

# GABRIEL SOTILLO



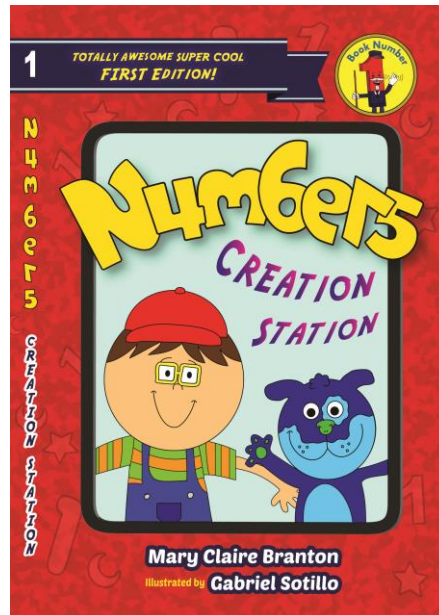
**Gabe Sotillo** - As a child, Gabe enjoyed drawing all the time. He had an unusual proclivity for shapes, colors, patterns and numbers. He often depicted their relationships in his artwork. That is not unusual for someone with autism.

While in school, Gabe's art instructors praised him as being both gifted and extremely prolific. He was invited to exhibit at the High Museum of Art at age nine when he won the national "Reflections" award. Gabe's fine art has won numerous awards, and he also creates vibrant animations. His *Mixing Colors* video on YouTube has over 2 million views, and Google featured it as a premiere source for color

mixing. His YouTube channel *Gabinations* has 3,250 subscribers.

Gabe's special needs give him extraordinary perspectives, from creating vibrant artwork, to repurposing found objects no one

wants, to designing his own number characters in which all the evens are female. As Gabe explains, "any number plus itself will always be even, so only evens reproduce." Through his art, Gabe is able to share these unique observations, enabling the viewer to see the world through the eyes of someone with autism. If you ask Gabe, he'll tell you he has "artism." It is actually autism that gives him these wonderful skills.



Above: **Numbers - Creation Station** Illustrated by Gabe.



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