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# Do you have a favorite cup?

One you like so much that you would like to paint it?

You might think that a cup is a very ordinary thing.

Great artists painted ordinary things too. In the book you have just opened, you will see several cups—and in each case you will be surprised. Showing ordinary things in new and unexpected ways is one of art’s main purposes.

Why not put your favorite cup on the table in front of you, turn the page, and see that cup through great artists’ eyes?



# Vincent van Gogh

Impressionism

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sunflowers | dense, vibrant brushstrokes | starry sky | blue and yellow



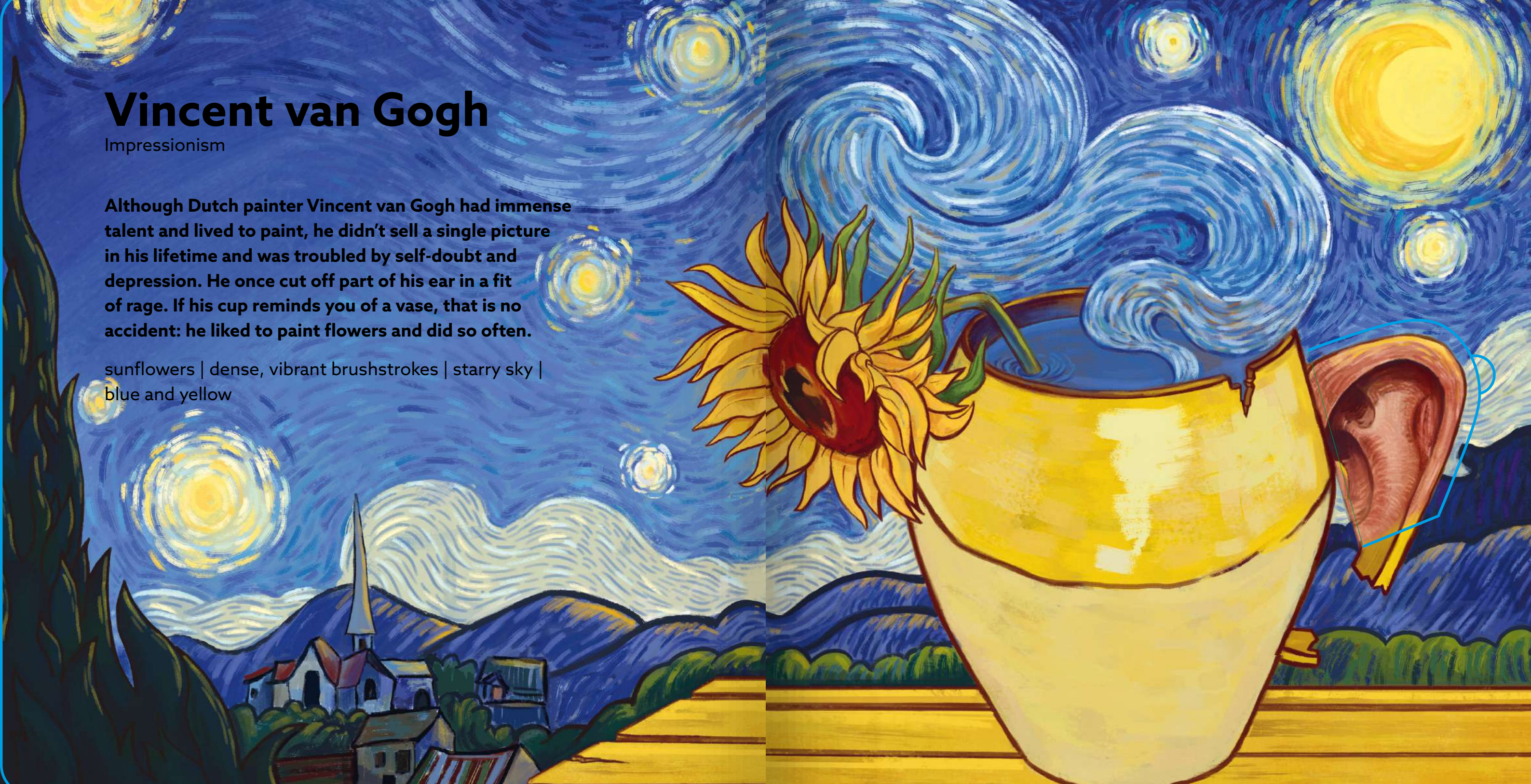


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flip-flops



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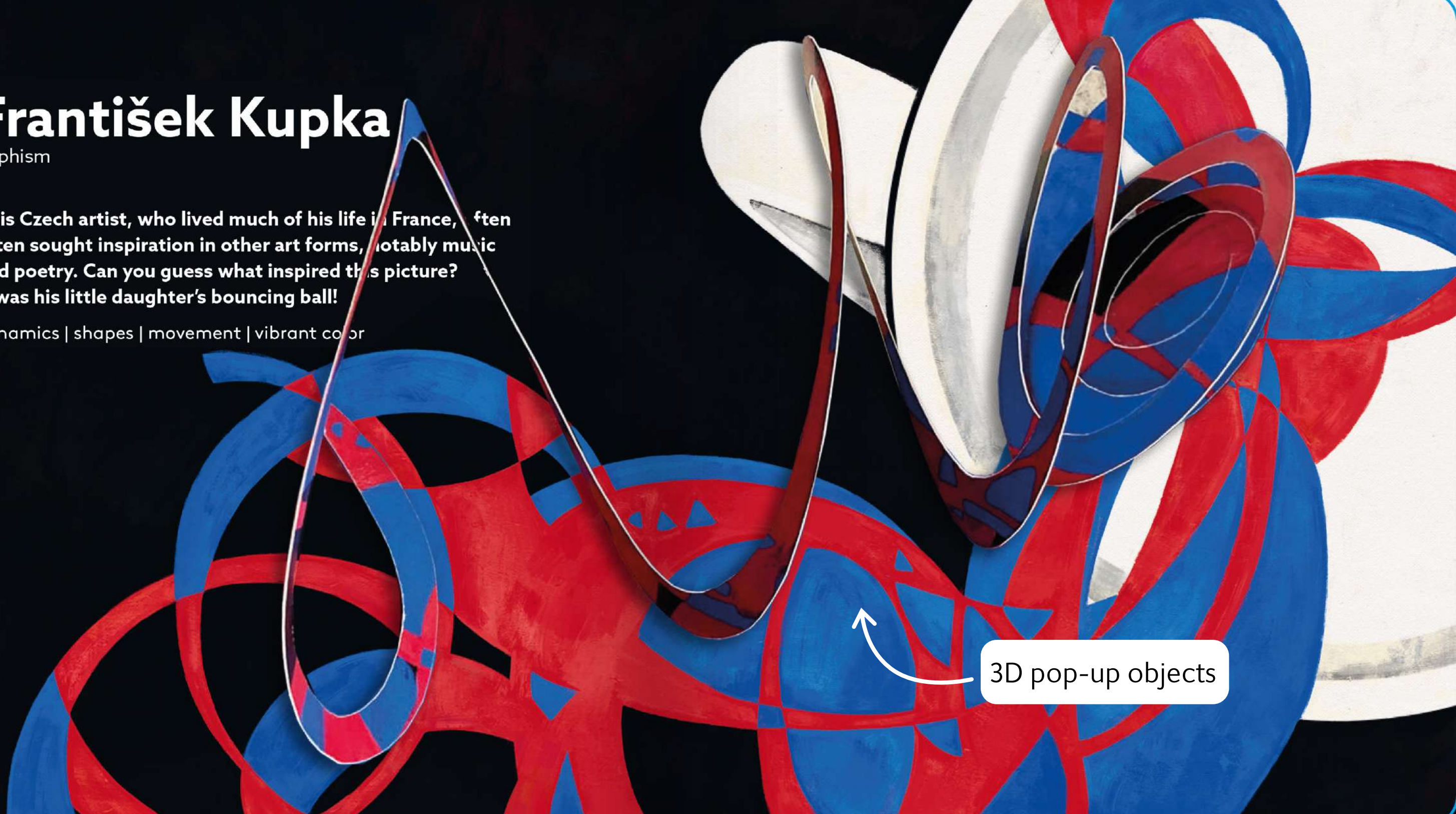
Orphism

This Czech artist, who lived much of his life in France, often sought inspiration in other art forms, notably music and poetry. Can you guess what inspired this picture? It was his little daughter's bouncing ball!

dynamics | shapes | movement | vibrant color



3D pop-up objects





# Kazimir Malevich

Abstract painting

**Just a black square on a white background?**  
**This Russian-Polish artist pushed the possibilities for depicting objects to the very limits. He chose a square, the simplest of all shapes, in which anything can be imagined.**

form | color | emancipation | spiritual dimension



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**So, what would  
your cup  
look like?**

**Insert a drawing of your  
own cup of art here.**



# My Cup of Art

**This little pop-up book by artist Katerina Karolik is about a seemingly ordinary object—the tea or coffee cup. Seen through an artist’s eyes, however, everyday items can take on new and unexpected forms.**

**If you are curious about what a cup by Pablo Picasso, Vincent van Gogh, Piet Mondrian or Kazimir Malevich might look like, read on! You are sure to enjoy this playful and imaginative book about an item found on every kitchen table that still has the power to surprise.**



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