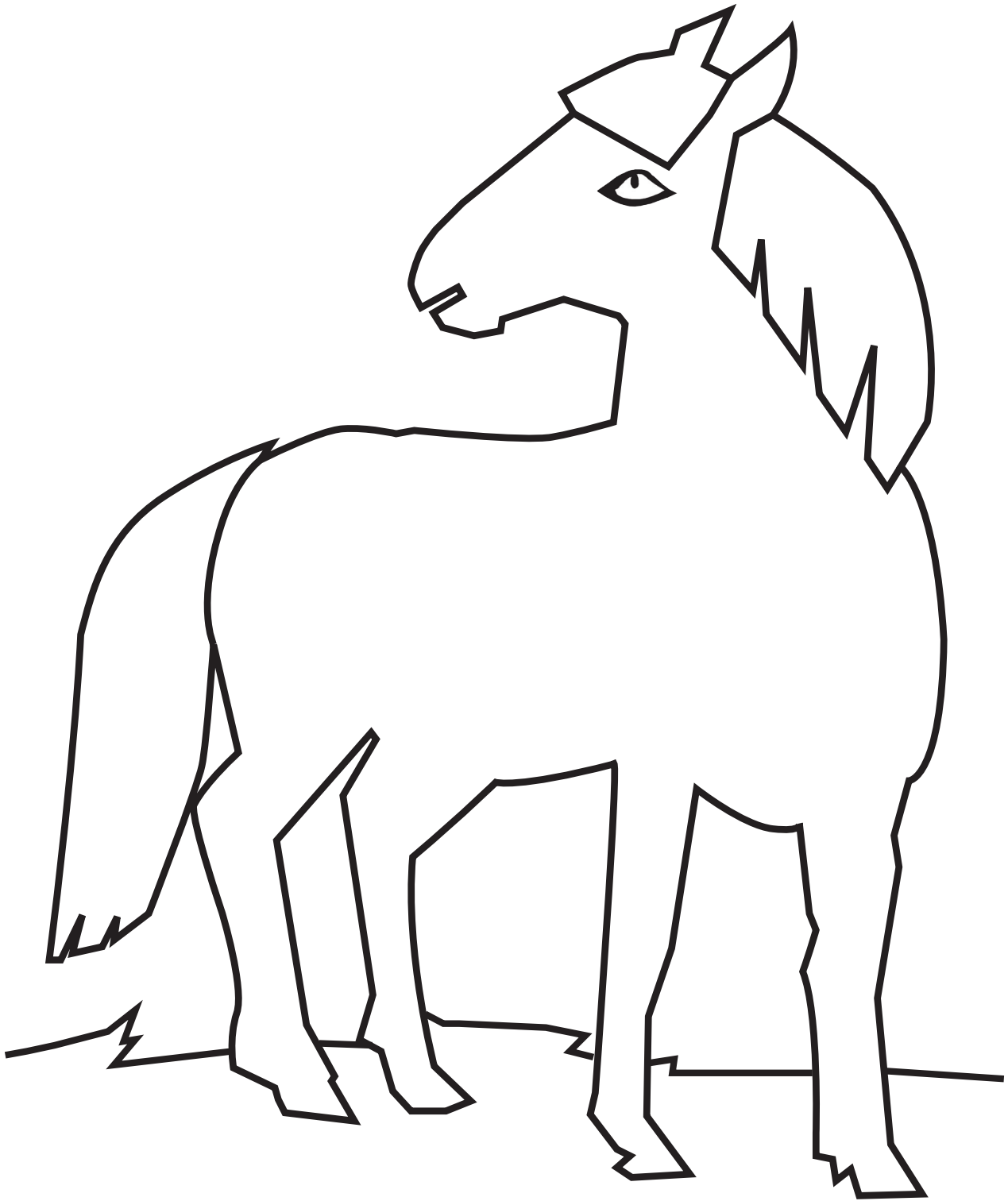


Use your imagination and create your own horse!

In *The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse*, the artist paints animals in all different colours. Decorate your own horse below with whatever you choose—crayons, markers, collage papers, or even glitter!



Show Eric Carle your creativity!



Help the artists find their missing tools.

Artists use different tools to paint their pictures.

Artist #1 has a paintbrush, a paint palette, and an easel.

What is missing for Artist #2 and Artist #3? Can you draw in the missing items?

