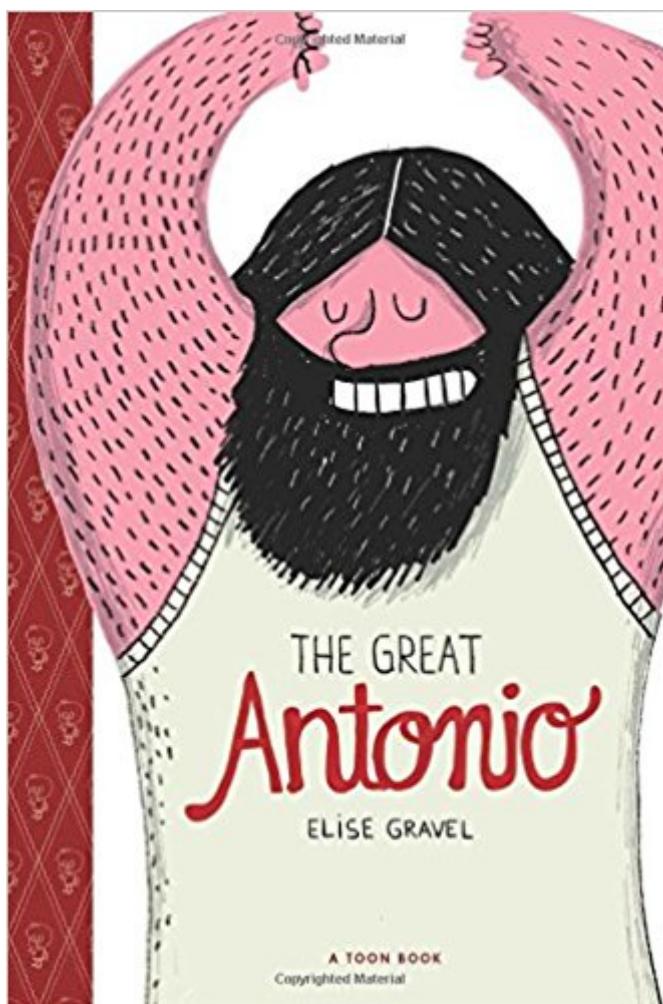


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In kindergarten Elise was popular because she could draw princesses with long, spiral curls. Then in high school, girls asked her to draw their dream guys, and she became very talented at drawing muscles and chest hair, which came in handy for this book. One of Elise's favorite authors is Roald Dahl. He got her interested in unusual people and animals--anyone who is strange, different, or funny. In her hometown of Montreal, everyone knew and loved the great Antonio, the gentle giant who lived outside the donut shop. He claimed to have been one of the strongest men in the world and to be able to talk to aliens with his braids. After his death, it was revealed that many of Antonio's wild stories were true: he had a letter from President Bill Clinton and photos of himself with celebrities like Liza Minnelli, Sophia Loren, and Johnny Carson.

What a unique read. The illustrations made this story and truly brought the words to life. Antonio was such an interesting man. Pulling a vehicle by the braids was my child's favorite part.

Love this artist, sense of humor, writing and her illustrations. :) Just know Antonio dies in the end, so you may end up talking to your child about death...

This is an interesting book about a real person. I love that there are biographies for children about obscure characters. We should read books about George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Martin Luther King but sometimes it is nice to learn about Antonio Barichievich. He was a strongman

and showman who lived in Montreal. His life actually was a bit sad. We had never heard of him so my daughter and I enjoyed researching about him on the internet after reading this book. The illustrations of this book are perfect for the subject. They are simple in some ways but manage to be over-the-top at the same time. We enjoyed this short, easy-to-read book. I think Antonio would have been thrilled by it!!

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