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## ***the Easy Way***

***Contains over 400 masterpieces of Western painting from the very beginnings of art to the present day. The book includes nearly 200 close-ups to allow the reader to gain knowledge of each work and artist and Sister Wendy Beckett shares her love of painting. Hardcover: Not all masterpieces scream for attention. Some wait with patience, with composure, for their genius to be felt. Joseph Biondo's Equanimity House is just such a work of art; the exceptional, hiding in plain sight. Born of a tectonic language, the structure is built to coalesce with its surroundings, becoming one with the rolling topography of its site. A mature, elegant, considered work of great beauty, Biondo has achieved the apogee of his exploration of ordinary materials in extraordinary ways. As he says, 'To heighten one's awareness of a humble material can be poetic'. A sensorial tone poem, this is a house that is felt, rather than viewed, driving the senses that intuit gravity, temperature, interaction, texture, and aesthetics. Provides the art critic's commentary on more than fifty Impressionist paintings, including Manet's "Olympia", Whistler's***

**"Nocturne", and "The Harbor at Lorient" by Morisot. Offering a unique blend of thematic and chronological investigation, this highly illustrated, engaging text explores the rich historical, cultural, and social contexts of 3,000 years of Greek art, from the Bronze Age through the Hellenistic period. Uniquely intersperses chapters devoted to major periods of Greek art from the Bronze Age through the Hellenistic period, with chapters containing discussions of important contextual themes across all of the periods Contextual chapters illustrate how a range of factors, such as the urban environment, gender, markets, and cross-cultural contact, influenced the development of art Chronological chapters survey the appearance and development of key artistic genres and explore how artifacts and architecture of the time reflect these styles Offers a variety of engaging and informative pedagogical features to help students navigate the subject, such as timelines, theme-based textboxes, key terms defined in margins, and further readings. Information is presented clearly and contextualized so that it is accessible to students regardless of their prior level of knowledge A book companion website is available at [www.wiley.com/go/greekart](http://www.wiley.com/go/greekart) with the**

**following resources: PowerPoint slides, glossary, and timeline** The nun who is well-known for her art programs on PBS applies her intensity to what most inspires her in artists' work. Herman Melville was born into a family that in the fledgling republic had lost money and status. This work traces Melville's growth from the bawdy storytelling of *Typee* through the spiritual preoccupations building up to *Moby-Dick*, and the profound disillusionment of later works. It uncovers autobiographical traces throughout Melville's writing. Wendy Bishop and David Starkey have created a remarkable resource volume for creative writing students and other writers just getting started. In two- to ten-page discussions, these authors introduce forty-one central concepts in the fields of creative writing and writing instruction, with discussions that are accessible yet grounded in scholarship and years of experience. *Keywords in Creative Writing* provides a brief but comprehensive introduction to the field of creative writing through its landmark terms, exploring concerns as abstract as postmodernism and identity politics alongside very practical interests of beginning writers, like contests, agents, and royalties. This approach makes the book ideal for the college classroom

**as well as the writer's bookshelf, and unique in the field, combining the pragmatic accessibility of popular writer's handbooks, with a wider, more scholarly vision of theory and research. This is the second volume of the multi-volume set *A Contemporary Grammar of British English Dialects*. The book again offers qualitative as well as corpus-based quantitative studies on grammatical variation in the British Isles. The three parts investigate complement clauses (Daniela Kolbe), personal pronouns (Nuria Hernández) and modals (Monika Edith Schulz). The volume is of interest to dialectologists, sociolinguists, typologists, historical linguists, grammarians, and anyone working on the structure of spontaneous spoken English. Sister Wendy Beckett writes about art in a style that is idiosyncratic, fresh, and perceptive. In *1000 Masterpieces*, she applies her unique intensity to what most inspires her in the artist's work as well as to the essential life events that shaped the work. Arranged alphabetically by artist, each work receives a full page of attention. The text contains information, annotated where necessary on materials and techniques, on the artist's symbolism, and on the location where the original work is displayed. Now with over 10**

