

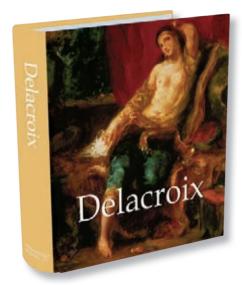
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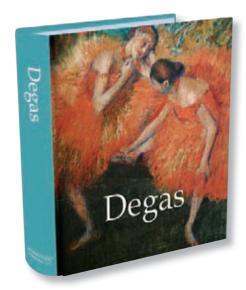




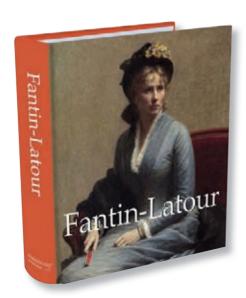
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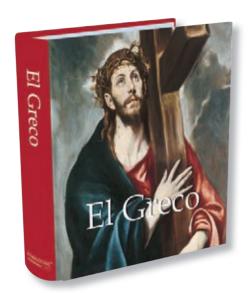


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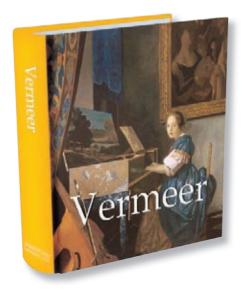
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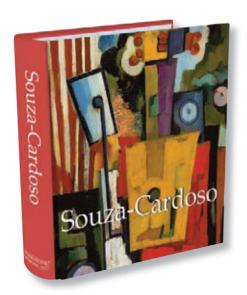
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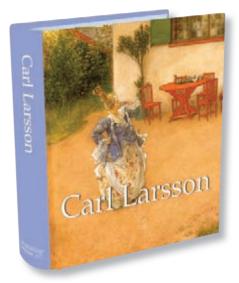
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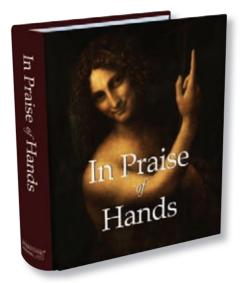
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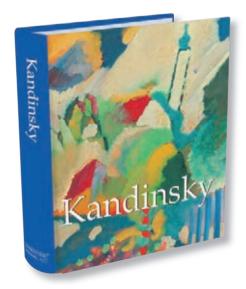
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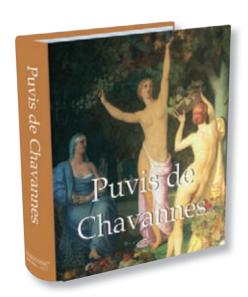
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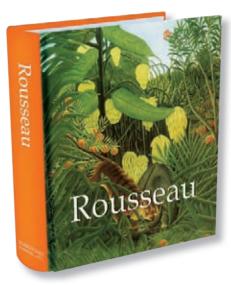
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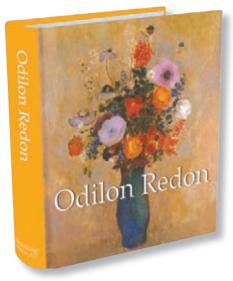
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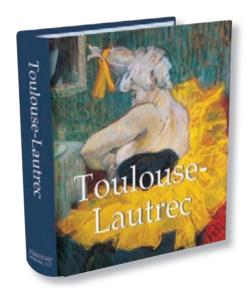
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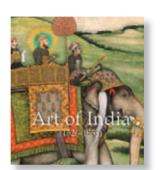
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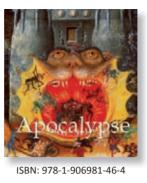


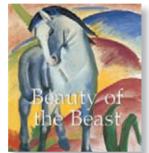
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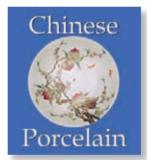


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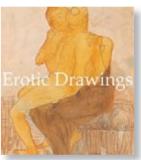
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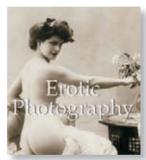
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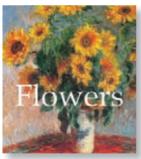
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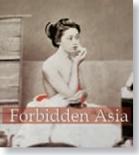
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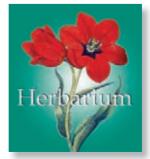
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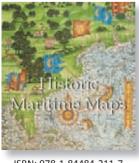
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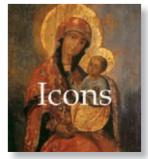
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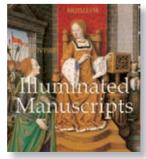
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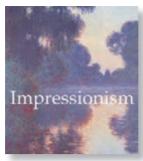
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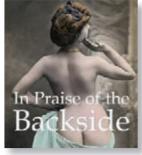
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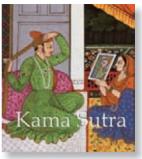
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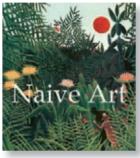
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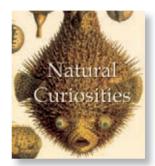
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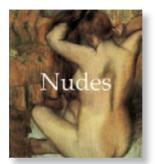
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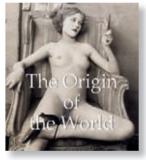
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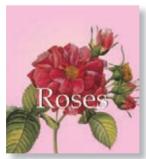
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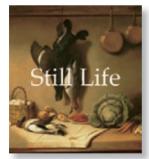
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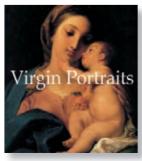
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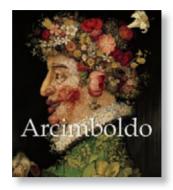


