





• This edition of Norman Rockwell's popular story is accompanied by a biography of Rockwell himself and a short contribution from Mary Whalen Leonard, who was the girl who posed for the pictures in the book

A girl wakes up and tidies her braids before just another ordinary summer day, but some surprises lie ahead! Here is one of Norman Rockwell's most popular works, paired with a rhyming text that's perfect for reading aloud or sharing with a grown-up. In classic Rockwell fashion, the almost two dozen pictures will elicit wry smiles of recognition, from young and old, at childhood's everyday pleasures. At the back of the book is a short biography of Rockwell, as well as a note by Mary Whalen Leonard, who, as a young girl more than sixty-five years ago, posed for the charming series of pictures.

Norman Rockwell is America's best-known, best-loved illustrator. While still in his teens, he was hired as art director of *Boys' Life*, the official publication of the Boy Scouts of America. Eventually he produced work for such magazines as *Life*, *Look*, and *The Saturday Evening Post*, for which he eventually produced 322 covers. In 1977, the artist received the nation's highest civilian honour, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.