***million copies sold, The Mistborn Series has the thrills of a heist story, the twistiness of political intrigue, and the epic scale of a landmark fantasy saga. For a thousand years the ash fell and no flowers bloomed. For a thousand years the Skaa slaved in misery and lived in fear. For a thousand years the Lord Ruler, the "Sliver of Infinity," reigned with absolute power and ultimate terror, divinely invincible. Then, when hope was so long lost that not even its memory remained, a terribly scarred, heart-broken half-Skaa rediscovered it in the depths of the Lord Ruler's most hellish prison. Kelsier "snapped" and found in himself the powers of a Mistborn. A brilliant thief and natural leader, he turned his talents to the ultimate caper, with the Lord Ruler himself as the mark. Kelsier recruited the underworld's elite, the smartest and most trustworthy allomancers, each of whom shares one of his many powers, and all of whom relish a high-stakes challenge. Only then does he reveal his ultimate dream, not just the greatest heist in history, but the downfall of the divine despot. But even with the best criminal crew ever assembled, Kel's plan looks more like the ultimate long shot, until luck brings a ragged girl named Vin into his life. Like him, she's a half-***

***Skaa orphan, but she's lived a much harsher life. Vin has learned to expect betrayal from everyone she meets, and gotten it. She will have to learn to trust, if Kel is to help her master powers of which she never dreamed. This saga dares to ask a simple question: What if the hero of prophecy fails? Other Tor books by Brandon Sanderson The Cosmere The Stormlight Archive The Way of Kings Words of Radiance Edgedancer (Novella) Oathbringer The Mistborn trilogy Mistborn: The Final Empire The Well of Ascension The Hero of Ages Mistborn: The Wax and Wayne series Alloy of Law Shadows of Self Bands of Mourning Collection Arcanum Unbounded Other Cosmere novels Elantris Warbreaker The Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians series Alcatraz vs. the Evil Librarians The Scrivener's Bones The Knights of Crystallia The Shattered Lens The Dark Talent The Rithmatist series The Rithmatist Other books by Brandon Sanderson The Reckoners Steelheart Firefight Calamity At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied. When he died in 1992 Brett Whiteley left behind decades of ceaseless activity—some works bound to a particular place or time, others that are masterpieces of light and line. Whiteley had***

***arrived in Europe in 1960 determined to make an impression. Before long he was the youngest artist to have work acquired by the Tate. With his wife, Wendy, and daughter, Arkie, Whiteley then immersed himself in bohemian New York. But within two years he fled, having failed to break through. Back in Sydney, he soon became Australia's most celebrated artist. He won the Archibald, Wynne and Sulman prizes in the same year—his prices soared, as did his fame. Among his friends were Francis Bacon and Patrick White, Billy Connolly and Dire Straits. Yet addiction was taking its toll: Whiteley struggled in vain to separate his talent from his disease, and an inglorious end approached. Written with unprecedented behind-the-scenes access, and handsomely illustrated with classic Whiteley artworks, rare notebook sketches and candid family photos, this dazzling biography reveals for the first time the full portrait of a mercurial artist. Ashleigh Wilson has been a journalist for almost two decades. He began his career at the Australian in Sydney before spending several years in Brisbane, covering everything from state politics to the Hollingworth crisis to indigenous affairs. He then moved north to become the paper's Darwin correspondent, a***



***posting bookended by the Falconio murder trial and the Howard government's intervention in remote Aboriginal communities. During that time he won a Walkley Award for reports on unethical behaviour in the Aboriginal art industry, a series that led to a Senate inquiry. He returned to Sydney in 2008 and has been the paper's Arts Editor since 2011. He lives in Sydney. 'Ashleigh Wilson has produced an intriguing, absorbing and assured account of Brett Whiteley's life and work'. Mark Knopfler 'With relentless precision, Ashleigh Wilson has provided a peerless grasp of the life and genius of Brett Whiteley. This storied journey of one of Australia's most mercurial twentieth-century artists will be impossible for the reader to put aside until it is finished. It is the dispassionate biography Whiteley has long needed: a career clarified from the brilliant clouds of myth.' Barry Pearce, Emeritus Curator of Australian Art at the Art Gallery of NSW 'A full-dress life of Whiteley that speeds and soars and never ceases to do homage to the colossal confrontation and contradiction the artist represents...Wilson has written that rarest of things, a 400-page biography that is hard to put down...[It] will make you weep for this exasperation of a man and hunger for his art.'***