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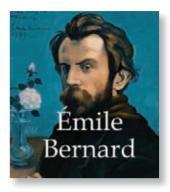
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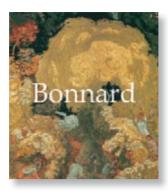
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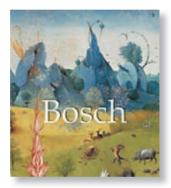
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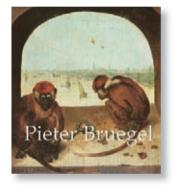
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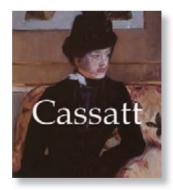
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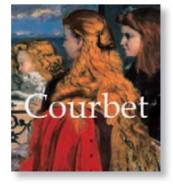
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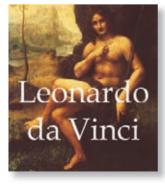
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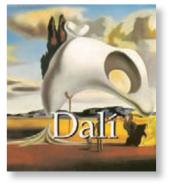
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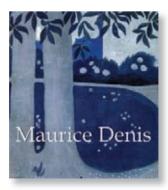
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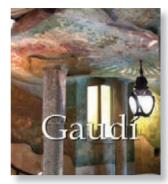
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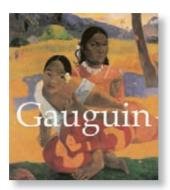
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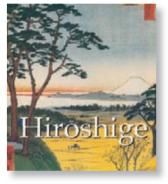
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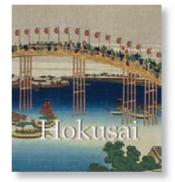
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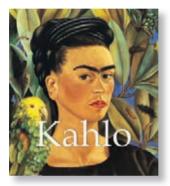
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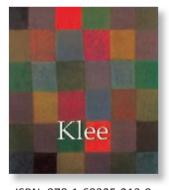
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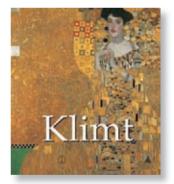
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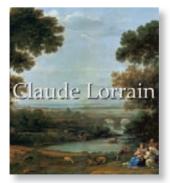
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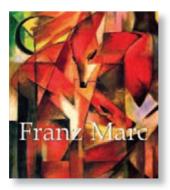
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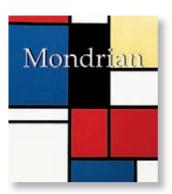
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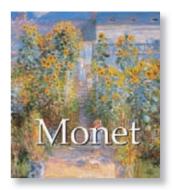
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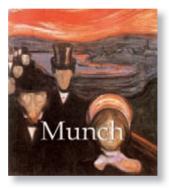
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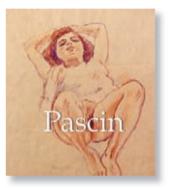
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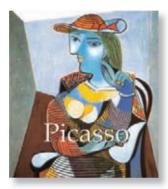
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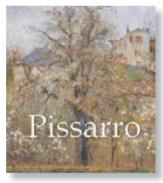
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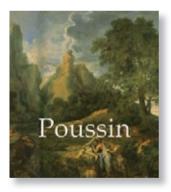
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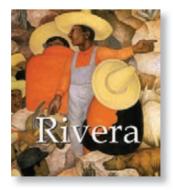
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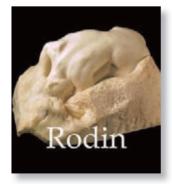
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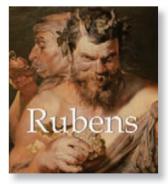
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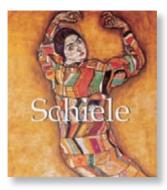
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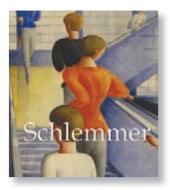
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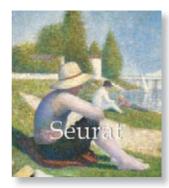
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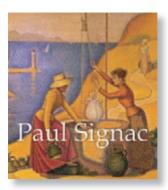
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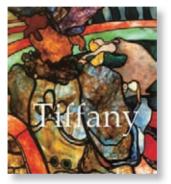
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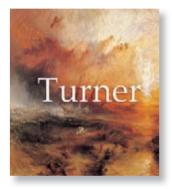
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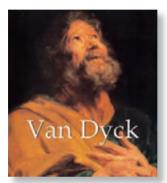
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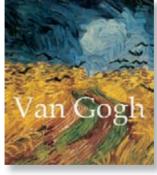
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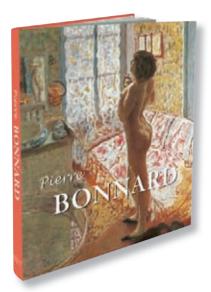


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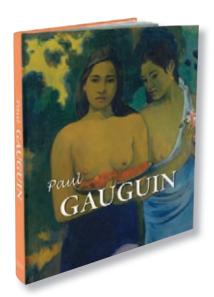




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s a founding member of the symbolist group Les Nabis, Pierre Bonnard (1867-1947) strayed from his peers through his interest in simple life rather than a focus on the mystic. It was his love for the power of colour and its ability to disregard the three-dimensional world that connected him to the group. His work did take on a rather dreamlike quality due to his ample use of bright colours which vividly play together on his canvasses. The artist created his pieces from memory, using just sketches and notes for reference and dreaming of the piece before beginning. Bonnard also worked on multiple pieces simultaneously, moving from one to another to allow creativity and ideas of dimensions to flow fluidly and freely.

aul Gauguin (1848-1903) is perhaps one of the most colourful characters in the art world. With no formal training, he firmly placed his unique post-impressionist style forever in the arts by infusing exotic scenes with rich colours and incongruous proportions. A pivotal figure in symbolist art, the French painter was infamous for his alcoholism and lack of interest in established rules of society, which led to his time in Tahiti – an inspiration for many paintings. Famous only in death, his expression and experimentation with colour would go on to influence artists like Matisse and Picasso.



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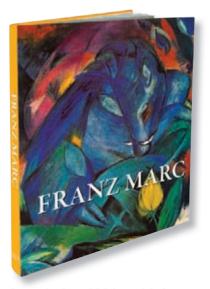
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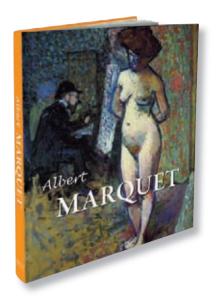
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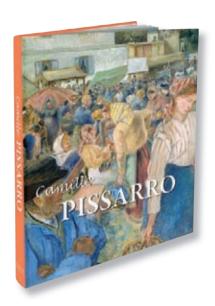
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ranz Marc (1880-1916) was a key figure in the German Expressionist movement of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Marc was a founding member of the expressionist group Der Blaue Reiter along with other great artists of the time: Wassily Kandinsky, August Macke, and Alexej von Jawlensky. A brilliant use of colour along with stark futurist and cubist styles create the distinct qualities that make Marc a master of modern art. Symbolising masculinity, femininity, and violence among his calm and bucolic animal subjects, Marc's unique and creative use of colour and meaning will forever have a firm place in art history.



