



Sense of Place

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Medium: Mixed Media

Artist Statement

I chose this image to paint and sketch of me and my sister because it was a place I found comfort in. As a child I was super shy and my doctor recommended this reading center at my neighborhood library, you could go in and some lady would read. Eventually I became more open and wasn't as shy near other kids, but this artwork is a sense of place to me because not only did the library and reading turn me into the person I am today, as an outgoing person, but my sister brings me comfort and I feel as if she's the biggest sense of place I have.

For this piece I used mixed media, with watercolor and colored pencils, I really wanted to focus on the perspective as in this image my dad comes from the lower left corner and is also sitting on a couch, I wanted to really add a lot of depth but not only in black and white, but really experiment with other colors to create depth. I also wanted to create texture everywhere, on the bookshelf and the carpet is where majority of it is, I felt like this texture made it cozy and comforting, and more full of depth. All in all, I want my viewer to feel comfort in the shadows and texture, and the comfort I find around my sister.

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