***Australian 'An essential and invaluable resource for any Whiteley scholar...Wilson's achievement is considerable...Ashleigh Wilson's Brett Whiteley: Art, Life and the Other Thing is a benchmark publication in Whiteley studies.'*** Sydney Review of Books ***'The best biography I read [this year] was Ashleigh Wilson's Brett Whiteley: Art, Life and the Other Thing...Combines journalistic rigour and personal compassion his landmark account of one of our greatest artists.'*** Australian ***'Ashleigh Wilson's biography of Brett Whiteley is hard to put down. The narrative hums along beautifully, allowing readers a rare insight into Whiteley's complex genius. A colossal undertaking, helped by extraordinary access. Wilson has delivered readers—and history—an absorbing, detailed and fascinating read.'*** Walkley Magazine ***'Ashleigh Wilson methodically tracks this mercurial artist from early family days to his final years—a motley of sex, drugs and rock'n'roll, and importantly, art.'*** Art Almanac ***Through more than 450 masterpieces, the author unfolds the story of 800 years of Western painting from Giotto, the Renaissance and Impressionism, to Pop Art and the present day. This is a practical and inspiring guide for all acrylics enthusiasts,***

**from the beginner to the experienced artist. There is helpful general advice on which materials to choose, and then three high profile artists share their expertise, tips and techniques. Wendy Jelbert explains the basics of painting with acrylics and gives advice on useful techniques and the effects they can create. David Hyde writes on painting landscapes with acrylics, from composing landscapes and choosing colours to creating depth and painting different seasons. Carole Massey shares her flower painting expertise with advice on flower colours, drawing flowers, composing flower paintings and using tone. Finally Wendy Jelbert explores further creative techniques for painting with acrylics and shows how these can be applied in paintings. There are ten easy to follow step-by-step demonstrations with clear photographs and helpful instructions, and many inspirational paintings for readers to admire. Comprises material from the Leisure Arts series:  
*Painting with Acrylics* (9780855328405)  
*Landscapes in Acrylics* (9780855320234)  
*Creative Acrylic Techniques* (9780855328481)  
*Flowers in Acrylics* (9780855328535) New York Times bestseller Rachel Ignotofsky's *Women in Art* comes to the youngest readers in board**

***format! Highlighting the creative contributions of female artists, this board book edition of the original bestseller features simpler text and Rachel Ignotofsky's signature illustrations reimaged for younger readers, to give young creators the perfect role models to grow up with while inspiring a love of art. The collection features diverse women creating a wide array of artistic mediums who paved the way for the next generation of artists. The perfect gift for fans of Rachel Ignotofsky's other board books and buyers of Dream Big, Little One and A Is for Awesome! When Sargent Singer discovers that the paintings in his father's gallery are alive, he is pulled into a captivating world behind the frame that he never knew existed. Filled with shady characters, devious plots, and a grand art heist, this inventive mystery-adventure celebrates art and artists and is perfect for fans of Night at the Museum and Blue Balliett's Chasing Vermeer. There's one important rule at the Beaverbrook Gallery—don't let anyone know the paintings are alive. Mona Dunn, forever frozen at thirteen when her portrait was painted by William Orpen, has just broken that rule. Luckily twelve-year-old Sargent Singer, an aspiring artist himself, is more interested in***

***learning about the vast and intriguing world behind the frame than he is in sharing her secret. And when Mona and Sargent suspect shady dealings are happening behind the scenes at the gallery, they set out to find the culprit. They must find a way to save the gallery—and each other—before they are lost forever. With an imaginative setting, lots of intrigue, and a thoroughly engaging cast of characters, The Frame-Up will captivate readers of Jacqueline West's The Books of Elsewhere.***

***This magisterial Norton Anthology, edited by world-renowned scholars, offers a portable library of more than 1,000 primary texts from the world's major religions. To help readers encounter strikingly unfamiliar texts with pleasure; accessible introductions, headnotes, annotations, pronouncing glossaries, maps, illustrations and chronologies are provided. For readers of any religion or none, The Norton Anthology of World Religions opens new worlds that, as Miles writes, invite us "to see others with a measure of openness, empathy, and good will..."***