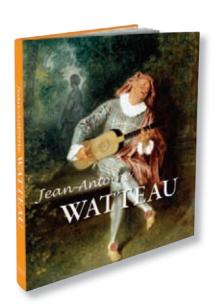
s a French painter of the Fauvist movement, Albert Marquet (1875-1947) is famous for his landscapes and seascapes. While he favoured a more muted palette than his contemporaries, the beauty of Marquet's work is displayed through the movement of his depictions of seas and lakes and the reflection of objects and sky dancing in the water. The artist painted the Art Nouveau ornaments of the Grand Palais for the Exposition Universelle, but his playful and lively brushwork and innate understanding of light serve as his lasting mark on the art world.

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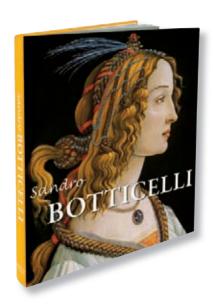
amille Pissarro (1830-1903) had a great effect on many of his impressionist contemporaries, and he also served as an inspiration and mentor to other great masters such as Cézanne, Renoir, and Gauguin. He is credited to not only bolstering the Impressionist movement, but for keeping it alive in moments of difficulty. Deftly depicting the light and movement of village life, Pissarro primarily painted outdoors to catch the essence of his subjects. Distinguished by his thick and visible brushstrokes, his influence can be clearly seen in the works of Van Gogh.

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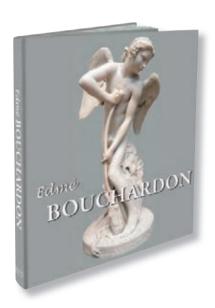
redited with having created the *fêtes galantes* genre, Antoine Watteau (1684-1721) produced works that fused the gentle beauty of the bucolic lifestyle with a comedic and playful sense of theatricality. The French painter revitalised the Baroque genre by enlivening it with a more Rococo style, but his melancholy undertones of the frivolousness of life set him apart from other Rococo artists like Boucher or Fragonard. Watteau's influence on the arts is one of the most extensive in art history; his unique touch can be seen in paintings, costume, poetry, and film as well as the entire impressionist genre.

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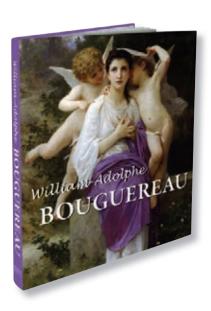
he Medici court painter Botticelli is one of the most brilliant artists of the Italian Renaissance alongside Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo and Raphael. Favouring feminine portraits, Botticelli stands apart through the finesse of his lines and the unbridled sensuality of his paintings. Between religious and private commissions this Florentine artist introduced the profane into art through works of complex mythological subjects, such as the incontrovertibly masterful *Primavera* and *The Birth of Venus*, and knew how to delight the erudite patrons of art.

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dmé Bouchardon (1698-1762), is a French sculptor from the first half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. A pioneer of Neo-classicism in sculpture, he broke away from the Rococo style and applied classical rules to his work giving it a more supple edge. Bouchardon's art reached noble acclaim in 1748 when King Louis XV of France commissioned an equestrian statue for the Place de la Concorde. His Fountain of Four Seasons on rue de Grenelle in Paris is now considered a historic monument and it is a true architectural masterpiece that inspired many generations after him.

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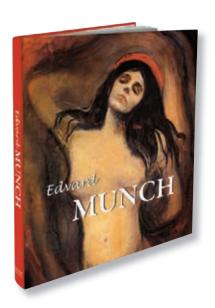
illiam-Adolphe Bouguereau (1825-1905) was among the protagonists of academic art when Monet and the impressionists heralded the dawn of the modern era. Unperturbed by the young Avant-garde, he remained true to his classic concept of ideal beauty, the mythological subjects and his predilection for allegoric depictions. Bouguereau soon made a name for himself thanks to his decorative work, like that of the Grand-Théâtre de Bordeaux, and his frequent appearances at the Salon de Paris. But above all, he will always be remembered as the master of the nude who managed to render the beauty of the female body like few before or after him.

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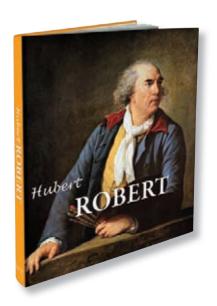
ean-Léon Gérôme (1824-1904) was a French sculptor and historical painter of the academic classical style; he is counted among the greatest representatives of the genre. His work distinguishes itself through strong sense of melodrama and eroticism. Many of his paintings were influenced by his travels in Italy, Egypt and Turkey. His fame transcended borders and Gérôme became one of the most celebrated artists of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

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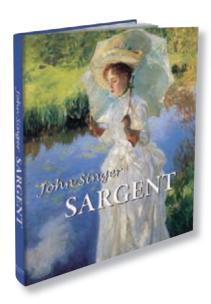
dvard Munch (1863-1944), a Norwegian painter involved in Expressionism, was so attached to his work that he called his paintings his children, which is rather unsurprising given that they were deeply personal. Indeed, Munch expressed much of his own inner turmoil through his art, particularly in the earlier part of his career. He painted not what he saw, but what he felt when he saw it, allowing his morbidity and illness to imbue his paintings with a sombre tone. These darker paintings, including his famous *The Scream*, endured and would greatly influence German Expressionism.

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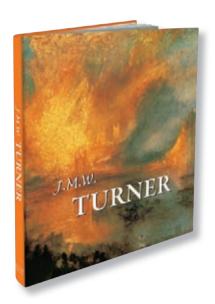
rench painter Hubert Robert (1733-1808) truly merited the nickname given to him by friends and admirers: "Robert des Ruines." Already one of the most influential and venerated French artists of his time, the former member of the Académie Royale is today considered the most creative and imaginative painter of French Classicism.

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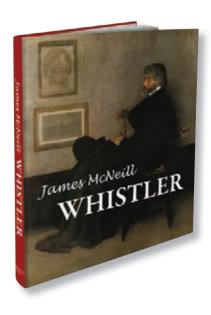
ohn Singer Sargent's (1856-1925) paintings carry the mark of his privileged upbringing; the influence of Florence, the struggle between nature and culture – from rolling landscapes to galleries filled with masterpieces – as well as the constant opportunity to partake in intellectual and artistic discussions all played an important role in his training and therefore in his art. Sargent was an American but many considered him a citizen of the world. At the exception of a few visits back to his native country, he spent the majority of his life abroad and was particularly influenced by European art.