Artist # 2



Artist # 1



Artist # 3



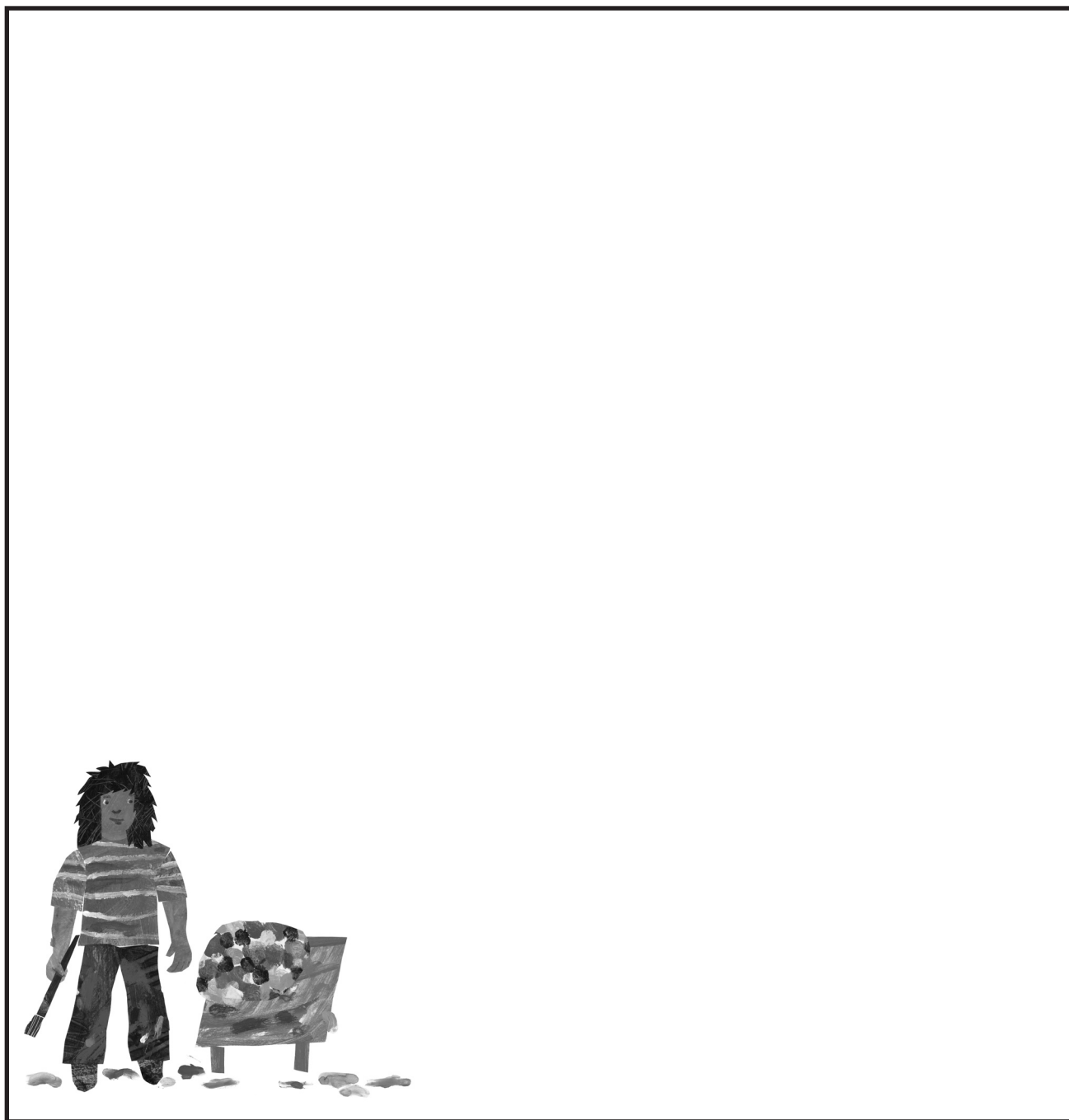
ANSWERS: Artist #2 is missing a paintbrush. Artist #3 is missing a paint palette.



Use your imagination to draw an animal!

All of the animals in *The Artist Who Painted A Blue Horse* appear in bold, unexpected colours. Create your own animal. You can put wings on a dog, spots on an elephant, or even horns on a mouse! Use your creativity and imagination to colour your creation—there are no “wrong” colours!

Write the name of your new animal on the line below.



The name of my animal is: _____



What animal am I?

The artist in *The Artist Who Painted A Blue Horse* paints many different animals. Can you draw a line to match each description with the correct animal?