***Unprecedented in scope and approach, The***

***Norton Anthology of World Religions: Christianity brings together over 150 texts from the Apostolic Era to the New Millennium. The volume features Jack Miles's illuminating General Introduction—"How the West Learned to Compare Religions"—as well as Lawrence S. Cunningham's "The Words and the Word Made Flesh," a lively primer on the history and core tenets of Christianity.***

***Attention Sister Wendy fans! Available together for the first time, here are Sister Wendy Beckett's two most definitive books on the power and beauty of great art. In Sister Wendy's Story of Painting, the renowned art historian and television personality presents 450 masterpieces - reproduced in full color - and chronicles the developments and movements in painting over the past 800 years. Each movement - from Gothic to Renaissance, Romanticism to Impressionism, Post-Impressionism to Modernism - is introduced by visual timelines that provide an instant overview of the important artists and paintings of that era. As she discusses various schools and movements as well as the work of dozens of individuals artists, Sister Wendy not only tackles the technical topics of perspective, color, and***

***symbolism, she delves into the spiritual, political, and personal aspects of each painting, making art come alive for even the most novice admirer. Sister Wendy analyzes more than 30 of the world's most famous paintings, using enlarged details to explain techniques and reveal symbolism in works that include Botticelli's The Birth of Venus, Rembrandt's The Jewish Bride, Monet's The Waterlily Pond, and Van Gogh's Self-Portrait. Sister Wendy's Story of Painting is an accessible overview of a subject often thought to be overwhelming and complex. A more personal, though equally expansive tome, Sister Wendy's 1000 Masterpieces looks at the thousand artworks she has found to intrigue her most. In this volume, Sister Wendy applies her unique intensity to what most inspires her in the artist's work as well as to the essential life events that shaped the work. Arranged alphabetically by artist, each work receives a full page of attention. The text contains information, annotated where necessary on materials and techniques, on the artist's symbolism, and on the location where the original work is displayed. DIVThis inspiring sketchbook is part of the new20 Waysseries from Quarry Books, designed to offer artists, designers, and doodlers a fun***

***and sophisticated collection of illustration fun. Each spread features 20 inspiring illustrated examples of 45 themes - tree, tulip, shell, owl, peacock feather, mushroom, cloud, and much, much moreâ€”over 900 drawings, with blank space for you to draw your take on 20 Ways to Draw a Tree./divDIVThis is not a step-by-step technique book--rather, the stylized flowers, trees, leaves, and clouds are simplified, modernized, and reduced to the most basic elements, showing you how simple abstract shapes and forms meld to create the building blocks of any item that you want to draw. Each of the 20 interpretations provides a different, interesting approach to drawing a single item, providing loads of inspiration for your own drawing. Presented in the authorâ€™s uniquely creative style, this engaging and motivational practice book provides a new take on the world of sketching, doodling, and designing.***

***/divDIVGet out your favorite drawing tool, and remember, there are not just 20 Ways to Draw a Tree!/div The intensely expressive art of the Middle Ages was created to awe, educate and connect the viewer to heaven. Its power reverberates to this day, even among the secular. But experiencing the full meaning and***



***purpose of medieval art requires an understanding of its narrative content. This volume introduces the subjects and stories most frequently depicted in medieval art, many of them drawn from the Bible and other religious literature. Included among the thirty-eight representative works are brilliant altarpieces, stained-glass windows, intricate tapestries, carved wood sculptures, delicate ivories, and captivating manuscript illuminations, all drawn from the holdings of the Metropolitan Museum, one of the world's most comprehensive collections of medieval art. Iconic masterworks such as the Merode Altarpiece, the Unicorn Tapestries, and the Belles Heures of the duc de Berry are featured along with less familiar work. Descriptions of the individual pieces highlight the context in which they were made, conveying their visual and technical nuances as well as their broader symbolic meaning. With its accessible informative discussions and superb full-color illustrations, How to Read Medieval Art explores the iconographic themes of the period, making them clearly recognizable and opening vistas onto history and literature, faith and devotion. During the filming of his celebrated novel THE ENGLISH PATIENT, Michael Ondaatje***

