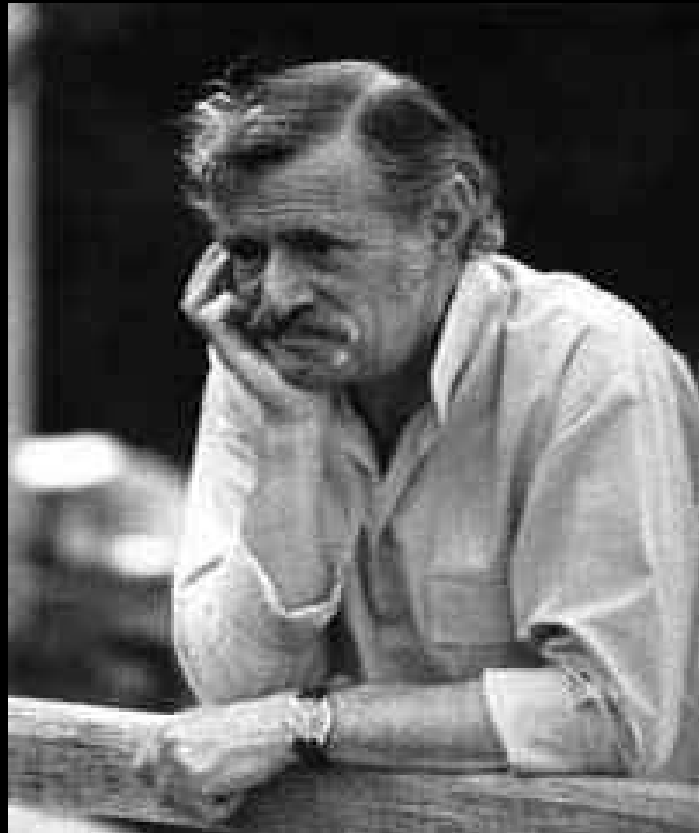


Ezra Jack Keats



Growing Up

- DOB March 11, 1916
- Jacob Ezra Katz
- First generation Polish descent
- Brooklyn, New York
- Always a talented artist
 - Won medal in Jr. High for drawing
- Father was skeptical, but proud
- Won 3 art scholarships
 - Could not attend
- Had to work to support family



Work History



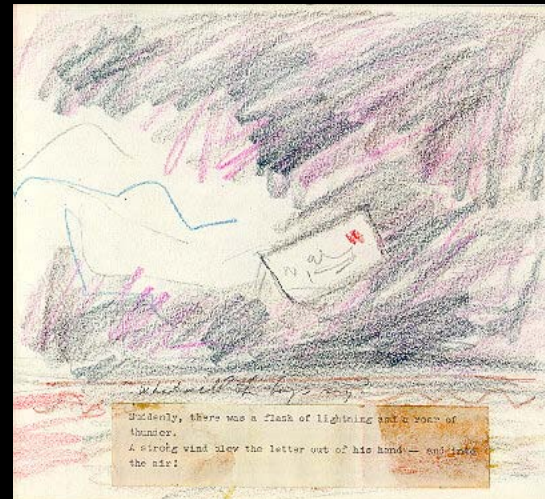
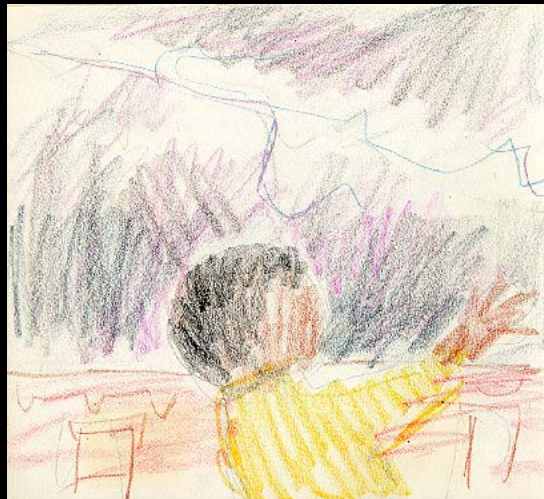
- Won national fine arts contest
- 1937 WPA painting murals
- 1940 comic book illustrator
- 1942 background Capt. Marvel
- 1943 enters army
 - Designs camouflage patterns
- Painted for major magazines
- Easel paintings sold in galleries
- After WW II changed name
 - Ezra Jack Keats
 - Due to anti-Semitism

Creative Process

- Sketchbook
- Visualizes characters
 - Lines walls of studio with pictures
- Storyboard
 - All pages on one sheet



