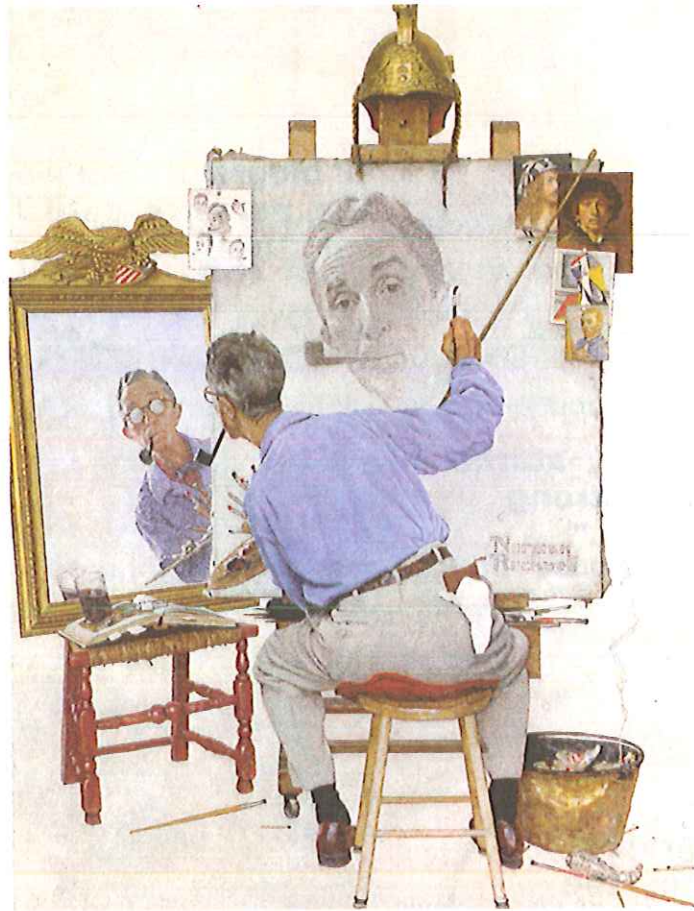


Norman Rockwell

(1894–1978)

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- 1 Norman Rockwell was one of America's best-known artists. During his long career, he produced many works of art for magazine covers. Some of his most famous covers were created for the *Saturday Evening Post*. That was a popular magazine for many years, and it helped Rockwell become known.
- 2 Rockwell always included real-life details in his work. His illustrations usually focused on everyday, small-town life, and they were often humorous. His painting called *Triple Self Portrait*, shown above, is a good example of his style.

Notes:

- 3 Rockwell began working as a freelance artist at just 17 years of age. He worked for numerous magazines at first. In 1916, he painted his first cover for the *Saturday Evening Post*. Over the next 47 years, he painted a total of 322 covers for the magazine. One such cover is *No Swimming*, shown below.



- 4 Rockwell also illustrated the official Boy Scout calendar for 50 years, from 1926 to 1976. During World War II, the Office of War Information gave out copies of his paintings called *Four Freedoms*.
- 5 Later in life, Rockwell worked for *Look* magazine. He created work for the publication for 10 years. His pictures about the United States focused on things that were close to his heart, such as human rights. Rockwell painted *The Problem We All Live With* after seeing Ruby Bridges being escorted to school on her first day of school. Bridges was the first black student to attend a school in her neighborhood. Many people were against school integration. Rockwell's painting shows a young girl walking to school protected by police officers, with the signs of protest around her.
- 6 Art critics were not kind to Rockwell. They called his work shallow. While Rockwell's paintings may not have required deep thought to understand, the public loved them. In 1977, President Ford gave Rockwell the Presidential Medal of Freedom to honor his life's work.
- 7 Rockwell married three times and had three sons. He died at the age of 84 after a long, fruitful life.

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