A. I have a loud roar that can be heard from miles away.



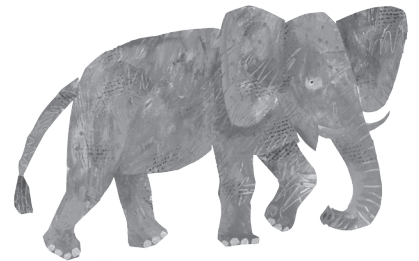
B. I am the largest of all land mammals.



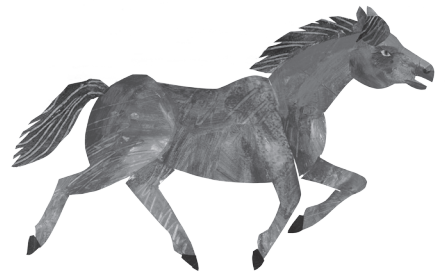
C. I am an animal that can run very fast.



D. My back is covered with scales, and I have many sharp teeth.

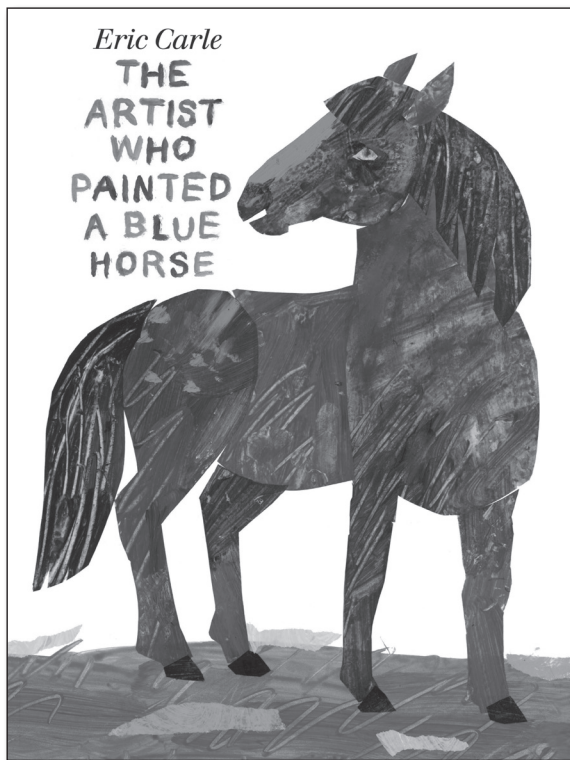


E. I produce milk that people can drink.



ANSWERS: A. Lion, B. Elephant, C. Horse, D. Crocodile, E. Cow



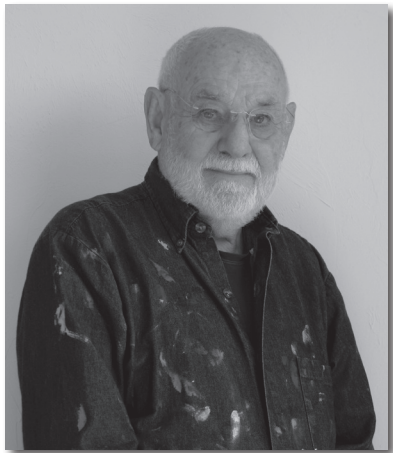


About the book

In this book a child paints a blue horse. Then, with growing confidence, the young artist joyfully paints a series of other animals in bold, unrealistic colours and forms. From celebrated author and illustrator Eric Carle, this is a book to give all children confidence in their own creativity.

The inspiration behind the book

This book was inspired by Franz Marc, an expressionist artist born in Munich, Germany in 1880. Like the young artist in this book, he loved to paint animals in bright colours. He created a series of animal paintings, stylized in form and unconventional in colour. At the time, some traditional critics objected to his paintings and new ideas, but now his paintings are highly prized by museums and collectors all over the world. His paintings of blue horses are particularly famous.



About the author

Eric Carle was born in the United States but grew up in Germany, where he spent his boyhood during World War II. There, his high school art teacher secretly showed him works by the so-called “degenerate artists.” These artists, banned by the Nazi regime, were actually the leading masters of modern and abstract art, among them Franz Marc. This early experience convinced Eric Carle that children ought not be inhibited by conventional rules but, instead, should be encouraged to express their natural talents freely and joyfully.



Connect the dots!

The animal below was colored pink in *The Artist Who Painted A Blue Horse*.
Can you guess what it is? Connect the dots and find out!