Publication Process



- Dummy
 - Mock up of book
- Manuscript of text
- Revises and refines
- Finalizes and publishes

Unique Illustrations



- Painting
 - Gouache
 - Watercolors
 - Over pen or pencil
 - Acrylic
- Drawing
 - Pencil and charcoal

Best Known for Collage

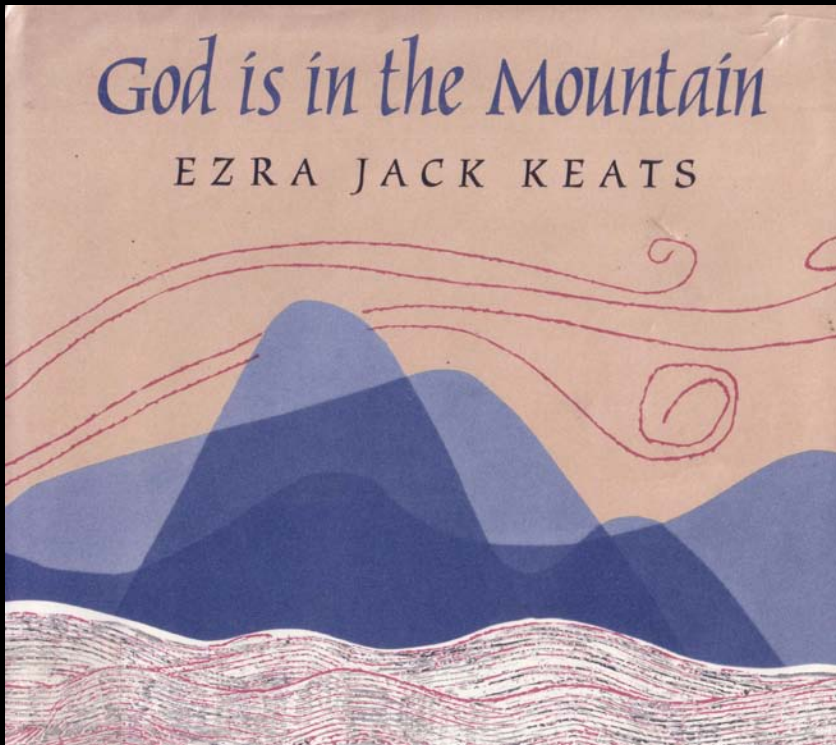
- Collage
 - Cut paper
 - Torn paper
 - Watercolors
 - Marbled paper







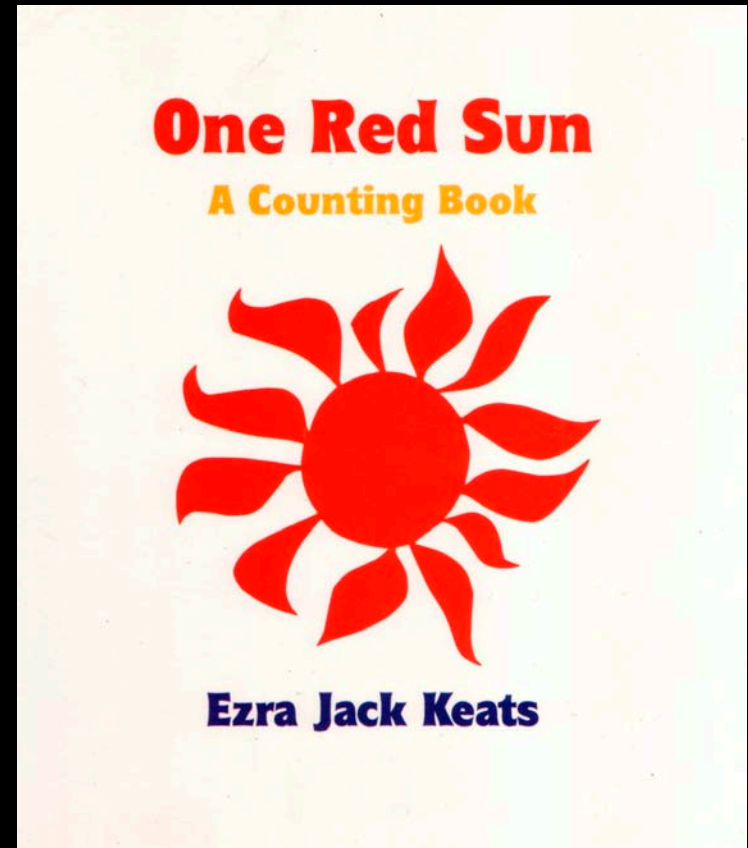
Books for Adults



- Religious
 - Quotations with his artwork
- Poetry
 - Oriental poetry with his artwork
- Compilations
 - Quotations and photographs