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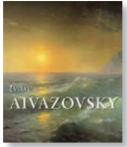
true free radical of his era, J. M. W. Turner (1775-1851) was known as 'the painter of light' and was a revelation for the Impressionist movement. This traveller-landscapist's paintings intensified over time to definitively leave figurative reality behind, offering instead a luminous vision transfigured by nature. A visionary ahead of his time, his art was received with much controversy. In step with his life, his last years were synonymous with self-denial for the benefit of his art, and upon his death he bequeathed over 20,000 works to the British state.

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ames Abbott McNeill Whistler (1834-1903) made his debut on the artistic scene at a decisive moment in the history of art and became a pioneering figure. Whilst the impressionists were embodying the epitome of the Avant-garde, Whistler's paintings reached a level of abstraction that had not yet been achieved. His portraits from this time in his life became his most well-renowned. His creativity, elegance and personality fascinated his entourage. A close friend of Stéphane Mallarmé and admired by Marcel Proust, Whistler played the perfect roles of the seductive dandy and the sentimental socialite, but all the while being both an astonishing artist and a bold innovator.

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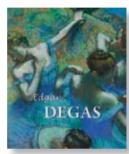
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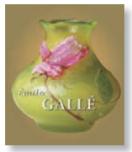
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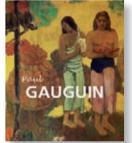
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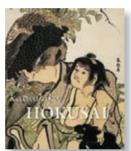
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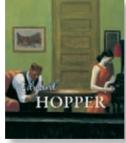
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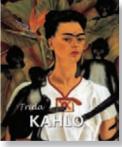
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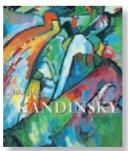
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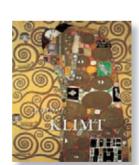
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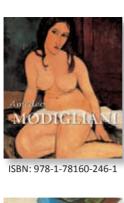
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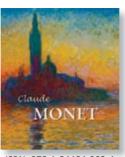
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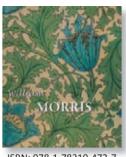


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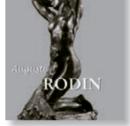
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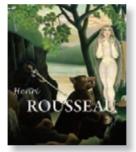
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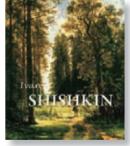
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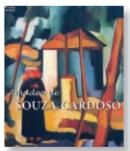
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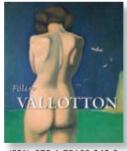
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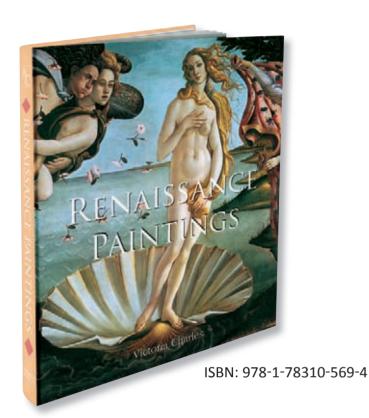


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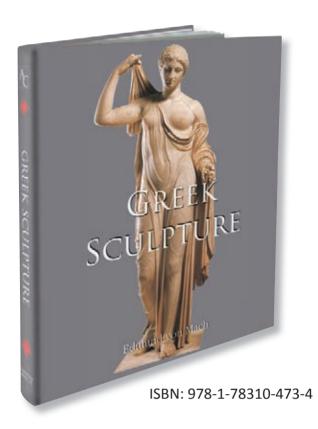
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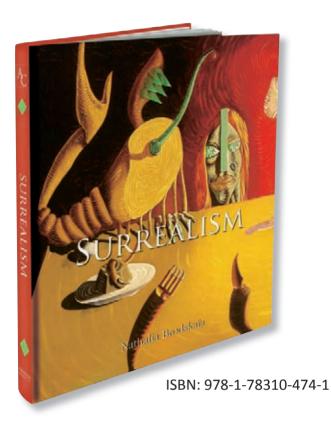




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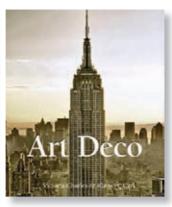
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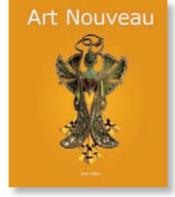




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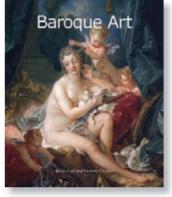
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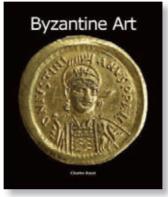
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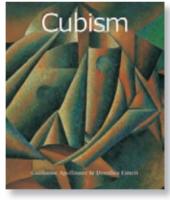
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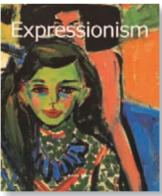
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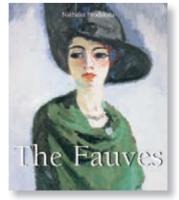
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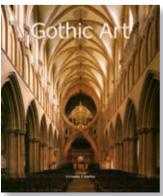
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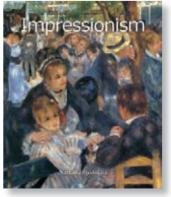
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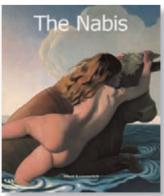
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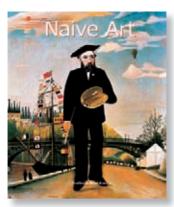
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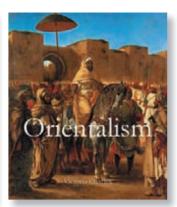
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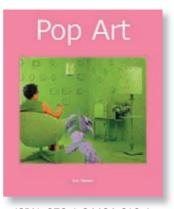
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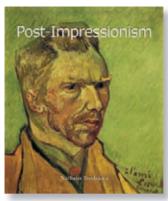
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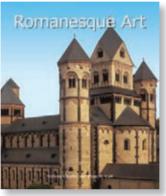
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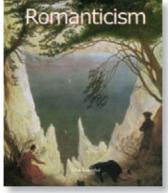
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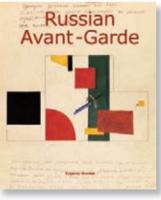
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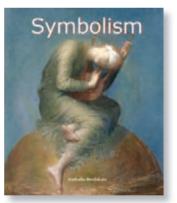
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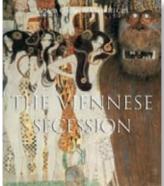
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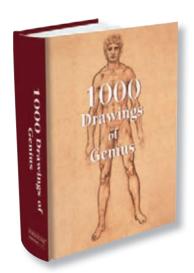
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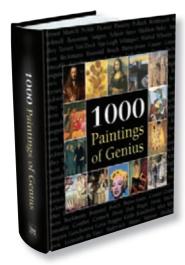
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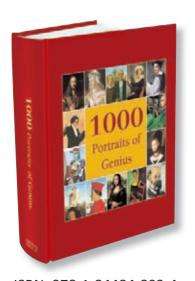
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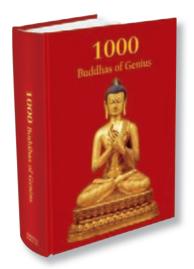


