



Title: Five Live Bongos
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Review by Kate Konrad

This book is such a fun exploration of LOUD sounds! Five Live Bongos tells the story of five children whose father is an artist and cannot focus because of the noise his children are making. He sends them away and they venture to the dump to discover some new “instruments” and create their own ensemble: The Found Sound band.

This is a memorable book for students, so I use it near the beginning of Kindergarten when practicing loud and soft, then refer back to it (making NOISE versus making MUSIC) when beginning non-pitched and pitched percussion.

The illustrations in the book are chaotic yet stunning; they add “visual noise” to the idea of auditory noise in the book. You’ll Five Live Bongos by George Ella Lyon!