Books for the Very Young

- Counting Books
 - *One Red Sun*
- Familiar songs
 - *Over in the Meadow*
- Wordless
 - *Clementina's Cactus*
- Limited Text
 - *Kitten for a Day*



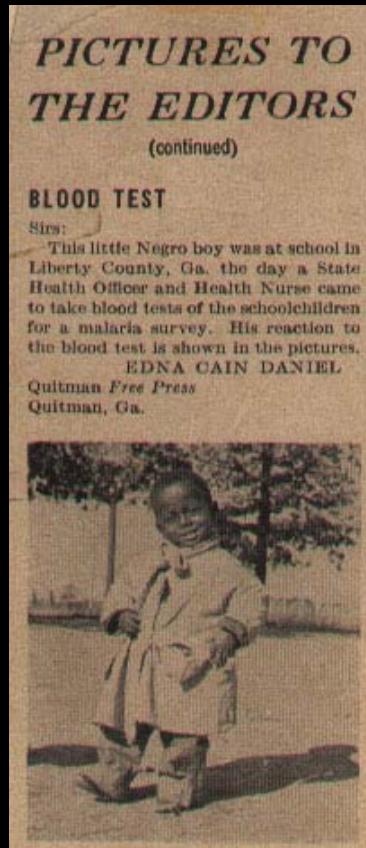
Multicultural Picture Books



- First for multicultural protagonist
 - Hispanic
 - *Dreams*
 - Middle Eastern
 - *The Little Drummer Boy*
 - Caucasian
 - *Jennie's Hat*
 - African-American
 - Peter Books

Peter

- Based on pictures in Life Magazine 1940



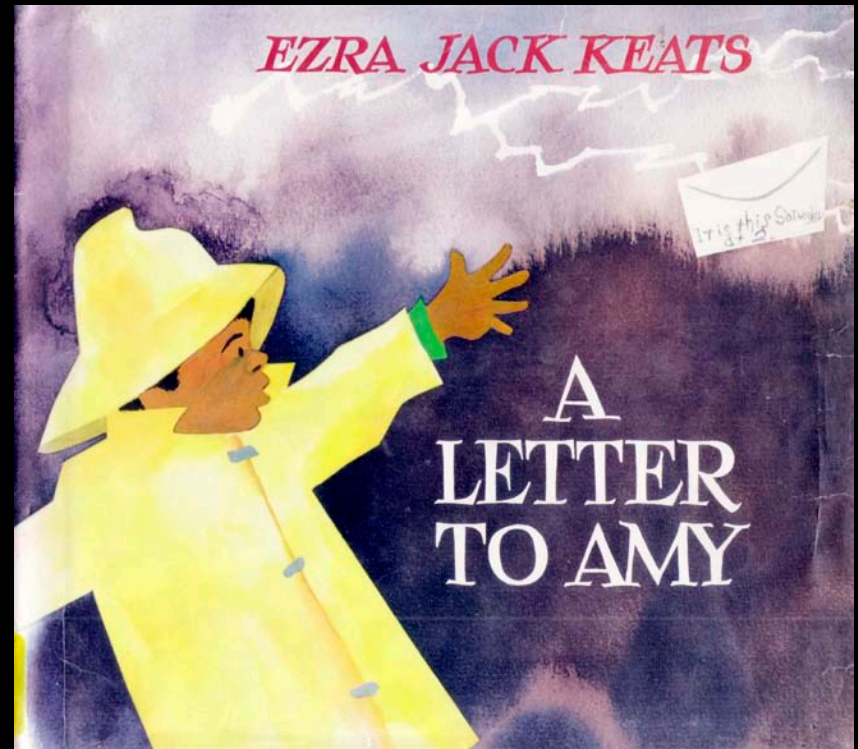
Peter Books



- Everyday activities
 - Exploring snow
 - Learning to whistle
 - Siblings
 - Pets

Peter Books

- Growing Up
 - New sibling
 - Boy/girl friendships
 - Competition



Major Awards



- Caldecott
 - 1963 The Snowy Day
 - 1970 Goggles
- Boston-Globe Horn Book
 - 1970 Hi, Cat!
- NY Public Library 150 most influential books of the 20th century
 - 1996 The Snowy Day
- Child Study Association of America's Children's Books
 - 14 times

A Master Storyteller and Artist

- Died 1983
- Written/Illustrated
 - Over 85 children's books
 - 24 children's classics

The Snowy Day