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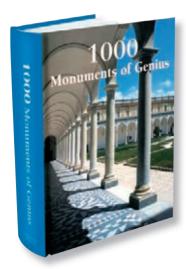


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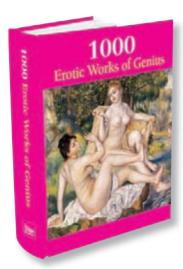
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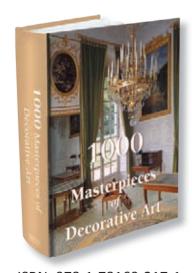
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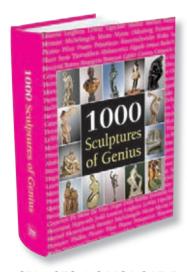
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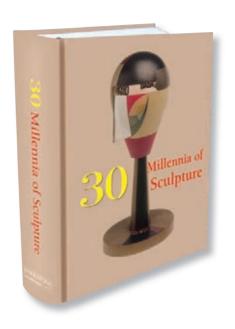


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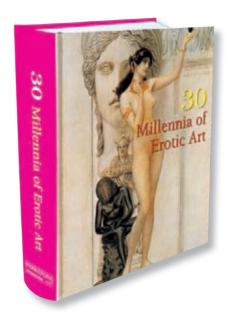
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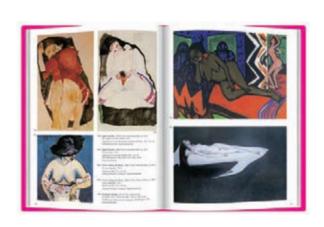






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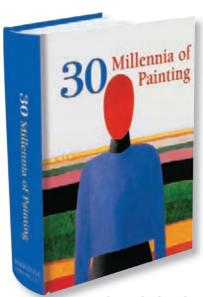


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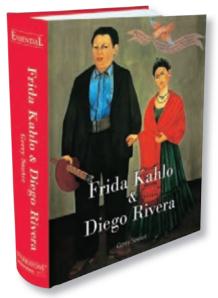
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rt has always been an expression of humanity, our way of reflecting the world around us, as well as the feelings we experience in relation to it. This collection, highlighting painting, sculpture, and erotic works, offers a panoramic view of the way art has reflected the evolution of civilisations and cultures. Each book features 1,000 images, accompanied by extended commentary on significant works, as well as detailed biographies of the most prominent artists.









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hey met in 1928; Frida Kahlo was then 21 years old and Diego Rivera was twice her age. He was already an international reference, she only aspired to become one. An intense artistic creation, along with pain and suffering, was generated by this tormented union, in particular for Frida. On both continents, America and Europe, these committed artists proclaimed their freedom and left behind them the traces of their exceptional talent. In this book, Gerry Souter brings together both biographies and underlines with passion the link which existed between the two greatest Mexican artists of the 20th century.

he genre of portraiture takes us back to the origins of artistic representation. Over the course of the centuries, it has developed on different surfaces, only truly finding its footing as a standalone genre during the Renaissance. Art of courts, of the bourgeoisie, or equally of the common people, the portrait has a strong link with death and the endurance of beings through their image. Almost every artist has tried their hand at the portrait, including some of the most famous in history; we can count Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, Dürer, Van Eyck, Van Dyck, Velázquez, Nattier, Vigée-Lebrun, David, and even Picasso, Soutine, and Modigliani among them.



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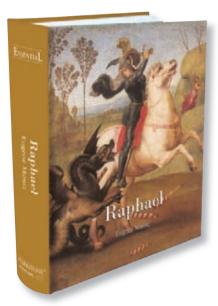


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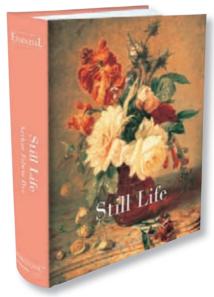
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aphael (1483-1520), the Italian painter and architect of the High Renaissance, was a genius in and ahead of his time. Together with Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci, he formed the classical trinity of this era. His works comprise various themes of theology and philosophy, including but not limited to famous images of the Madonna. His surroundings and experience gave rise to his propensity to combine the ideals of humanism with those of religion, and firmly established in him a conviction that art is a necessary medium to reveal the beauty of nature.

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lowers, fruit, meat, or even musical instruments: these are the principal subjects of still lifes. A genre present within the work of modern and contemporary artists the world over, they are often more than simply an exercise in style. They symbolise the transient character of worldly pleasures and of human life, harbouring abundant symbols and allegories within the objects they portray. In contemporary times, still lifes remain a genre frequently practised by painters. Often ridden of their symbolic attributes, they have become perhaps more reflective of the personality and style of their artist.

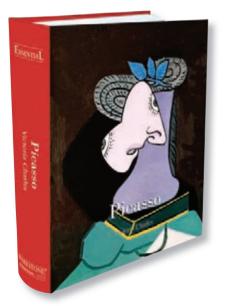


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he Virgin and Child has endured as one of the favourite subjects of artists since the Middle Ages. Depicting Mary and the Christ Child, this religious scene at its heart presents a mother and her son, sometimes accompanied by other individuals. Originally distant and formal, it was at the end of the Middle Ages that the relationship between the two figures was touched with tenderness and became more greatly imbued with the human spirit. Amongst the famous artists who have treated the subject of the Virgin and Child are, most notably, Cimabue, Jean Fouquet, Quentin Metsys, Botticelli, Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, Rubens, and many others.

