



Karen and the Artist

Karen's job takes her to many places. She loves art, and in Rome she sees some beautiful pictures. But the artist can't sell them and he has no money. Can Karen sell his pictures for him?



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Karen takes a picture and telephones for a taxi. She takes the taxi to Bond Street and goes into an art gallery. The gallery is small but expensive. A woman is sitting at a table. She is reading a book.



'Hello,' she says.
'Good afternoon,' Karen says. 'I've got a picture here, and I want to sell it.'
'Who's the artist?' The woman doesn't look up.

'Antonio Brunetti,' Karen says. 'He's ...'
'I'm sorry.' The woman starts to read her book again. 'I don't know that name.'

A man comes into the gallery. 'I've got a new Sherman for you!' he says. 'It's wonderful.'

'Who?' the woman says.
'Oh, you know him,' the man says. 'Sherman! He's got an exhibition at the Galerie Saint Michel in Paris!'

'Oh!' The woman puts down her book. 'Let's see. Yes, I like it. Sherman, you said? I can give you £800.'

Quietly, Karen goes away.
She walks across the street and goes into the Astra Gallery.
'I've got a wonderful new Brunetti for you,' she says to the man. 'Look at this.'

'What?' the man says. 'Who's Brunetti?'
'Oh, you know him,' Karen says. 'He's got an exhibition at the Leonardo in Rome.'

'Oh,' the man says. 'Show me.' He looks at the picture.
'Very good,' he says. 'Brunetti, eh? At the Leonardo? OK. I can give you ... £900.'

Karen is very happy, but she doesn't smile.
'Hmm ...' she says.

'All right, £1,000,' the man says.
'OK,' Karen says.
The man gives her a cheque for £1,000.
'Thank you,' Karen says.



Before you read

1 Match places 1-4 with photos A-D.

1 study 2 art gallery 3 café 4 airport



2 Look at the book cover and read the blurb. What do you think happens in the story?

While you read

3 RT1.1 Read and listen to the story. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

- 1 Karen is an artist.
- 2 She travels a lot.
- 3 She meets an artist in Rome.
- 4 The artist she meets is very successful.
- 5 She tries to sell his pictures for him.

4 Read the story again. Number events a-f in the order that they happen.

- a A man brings a picture to the gallery.
- b Karen goes to an art gallery in Bond Street.
- c Karen sells the picture.
- d The woman in the art gallery says she doesn't know the artist.
- e The man sells the picture.
- f Karen goes to the Astra Gallery.

5 Choose the correct answer.

- 1 The first art gallery is ____.
a cheap b beautiful
c expensive
- 2 The woman in the art gallery thinks the artist is ____.
a not very good b famous
c not famous
- 3 The man in the Astra Gallery ____ Brunetti.
a doesn't know b doesn't like c knows
- 4 He buys the picture for ____.
a £900 b £1,000 c £800

After you read

6 Complete the sentences with the prepositions below.

across at away down into up

- 1 She said 'hello' to me, but didn't look _____.
- 2 A man came _____ the art gallery.
- 3 Karen walked _____ the road to another art gallery.
- 4 The man looked _____ the picture.
- 5 The woman put _____ the book on the table.
- 6 Karen went _____ and left the gallery.

7 Look at the text and write the adjectives for the definitions.

- 1 another word for fantastic: w _____
- 2 the opposite of sad: h _____
- 3 not very big: s _____
- 4 when something costs too much: e _____
- 5 very pretty: b _____

8 **WRAP UP** Complete the information about the story.

Title: _____

Type: *crime story / love story / adventure story*

Main characters: _____

Important object: _____

My opinion: ☆☆☆☆☆