***became increasingly fascinated as he watched the veteran editor Walter Murch at work. THE CONVERSATIONS, which grew out of discussions between the two men, is about the craft of filmmaking and deals with every aspect of film, from the first stage of script writing to the final stage of the sound mix. Walter Murch emerged during the 1960s at the centre of a renaissance of American filmmakers which included the directors Francis Coppola, George Lucas and Fred Zinneman. He worked on a whole raft of great films including the three GODFATHER films, JULIA, AMERICAN GRAFFITI, APOCALYPSE NOW, THE UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS OF BEING and many others. Articulate, intellectual, humorous and passionate about his craft and its devices, Murch brings his vast experience and penetrating insights to bear as he explains how films are made, how they work, how they go wrong and how they can be saved. His experience on APOCALYPSE NOW - both originally and more recently when the film was completely re-cut - and his work with Anthony Minghella on THE ENGLISH PATIENT provide illuminating highlights. The career of actor Lon Chaney Sr., the Man of 1000 faces, is featured in this chronological pictorial history featuring***

***stunning characters in hundreds of pictures from his many films. A must for anyone interested in Chaney's films, special effects, makeup artistry, or the history of the Golden Era of Hollywood silent film making. A stunning exploration of over 80 famous artists and their fascinating lives, from Leonardo da Vinci to Frida Kahlo. Artists: Their Lives and Works tells the inspiring stories behind the world's most famous masterpieces and their creators, including their influences, development, friendships, loves, and rivalries. Discover the often tumultuous lives of iconic artists including Raphael, Hogarth, van Gogh, O'Keeffe, Magritte, Warhol, and Kiefer. Uncover the unconventional tales of the artists' lives, including Holbein's matchmaking portraits for Henry VIII, Caravaggio's thuggish reactions to a badly-cooked artichoke, and the many romantic affairs of Picasso. Lavishly illustrated biographies for every artist reveal these visionaries at work in their studios, as well as the unique techniques, artworks, and personalities that made them into legends. Featuring a foreword by Andrew Graham-Dixon, Artists: Their Lives and Works is the ideal gift for art lovers old and young, and a uniquely fascinating look at the lives of these creators.***

***'Sister Wendy's deep and insightful commentaries are utterly unique. You will want this splendid book for yourself but also to give to others.'* Delia Smith Hailed by The New York Times in 1997 as 'the most unlikely and famous art critic in the history of television', Sister Wendy Beckett went on to present numerous TV documentaries and published over thirty popular books on art history and appreciation. Shortly before she died in December 2018, and nearly thirty years on from her first book, Sister Wendy was working with SPCK on an anthology of her all-time favourite paintings. The result is this enthralling collection, which will delight her many fans all over the world while also inspiring a new generation of art lovers as they develop their understanding of the depths and subtleties of some of the world's greatest works of art. Salty-fresh sea breeze and chips on the beach, sun soaked pub gardens in sleepy little villages, romantic medieval ruins and prehistoric wonders - discover Great Britain's unique charms. Whether you want to go wild swimming in the Fairy Pools of Skye, take a windswept walk along the Jurassic Coast or scale the heights of Snowdonia, your DK Eyewitness travel guide makes sure you experience all that Great Britain**

***has to offer. From the jagged peaks of the Scottish Highlands and dramatic moors of the Peak District, to the sweeping sands of Norfolk and Northumberland, Great Britain boasts miles of spectacular landscape to hike, bike and explore. Our recently updated guide brings Great Britain to life, transporting you there like no other travel guide does with expert-led insights and advice, detailed breakdowns of all the must-see sights, photographs on practically every page, and our hand-drawn illustrations which place you inside the island's iconic buildings and neighbourhoods. You'll discover: - our pick of Great Britain's must-sees, top experiences and hidden gems - the best spots to eat, drink, shop and stay - detailed maps and walks which make navigating the island easy - easy-to-follow itineraries - expert advice: get ready, get around and stay safe - colour-coded chapters to every part of Great Britain, from London to Edinburgh, the Cotswolds to Cornwall Want the best of Great Britain in your pocket? Try our DK Eyewitness Top 10 guides to Scotland, the Lake District, Cornwall and Devon and London. "A fun and fast-paced romp." --School Library Journal Ali has always acted like a copycat to make friends, but when she unexpectedly inherits the ability to***