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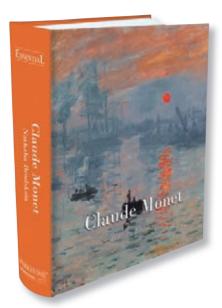
or many people, Pablo Picasso (1881-1973) was undoubtedly the most important artist of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Born in Málaga, Spain, Picasso revealed his genius at a very early age and was quick to make contact with the most advanced art circles of his time, first in Barcelona and later in Paris. In the modernist quest for novelty, Picasso turned to pre-modern history and 'primitive' art for inspiration. We owe him and his colleague Georges Braque the invention of Cubism, not just one amongst many avant-garde movements but the aesthetic that would change the art of painting forever.



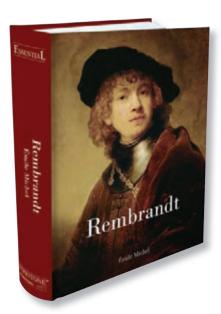
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ith *Impression, Soleil levant*, exhibited in 1874, Claude Monet (1840-1926) took part in the creation of the Impressionist movement that introduced the 19<sup>th</sup> century to modern art. All his life, he captured natural movements around him and translated them into visual sensations. Considered the leader of Impressionism, Monet is internationally famous for his poetic paintings of waterlilies and beautiful landscapes. He leaves behind him the most well-known masterpieces that still fascinate art lovers all over the world.

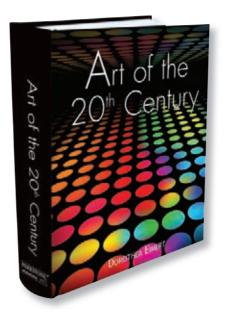


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s famous during his lifetime as after his death, Rembrandt (1606-1669) was one of the greatest masters of the Dutch Golden Age of the 17<sup>th</sup> century. His portraits not only transport us back to that fascinating time, but also represent, above all, a human adventure; beneath every dab of paint the spirit of the model seems to stir. Yet these portraits are only the tip of the Rembrandt iceberg, which consists of over 300 canvasses, 350 engravings, and 2,000 drawings. He applied this skilful fusion of styles to all his works, conferring biblical subjects and everyday themes alike with an unparalleled and intimate emotional power.



he 20<sup>th</sup> century was a revolutionary period in art history. In the span of a few short years, Modernism exploded into being, disrupting centuries of classical figurative tradition to create something entirely new. This astoundingly thorough survey of art's modern era showcases all of the key artistic movements of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, from Fauvism to Pop Art, featuring illustrative examples of some of the most renowned works of the era along with illuminating companion essays by expert critics and art historians.

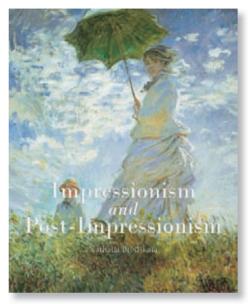
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hrough his elegant brush paintings and masterful woodblocks, Katsushika Hokusai (1760-1849) became one of Japan's most internationally-renowned artists. A master of Ukiyo-e art, he single-handedly transformed the art form from a simple style focused on courtesans and famous actors into a grander style depicting the beauty of nature seen through landscapes and wildlife. His style of art and subject evolved as many times as he changed his name, but Hokusai's talent as an artist remained constant and his influential role in later art movements such as Art Nouveau and Impressionism remains eternal.



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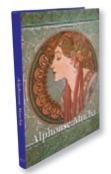
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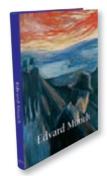
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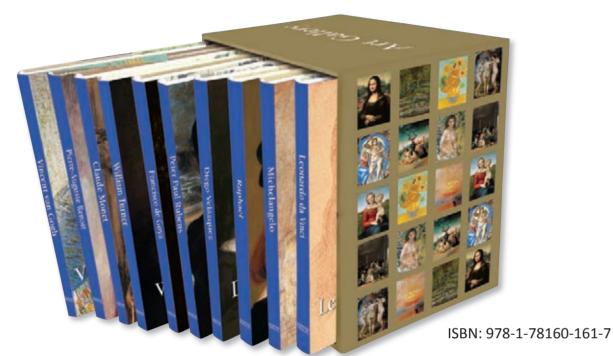


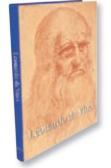
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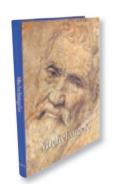


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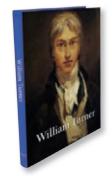
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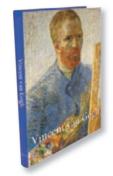
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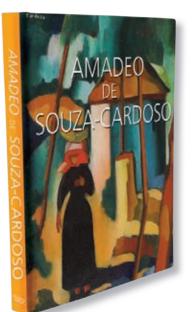


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madeo de Souza-Cardoso (1887-1918), an artist who consecutively tried his hand at Impressionism, Fauvism, Futurism, Cubism and Expressionism, was a pioneer not only for modern art in his home country, Portugal, but for Abstractionism all across Europe. Friends with Amedeo Modigliani, Diego Rivera, and Gaudí, he constantly merged tradition and modernism, thus developing a virtuous and unique style; his seemingly chaotic arrangements only revealing their inherent structure upon closer inspection.



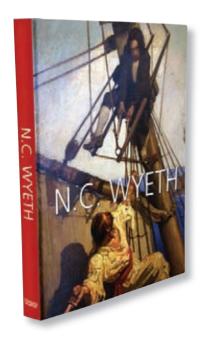




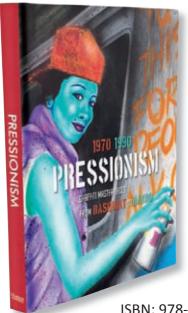
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ewell Convers, called N. C. Wyeth (1882-1945) has been cherished by generations of book lovers thanks to his illustrations of all-time classics such as *Treasure Island, Robin Hood*, and *Robinson Crusoe*. As one of the greatest illustrators in American history, he fashioned the way we imagine Long John Silver or Little John up to this day. In contrast to his achievements in book illustration, his painting is often overlooked. His realist style has been carried on by his son Andrew Wyeth (1917-2009) and his grandson Jamie Wyeth (1946).



