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Jan had never done anything more heroic than shout for the guard because he'd imagined he'd seen a sea serpent. But when Jan discovered water trickling through a desolate stretch of the dike that protected his low-lying village, he knew he had to act fast.

## **The Boy Who Held Back the Sea Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Boy Who Held Back the Sea for online ebook**

### **Lara Lazenby says**

Exquisite artwork!

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### **ABC says**

This is the famous Dutch story about the boy who plugged the hole in the dike with his finger. This version makes him a naughty boy, who nobody believes because he is always making up stories. He ends up having to spend all night protecting the dike.

The illustrations in this book remind me of Rembrandt paintings from a museum.

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### **Megan Breslow says**

This story is told as a story within a story but with almost no development. The second story could have stood alone and would have made for a much less confusing book. The second story is the tale of the little boy who puts his finger in the dam to keep the town from being flooded. Not for first or younger they can not follow the everywhere story.

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### **Dolly says**

Classic Dutch fairytale accompanied by paintings reminiscent of the Masters. The story is good, but the art is wonderful.

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### **Camille Tesch says**

Netherlands ages 6-8

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### **Cindi says**

The review on the back of this book says, "Visually stunning." I'll say. I want to own this book, just so I can look at the artwork. Good thing Paperbackswap has it!

The story itself was like The Boy Who Cried Wolf. I liked how it showed the change in the boy's character.

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**Lila says**

Strange there is no picture of this book. I give it four stars largely because of the beautiful illustrations.

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**Brittanie Rieu says**

I really fell in love with this book. The intensity behind it actually made the story. I love the character growth and how the pictures match the story to a t. Surely recommend this book.

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**Sarah says**

A recommended title from Summer Reading Club, this beautifully illustrated work tells the story of a young boy who single handedly (or fingeredly) blocked a leak in the dike.

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**Melanie Rightmyer says**

4 stars for the story, 5 stars for the pictures! The illustrations are paintings by Thomas Locker, favoring the style of the old Dutch Masters. I will probably purchase my own copy because it is too beautiful to not have on my bookshelf.

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**Karen says**

I loved this particular retelling of the boy who put his thumb in the dike and saved the village. The pictures by Thomas Locker are so life like and puts you into the place of the story. Highly recommend this version..krb 4/19/16

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**David says**

The paintings were awesome, but the story was terrible! We all know the story of the boy in Holland who held back the water in the dike. This story portrayed him as a naughty boy who got out of it by saving the day. I hated it!

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**Chelsea says**

A Dutch version of the Boy Who Cried Wolf, with beautiful Dutch style paintings.

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**Miriam says**

Brat Beats Bay

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**Andrea says**

A story of a bad boy who demonstrated heroic courage and saved his village. Lots of lessons to talk about with kids.

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