***change her appearance at will, fitting in seems impossible! Luckily, with the help of her family, new friends, and a touch of magic, Ali might just survive middle school after all. Ali and her parents have moved at least once a year for as long as Ali can remember. She's attended six different schools, lived in dozens of apartments, and never really felt at home anywhere. But Ali's parents say living in Saint John, New Brunswick, will be different. They've moved in with Ali's great-grandmother—a lively ninety-nine-year-old with a quirky old house and room for all of them. Ali wants to believe it will be their last move, but everything seems too perfect to be true. To Ali's surprise, things are different this time, but not in the way she'd hoped. She's inherited the Sloane family power—the ability to change her appearance into any living thing. Ali is a Copycat. Literally. And being the new kid at school is hard enough without worrying about turning into your teacher. Luckily, Ali's new friends are eager to help. But as Ali soon learns, being a Copycat is no substitute for being yourself. The Copycat is a magical middle grade read for fans of Diana Wynne Jones, by the author of The Frame-Up. --Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books Presents short stories from***

**1972 through 2002 by twenty-four North American women authors including Toni Cade Bambara, Sandra Cisneros, Joyce Carol Oates, and Alice McDermott. From the majesty of Genesis to the mystery of Revelation, the Bible contains some of the world's most powerful stories and sublime wisdom. It is also the inspiration for some of the greatest pictures ever painted. Adam and Even expelled from Paradise, Jacob wrestling with the angel, God appearing to Moses in the burning bush, Samson betrayed by Delilah, David slaying Goliath, the beauty of Bathsheba, the wisdom of Solomon; these are among the dramatic episodes and memorable characters from the Old Testament, portrayed here by artists such as Masaccio, Raphael, Rubens, Degas, and Rembrandt. Then, in the New Testament, the figure of Jesus takes center stage, with his compelling parables and miracles depicted by artists such as Poussin, Delacroix, and van Gogh, and with major events in his ministry from the Nativity to the Resurrection painted by Botticelli, Piero, Duccio, Leonardo, Giotto, Titian, and Craigie Atchison. Commenting on these and many other works, Sister Wendy takes you on a journey into the heart of the Bible and of biblical art, making this a book you will**

**want to turn to again and again. Step-by-step tutorials for 50 beautiful motifs including plants, flowers, animals, & more! - 50 beautiful motifs to paint in 30 minutes or less. - Printed on smooth watercolor paper so you can paint right inside the book! - Learn-at-a-glance instructions make the process easy for beginners. - Detailed paint patterns included for each tutorial. - Brush recommendations, color mixing, color palettes, and all the basics included! Love the look of watercolors but think you lack the skill? Think again! With Watercolor the Easy Way, you will learn all about color mixing, brush strokes, and more. Then, you will find a vast collection of 50 stunning pictures to paint. Each of the 50 tutorials is broken down into key steps so you can clearly see how to begin your painting, layer color, and add detail. Also included are hand-drawn patterns that can be traced onto your watercolor pad, brush recommendations, helpful hints, and color palettes. Best of all, the projects can be completed in 30 minutes! Experience the magic of watercolor, spark your creativity, and discover your inner artist with this book. Inspirational and informative, this precious book is the perfect companion in times of quiet contemplation. This is the first book to showcase**



***the work of acclaimed ceramic artist Jennifer McCurdy. Collectors and art enthusiasts will be delighted to gaze at these luminescent forms, lyrically accompanied by the poetry of Jennifer's sister, Wendy Mulhern. Dozens of color photographs, plus a section on evolution and process that's illustrated with forty-five color images, clearly show the depth and brilliance of Jennifer's work. In this collaboration Jennifer and Wendy celebrate art and how it holds things that can't be contained in any other way. These vessels, of porcelain and poetry, resonate with each other, engaging an intimate conversation. The evolution and process section provides insight into both the internal process of artistry and the physical and temporal dedication essential to bringing forth a life's body of work. If you've always wanted to find out more about art but felt intimidated by the overeducated art world, then you've found the answer. Art For Dummies is the book that will have you and everyone you know clamoring outside the doors of your local museum. Thomas Hoving, former director of New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, is credited with revolutionizing the Met, doubling its size during his tenure, and bringing art to the masses. Let him bring art to you as***