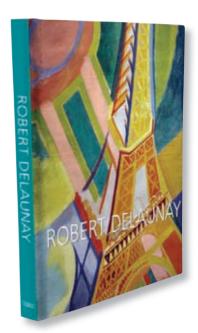


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verybody knows about Street Art. Who has not seen these colourful "vandalism" displays plastered against walls or the side of trains? This aerosol art known as Pressionism is one of the major artistic revolutions of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and requires years of practice. The movement, which started in the United States, made its way to Europe, to Paris and more specifically to Saint-Germain-des-Prés, before spreading across the globe. This official catalogue of last year's Pinacothèque exposition follows the main aesthetic developments of the graffiti movement.

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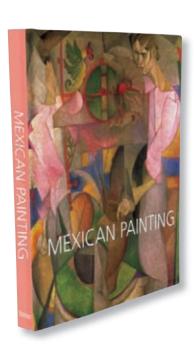
he French painter Robert Delaunay (1885-1941) revolutionised the use of colour in art. Influenced by the French master Paul Cézanne (1839-1906), close friends with the French poet Apollinaire (1880-1918) and admired by the German painter Paul Klee (1879-1940), he founded the Orphism art movement together with his wife Sonia Delaunay (1885-1979) in the early 1910s. Geometric shapes and bright colours marked his way to a unique form of Abstractionism that earned him a place among the greatest artistic minds of the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

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#### **MEXICAN PAINTING**

exican painting did not come to be internationally recognized until the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. It was the muralist movement, starting in the 1920s and strongly connected to the Mexican revolution of the previous decade, from which such great artists as José Clemente Orozco (1883-1949), David Alfaro Siqueiros (1896-1974) and Diego Rivera (1886-1957) emerged. Rarely has art been more political. Thus, what Mexican muralists of the time put up on the walls of the most diverse buildings also tells the story of this ever so restless nation.

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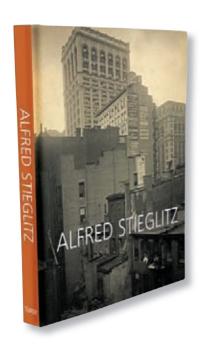
eading the way during the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, René Lalique (1860-1945) was the master of glassworks. The French designer created Art Nouveau jewellery pieces for Cartier and Boucheron before opening his own shop. Through his glassworks, Lalique became a leader of the modern Art Deco style, and his hand can be seen on car hood ornaments, clocks, and chandeliers.

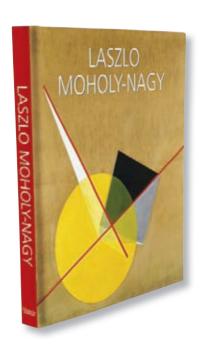
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#### **ALFRED STIEGLITZ**

he American photographer Alfred Stieglitz (1864-1946) was married to the "Mother of American modernism," Georgia O'Keeffe (1887-1986). In 1905, he founded a gallery on New York's Fifth Avenue which simply came to be known under its street number '291.' The exhibitions he showed there, just like the art magazines he published and his own artistic creation, were crucial in giving photography a new status in the art world. Alfred Stieglitz turned photography into an accepted art form that was no longer considered as inferior to painting or sculpture.

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#### LASZLO MOHOLY-NAGY

Bauhaus school. Among his initial influences were, most notably, the Dada movement and Constructivism. Known for his experimental approach to art, he introduced technology into his works and believed in art bringing forth social change. Nazism forced him to leave Germany. He found a new home in America where he continued his lifelong quest to bring together art, technology, and education.

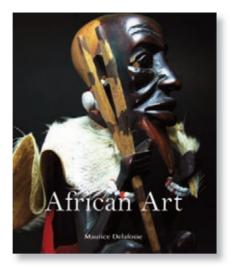
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#### **VERMEER AND HIS TIME**

ohannes Vemeer, a 17<sup>th</sup> century artist, is recognised primarily for his genre scenes. Through meticulous precision in his paintings and drawings he achieves perfection and maximum impact. Unlike his predecessors, Vermeer used a camera obscura to bring even more perspective to his art in the most delicate of manners. He revolutionised the way in which we use and make paint and his colour application techniques predate some of those used by the impressionists nearly two centuries later. *Girl with a Pearl Earring* remains to this day his greatest masterpiece.

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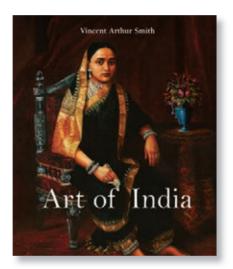




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frican Art invites you to explore the dynamic origins of the vast artistic expressions arising from the exotic and mystifying African continent. Since the discovery of African art at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century during the colonial expositions, it has been a limitless source of inspiration for artists who, over time, have perpetually recreated these artworks.

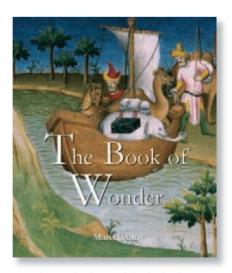
The power of Sub-Saharan African art lies within its visual diversity, demonstrating the creativity of the artists who are continuing to conceptualise new stylistic forms. From Mauritania to South Africa and from the Ivory Coast to Somalia, statues, masks, jewellery, pottery, and tapestries compose a variety of daily and ritual objects springing from these richly varied societies.



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ndia, with its extensive and colourful history, has produced an artistic tradition in many forms: architecture, painting, sculpture, calligraphy, mosaics, and artisan products. From Hinduism, with its pantheon of imagery of gods, goddesses, animals, and many other figures, to Islam, with its astounding architecture and intricate calligraphy, the many facets of India have given rise to a fascinating and beautiful collection of artworks.

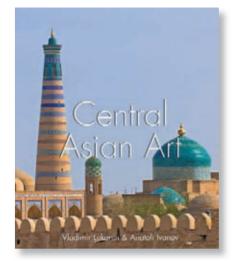
Featuring incredible images and a text written by a renowned scholar on the subject, this work offers an in-depth look at the masterpieces of India, showcasing this fascinating country and her artists and covering a wide range of styles and techniques.



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he most famous travel story of the Middle Ages has never lost its charm. A story of true wonder, Marco Polo's experiences as well as the reported myths transport us to the heart of Central Asia, China, Indochina, and the Indian Ocean. The original manuscripts were accompanied with illustrations realised from the few descriptions made by the traveller. The various illustrations found here will send the reader, through the footsteps of Marco Polo, on the path to discovering the distant lands as we know them today.

