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Inset Photo: Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas, Photo by Glenn Baglo, *The Vancouver Sun*; **Lefthand Image:** Haida Art, by Thomas Granade; **Midde Image:** Red, a comic by Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas, Courtesy of Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas; **Righthand Image:** Manga, iStockphoto

Father of Haida manga

Story adapted from *The Vancouver Sun*

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Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas is a Haida artist. He was born in Prince Rupert, B.C. in 1954. But Michael was raised in Haida Gwaii. The old name for Haida Gwaii is Queen Charlotte Islands.

[\(Click here for a map of Haida Gwaii\).](#)

Why did Michael start manga?

One day, some Japanese students visited Haida Gwaii, B.C.

They told Michael that his art looked like Japanese comic books.

These books are called “manga”.

Soon after, Michael started to retell old stories.

He mixes traditional Haida art and new Japanese animation.

Michael’s books have won many awards.

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Michael does other art, too.
He works with metal and wood.
His exhibits are in Canada
and all over the world.

[Click here to see his work.](#)

Exercise:

How do the words sound?

[-s] and [-es] have different sounds at the end of a word. For example:

S sounds like a snake: (s-s-s) in the word “hat ... hats”.

S sounds like a bee: (z-z-z) in the word “come ... comes”.

S sounds like [iz] after the words ending with these sounds:

[s] dress ... dresses

[z] rose ... roses

[ch] peach ... peaches

[sh] wash ... washes

Put the words in the word bank under the same “end” sounds.

leads

helps

causes

sneezes

lessons

games

dishes

nuts

fruits

nurses

books

players

parents

teams

washes

adults

lunches

years

Gets [s]

fruits

Swims [z]

teams

Changes [iz]

washes

(“Answers” and “Links” are on the next page.)

Answers:

[s] fruits, adults, helps, nuts, books, parents

[z] teams, leads, lessons, games, years, players

[iz] washes, lunches, causes, sneezes, dishes, nurses

Links:

[See Michael's work in a gallery in Vancouver.](#)

[See Michael's website.](#)

[Watch videos here. Watch Michael do his work.](#)

[Manga tutorials](#)

[Art lesson plans for teachers](#)