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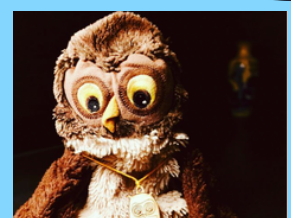
Hello My Friends,  
Here in the UK, spring has definitely sprung and can see little green shoots of hope. We hope and pray for better things to come for our friends suffering at the moment. If you want to know more about what the Plushie Help Network is up to, please take a look [here](#). But, as we want to keep PM a safe space for all and still full of Good Mews to brighten your day, here it is, just for you!  
Big hugs, Topsy xxx



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# The comfort of art: Van Gogh and the Olive gardens



by [@cookiemreport](#)

Hello everyplushie. Me want to talk about art and how comforting it can be to paint, draw, colour or craft stuff for yourself. In these times it may help to feel a little better. Vincent van Gogh did the same and at the Van Gogh Museum in the Netherlands there is now an exhibit about the paintings he made to comfort himself in dark times. And they are all about olive trees.



If you are a little into art, you must know the Starry Night or Sunflowers painted by the famous Dutch artist Vincent van Gogh. If you no know him, check out his work. It really colourful and there is so much beauty in it. Vincent was a Dutch painter who moved to the South of France to paint what he saw in his own way. Sadly he struggled with anxiety and other mental health stuff. It became so bad he went to an asylum in Saint-Rémy. That is in the Provence of France. While there he kept on painting. The asylum was surrounded by olive gardens. And he painted them. In different seasons and on different times of the day. The weirdly shaped trees reminded him of the pollard willow in the Netherlands. It comforted him to study the shapes and the colours. And he drew them. And painted them as a series of 15 pieces. All about olive trees. To be in nature, gave him a little piece of mind.

Me can relate to that. To be surrounded by trees or the ocean, to listen to the sounds of animals in the wild... It can be very comforting and calming.



Vincent went through a dark time in his life, while staying at the asylum. There were moments he could not paint or go outside. The people at the asylum made a little studio for him, so he could work there too. The paintings at the exhibit are very beautiful. Of course in the known style of Vincent, with lots of colours. Did you know he made the colours himself? And that some pigments have been lost overtime, what resulted in the fact that his purples look blue now. It very pretty. Me totally felt comforted by his paintings.



Me told Bamboo about the comfort of art and he just nodded. Bamboo told me he always likes to draw, also when he is feeling sad or scared. So, he drew me this picture as a tribute to Van Gogh. And me hope it will give you comfort too.

Big hugs to everyplushie and their humans,  
Cookie & Bamboo



# Plushie Book Review

by @spybatmissions

## The Starlight Watchmaker – Lauren James (2019)

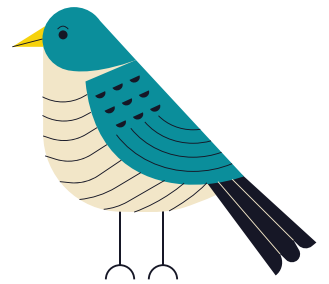
Hugo is an android, working as a watchmaker at a prestigious academy, where wealthy students from all over the galaxy are educated. Many androids are struggling, and Hugo is lucky to have a job. One day, a student named Dorian knocks on Hugo's door, demanding of Hugo to fix his watch. Hugo tries, but can't, and then he discovers that several other students have the same problem with their watches. Hugo realizes that something could be seriously wrong, and potentially very dangerous. Dorian and Hugo must now try to overcome their differences as they set out on an expedition to save the academy.

There are no humans in this book, only androids and biological creatures. But it is still so full of humanity and kindness! The book teaches us that together we can do more good than we can imagine, and that if we just choose to look deeper, we are not so different from each other after all.



## Weather Lore

by @gasbricki



The weather in April is always unpredictable.

If Waltraud doesn't hear the cuckoo's song,  
he might be cold with a frozen tongue.

(9th of April)

