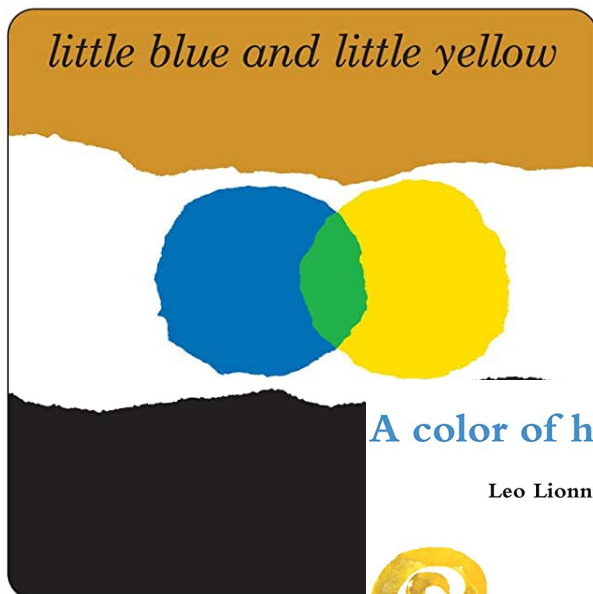


# LEO LIONNI

## AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR SPOTLIGHT

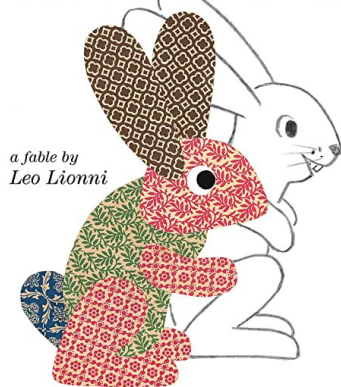
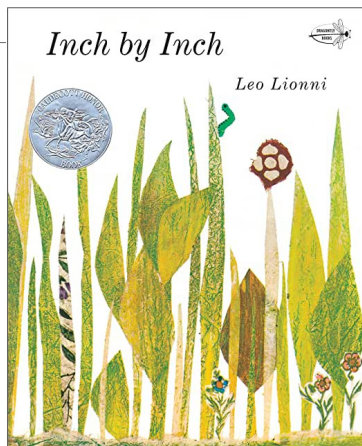
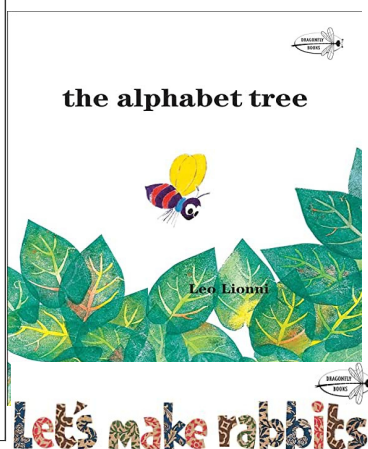
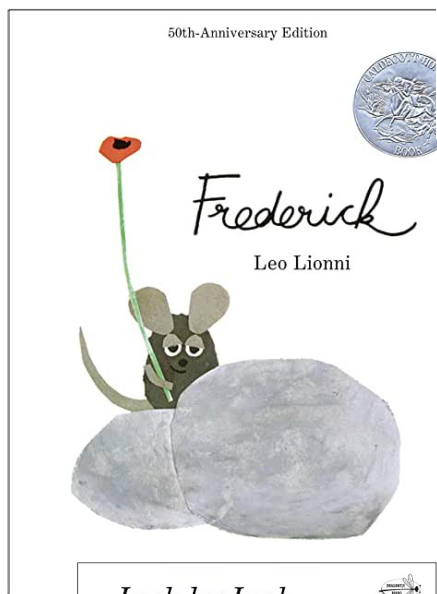
Stories can be told through pictures and in words.

Everyone can be a reader and can create stories.



A color of his own

Leo Lionni



### GATHER MATERIALS

- Paper or one of your pre made books
- Torn paper (different colours and sizes)
- Writing tool - pen, pencil, felt, sharpie, etc.
- Scissors (optional)
- Paint and plastic baggie (optional)

### READ AND THINK

Leo Lionni was an artist before he became a writer. In many of his books he uses torn paper to **create his characters**. Listen to some or all of these stories and notice who the main characters are and how they are created.

- Little Blue and Little Yellow (for a fun painting activity look [here](#)).
- Frederick
- Swimmy
- Alexander and the Wind Up Mouse
- A Colour of His Own
- Inch by Inch
- The Alphabet Tree

What's your favourite Leo Lionni story? Who is your favourite character? What did you like about this character?

### CREATE & SHARE

- Create one or more characters inspired by Leo Lionni. You can draw them or use torn paper. [Here](#) is an example.
- Use them as characters in your next storymaking or bookmaking project.

### GO BEYOND

- Read along with Let's Make Rabbits.
- With your pencil, make your own "pencil rabbit".
- With your scissors and some scrap paper, make your own "scissor rabbit".