



### **Painting: *Camouflage Owl***

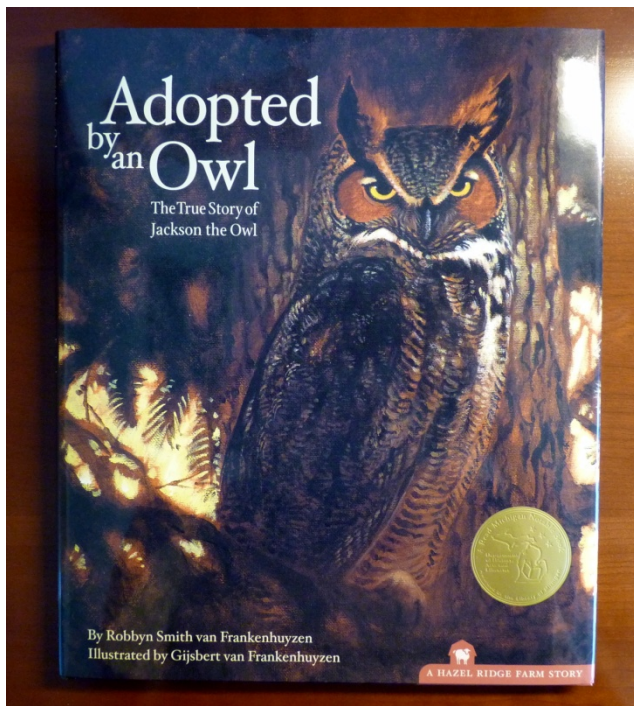
An original Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen painting from the book, *Adopted by an Owl*, 15 x18 inches, matted and framed - Estimated value: \$700

**Gijsbert** is a numerously published artist. He has illustrated the four “Great Lakes Regions” series of books, including *The Mammals*, *The Ancient Life*, *The Reptiles and Amphibians*, and *The Insects of the Great Lakes Regions*. You can find his work in *Owls of North America* and *The Best of Wildlife Art* and *The Island Within Us*. He is also one of five illustrators for *The Birds of Michigan*. He has painted murals that can be found in schools, museums, zoos, bookstores, libraries and state and federal parks including exhibits at Fort Mackinac on Mackinac Island and Fort Michilimackinac in Mackinaw City, Michigan.

In the spring of 1998, Sleeping Bear Press of Ann Arbor, Michigan, released his first full color children's book, *The Legend of Sleeping Bear*. The book was later honored as Michigan's Official State Children's Book. And thus began his career as a children’s book illustrator.

He is most proud of his Hazel Ridge Farm children’s book series on which he collaborated with his wife, Robbyn. These true stories, taken from their years of caring for wild animals, are filled with his beautiful illustrations.

For more, visit [hazelridgefarm.com](http://hazelridgefarm.com).



### **Book: *Adopted by an Owl***

by Robbyn Smith and Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen, Illustrated by Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen

Winner of 2002 Read Michigan Award and 2004 KIND Children's Honor Book

The true story of Jackson, a great horned owl rehabilitated and released by the van Frankenhuyzen family. Rather than returning to the wild, he chose to adopt his human family and live free on their farm for his entire life.

See the [Adopted by an Owl video on YouTube](#) for amazing footage of Jackson’s life with the van Frankenhuyzen family.

