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Gr 4-7-This "journey through memories" uses a scrapbook format featuring the author's photographs, sketches, drawings, and comic-style panels. Say shares his love of comics and the important influence they have in his art. The book is a poignant tribute to his mentor, Japanese cartoonist Noro Shinpei. ©(c)

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From the Author

"I am striving to give shape to my dreams-the old business of making myths-the fundamental force of art." - Allen Say (Caldecott Medal acceptance speech for *Grandfather's Journey*)

About the Author

Allen Say is one of the most beloved artists working today. He is the recipient of the Caldecott Medal for GRANDFATHER'S JOURNEY, and also won a Caldecott Honor and the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award for THE BOY OF THE THREE-YEAR NAP (written by Dianne Snyder). Many of Allen's stories are derived from his own experiences as a child. His other books include THE BICYCLE MAN, TEA WITH MILK, and TREE OF CRANES, hailed by the HORN BOOK in a starred review as "the achievement of a master in his prime." Allen's recent book, DRAWING FROM MEMORY, received four starred reviews. He lives in Portland, Oregon.

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