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Enter into a fantastic jungle world painted by Henri Rousseau

The Henri Rousseau Tunnel Book, produced for the July 2006
Rousseau exhibit at The National Gallery in Washington, D.C.
is both inventive and interactive

CHICAGO: The jungle world created by Henri Rousseau is one rich with color and life. Leaves of every shape and size in beautiful shades of green, each carefully rendered and layered, create a curtain of foliage. Plump, ripe oranges appear ready for plucking from their branches. Amidst the greenery a tiger pounces on an unsuspecting buffalo.



The Henri Rousseau Tunnel Book (Tunnel Vision Books, May 2006, ages 8–12) by Joan Sommers is the latest in the “Take a Peek” series of tunnel books inspired by Victorian paper toys. Beautifully printed panels are cut out in exquisite detail and attached to accordion sides to allow the viewer to literally open up the painting. The sturdy board cover creates a stand so the reader can easily display the expanded book.

The Henri Rousseau Tunnel Book includes a full-color 16-page booklet on the life of Rousseau (1844–1910), a self-taught French artist who was famous for his depictions of the jungle, despite the fact that he had never seen one.

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Children will love to expand *The Henri Rousseau Tunnel Book*. By being able to visually “step inside” the painting, they will notice the details of composition, color, and narrative. Author Joan Sommers says about *The Henri Rousseau Tunnel Book*, “Children immediately connect to Rousseau’s jungle paintings with their repetition of simple shapes, variations of color, and often silly animals hiding in the foliage.”

The Henri Rousseau Tunnel Book is produced in conjunction with the exhibition “Henri Rousseau’s Jungle Paintings” coming to The National Gallery in Washington, D.C. (July 16–October 15, 2006).

Joan Sommers is a book designer and art teacher who lives in Chicago, IL.

Also part of the Tunnel Book series by Joan Sommers:

A Sunday on La Grande Jatte Tunnel Book

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