***well. In Art For Dummies, Thomas Hoving provides a how-to guide to the art world. First, he guides you through an introduction to art appreciation, pointing out the details that you've always noticed but have never been able to explain. Next, Hoving takes you on a ride through art history. (Have you ever regretted not taking those art history classes in school With Art For Dummies, you'll feel all caught up and ready to spar with the local intellectuals.) Hoving even includes a guide to the world's top art cities and centers, a listing that can help you prepare for your next artistic voyage. With this guide, you can discover where to go in order to see the greatest works of art, and you can also find out about hidden treasures in nearby art museums. You also get a great start for seeking out art with Hoving's lists of the greatest works of Western civilization, the most interesting artists, and the contemporary artists to watch. Don't wait another day to introduce yourself to the art world! This book examines how Fruit Chan's Durian Durian sensitively portrays the unsettling seismic shifts affecting the inhabitants of both China and Hong Kong in a post-1997 context. The study covers different aspects of Durian Durian: its relation to the Hong***

***Kong independent film sector and traditions of Hong Kong social realism; its representations of mainland Chinese women; and its representations of cross-border relations and issues of post-1997 identity for both inhabitants of Hong Kong and China. Gan argues that Durian Durian is an attempt to re-think Hong Kong and China as a single entity, a single imagined community in a post-1997 era. The film is an exploration of "one country, two systems" not just in political but in spatial and affective terms. This is one of the first studies of Fruit Chan's work and presents him as one of Hong Kong's key filmmakers, worthy of serious critical study. Durian Durian is one of Chan's masterpieces and its study is of interest to anyone who is concerned with post-1997 realities in Hong Kong and China as visualized on film. Ordinary Enchantments investigates magical realism as the most important trend in contemporary international fiction, defines its characteristics and narrative techniques, and proposes a new theory to explain its significance. In the most comprehensive critical treatment of this literary mode to date, Wendy B. Faris discusses a rich array of examples from magical realist novels around the world, including the work not only of***

***Latin American writers like Gabriel Garcia Marquez, but also of authors like Salman Rushdie, Gunter Grass, Toni Morrison, and Ben Okri. Faris argues that by combining realistic representation with fantastic elements so that the marvelous seems to grow organically out of the ordinary, magical realism destabilizes the dominant form of realism based on empirical definitions of reality, gives it visionary power, and thus constitutes what might be called a "remystification" of narrative in the West. Noting the radical narrative heterogeneity of magical realism, the author compares its cultural role to that of traditional shamanic performance, which joins the worlds of daily life and that of the spirits. Because of that capacity to bridge different worlds, magical realism has served as an effective decolonizing agent, providing the ground for marginal voices, submerged traditions, and emergent literatures to develop and create masterpieces. At the same time, this process is not limited to postcolonial situations but constitutes a global trend that replenishes realism from within. In addition to describing what many consider to be the progressive cultural work of magical realism, Faris also confronts the recent accusation that magical***

***realism and its study as a global phenomenon can be seen as a form of commodification and an imposition of cultural homogeneity. And finally, drawing on the narrative innovations and cultural scenarios that magical realism enacts, she extends those principles toward issues of gender and the possibility of a female element within magical realism. An autobiographical account by Naomi Sim starting with her childhood spent with her sister and mother, living with her aunts in Edinburgh (and periodically in Bedford) and the summer holidays spent in the country, helping on the local farm.;She describes her first meeting with her husband Alastair, falling in love with him at the age of 12, and follows their years together during and after the war covering her role as his closest adviser: vetting scripts, working through his lines with him and sparking new ideas. She recounts her difficult pregnancy when their daughter Merlith was born and tells of the other - unofficial - children of the family, including the young actor George Cole. Three descriptive essays and numerous fascinating photographs, taken especially for this volume, allow the reader to experience a major monument of Indian art: the sixth century temple cave on***

***Elephanta Island, in Bombay harbor, and its extraordinary stone sculptures. The authors and the photographer capture the atmosphere of the cave and the spirit of the sculptures, which portray the relentless energy and paradoxical power of Shiva, greatest of all Hindu gods. The photographs are particularly successful in revealing the dramatic alternation of light and dark that is so much a part of the beauty of the cave's interior. Ms. Berkson's trained and loving eye picks out the subtleties of the main sculptures and humorous details that the visitor might miss even on the site. In the text Wendy O'Flaherty interprets the myths of Shiva depicted in the sculpture; Ms. berkson's essay supplies historical background and a stylistic analysis; and George Michell examines the overall structure of the cave to show that it is a mandala-like image of the heavenly mountain residence of Shiva and even of the structure of the universe itself. The author as well as the publishers of the work deserve to be congratulated for providing this easily accessible guide to Elephanta. Research Bulletin Vishveshvaranand Vedic Research Institute, Vol.I, Dec.2002 An engrossing and definitive narrative account of history and myth that offers a new***

