



GURPLE AND PREEN: A Broken Crayon Cosmic Adventure

The Story Behind The Book ~ by Debbie Ridpath Ohi



While drawing found object art, Debbie accidentally broke a crayon. She made the crayon part of her art:



Debbie posted it in social media along with the message, "You never know what will come out of a broken crayon."

Debbie kept breaking crayons and posting more art.



Educators were inspired to do broken crayon art and writing activities with students. Debbie was thrilled!

One day, Linda Sue Park asked Debbie to sell her a Broken Crayon Robot print. ❤️



A longtime fan of Linda Sue's, Debbie sent a print, but didn't want payment, so

Linda Sue made a donation to ***We Need Diverse Books*** in Debbie's name instead.



In 2017, Linda Sue and Debbie were both on faculty at an SCBWI event. Debbie confessed she was having trouble coming up with a story for her broken crayon art.

Linda Sue wrote a story that Debbie LOVED. Together, they pitched it to Justin Chanda at Simon & Schuster, who also loved it (hurray!).

GURPLE AND PREEN is about:

- Creativity and teamwork.
- Repurposing and recycling.
- Being proactive.
- Imagination.



We hope you enjoy our book!

- Linda Sue & Debbie

For more Broken Crayon resources (gallery, classroom and more), visit:

DebbieOhi.com/broken-crayon

