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CARAVAGGIO

IS A GUY ON THE SOPRANOS.

It's quite hard to believe. Here's a 16th-century Baroque master whose bold transgressive painting style first created a sensation, then a movement. A guy whose life was filled with the turbulence and excesses of a down-on-his-luck Douglas Fairbanks. A guy who, while troubled, ultimately found redemption — and immortality — in his art. But does the kid next door even know who Caravaggio is?

Polledubious: This loss is immeasurable. Especially when you consider how much children can learn from the conflicted life of someone like Michelangelo Caravaggio.

He grew up in less than ideal circumstances. Much of his family perished in the plague, and he spent much of his youth on the notoriously treacherous streets of Rome. As a young man, he labored beneath others who much less talented than he and had difficulty making a living. His fixed adversity at every turn...

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