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WASHINGTON, D.C. November 20, 1961: John Walker, Director of the National Gallery of Art, announced today that the painting by Fragonard, A Young Girl Reading, acquired at the Erickson Sale by the National Gallery of Art, will be placed on exhibition in Lobby D at the east end of the building on Tuesday, November 21st.

"There are few paintings in the history of art of such exquisite and appealing beauty," Mr. Walker said. "I knew the picture for many years when it hung in Mrs. Erickson's house, and I never looked at it without feeling happier and gayer. I am sure millions of visitors to the National Gallery will also fall under the spell of this enchanting young girl. To painters the bravura of brushwork and the technical dexterity will be a revelation and a joy. This is one of the greatest acquisitions the National Gallery has made."

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