***way of understanding one of the world's oldest major religions, The Hindus elucidates the relationship between recorded history and imaginary worlds. Hinduism does not lend itself easily to a strictly chronological account: many of its central texts cannot be reliably dated even within a century; its central tenets karma, dharma, to name just two arise at particular moments in Indian history and differ in each era, between genders, and caste to caste; and what is shared among Hindus is overwhelmingly outnumbered by the things that are unique to one group or another. Yet the greatness of Hinduism - its vitality, its earthiness, its vividness - lies precisely in many of those idiosyncratic qualities that continue to inspire debate today. Wendy Doniger is one of the foremost scholars of Hinduism in the world. With her inimitable insight and expertise Doniger illuminates those moments within the tradition that resist forces that would standardize or establish a canon. Without reversing or misrepresenting the historical hierarchies, she reveals how Sanskrit and vernacular sources are rich in knowledge of and compassion toward women and lower castes; how they debate tensions surrounding religion, violence, and***

***tolerance; and how animals are the key to important shifts in attitudes toward different social classes. The Hindus brings a fascinating multiplicity of actors and stories to the stage to show how brilliant and creative thinkers - many of them far removed from Brahmin authors of Sanskrit texts - have kept Hinduism alive in ways that other scholars have not fully explored. In this unique and authoritative account, debates about Hindu traditions become platforms from which to consider the ironies, and overlooked epiphanies, of history. Self-Help Suitable for Advent or Lent, these meditations on pictorial images of light are navigational aids in the ascent to trust in the triumph. In a relatively late in life synthesis of her interests in art and religion, Sharon R. Chace explores art that evokes the light of a star, inclusion, forgiveness, caring, healing, speaking truth to power, transfiguration, and resurrection. Questions for individual or group consideration invite further reflection and discussion about the art and personal experiences. Living in the light is a way to participate in God-like healing love. Being lights in the world can help one another sustain trust in the implicit meaning of Christmas and Easter that is in the prologue of the Gospel of***



***John (1:1-5). The Gospel writer concludes with a declarative sentence of promise: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." Born in Estonia 1901 and brought to America in 1906, the architect Louis Kahn grew up in poverty in Philadelphia. By the time of his mysterious death in 1974, he was widely recognized as one of the greatest architects of his era. Yet this enormous reputation was based on only a handful of masterpieces, all built during the last fifteen years of his life. Wendy Lesser's You Say to Brick: The Life of Louis Kahn is a major exploration of the architect's life and work. Kahn, perhaps more than any other twentieth-century American architect, was a "public" architect. Rather than focusing on corporate commissions, he devoted himself to designing research facilities, government centers, museums, libraries, and other structures that would serve the public good. But this warm, captivating person, beloved by students and admired by colleagues, was also a secretive man hiding under a series of masks. Kahn himself, however, is not the only complex subject that comes vividly to life in these pages. His signature achievements—like the Salk Institute in La Jolla, the National Assembly***

***Building of Bangladesh, and the Indian Institute of Management in Ahmedabad—can at first seem as enigmatic and beguiling as the man who designed them. In attempts to describe these structures, we are often forced to speak in contradictions and paradoxes: structures that seem at once unmistakably modern and ancient; enormous built spaces that offer a sense of intimate containment; designs in which light itself seems tangible, a raw material as tactile as travertine or Kahn’s beloved concrete. This is where Lesser’s talents as one of our most original and gifted cultural critics come into play. Interspersed throughout her account of Kahn’s life and career are exhilarating “in situ” descriptions of what it feels like to move through his built structures. Drawing on extensive original research, lengthy interviews with his children, his colleagues, and his students, and travel to the far-flung sites of his career-defining buildings, Lesser has written a landmark biography of this elusive genius, revealing the mind behind some of the twentieth century’s most celebrated architecture.***

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