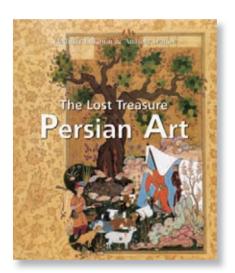
he strict prohibition on the representation of the human form has channeled artistic creation in this region into architecture and architectural decoration. This book is a magical tour through Central Asia – Kyrgyzstan, Tadjikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan – a cradle of ancient civilisations and a repository of the Oriental arts inspired by Buddhism and Islam. There are magnificent, full-colour photographs of the abandoned cities of Mervand Urgench, Khiva, the capital of the Kharezm, with its mausoleum of Sheikh Seid Allahuddin, and "the Golden Road to Samarkand," the Blue City, a centre of civilisation for 2,500 years.



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oused in the Hermitage Museum along with other institutes, libraries, and museums in Russia and the republics of the former Soviet Union are some of the most magnificent treasures of Persian Art. Many of these works have been catalogued and published here for the first time with an unsurpassed selection of colour plates.

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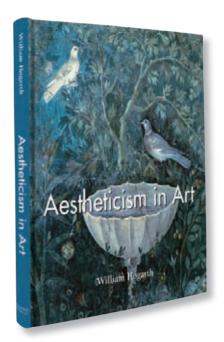








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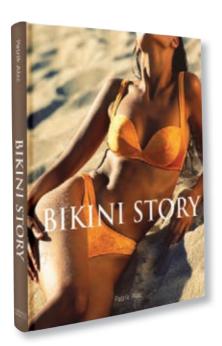
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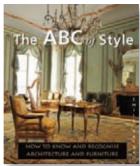


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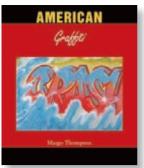
t was in 1946 that the world first came to hear of a coral atoll in the Marshall Islands called Bikini. The following year, French couturier Louis Réard applied the name to a bathing costume for women. Réard dared to 'undress' women's bodies in order to better emphasise what remained clothed. An ideal of perfection was reinforced by the appearance on the cinema screen of stars such as Marilyn Monroe, Brigitte Bardot, and Ursula Andress. More than a bathing costume, the bikini made its own contribution during the 1970s to the sexual revolution and to the changing relationship between men and women in general. This book investigates the history of the bikini and its effect on the evolution in the perception of women in society.



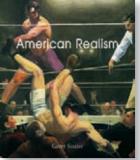




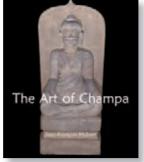
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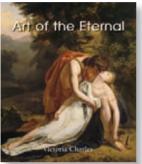
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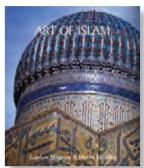
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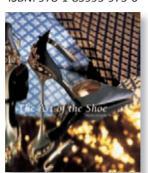
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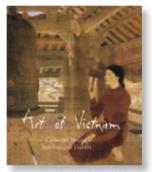
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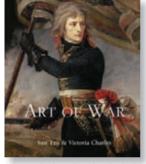
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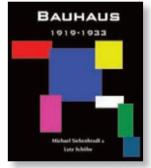
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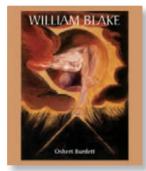
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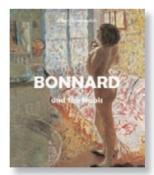
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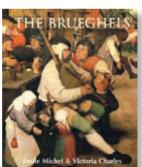
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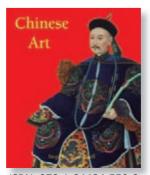
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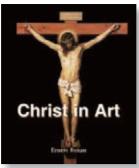
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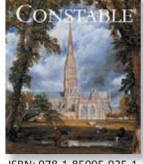
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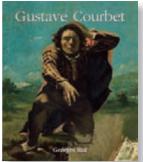
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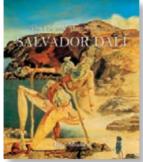
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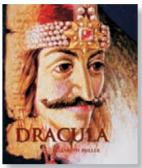
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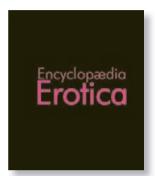
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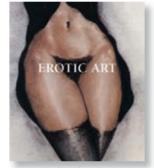
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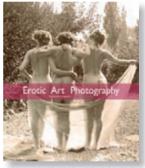
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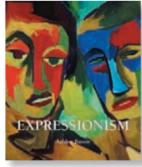
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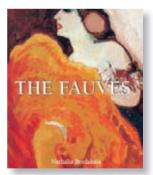
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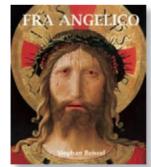
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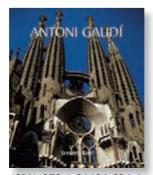
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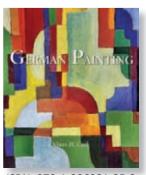
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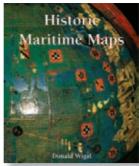
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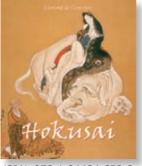
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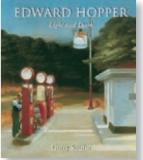
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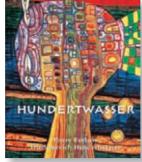
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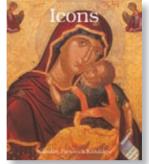
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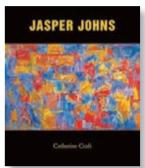


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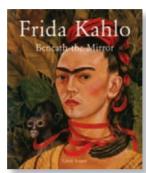


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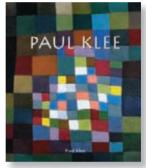




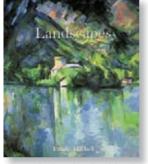
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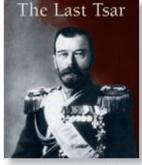
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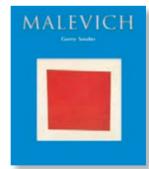
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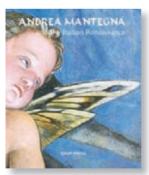
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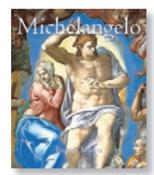
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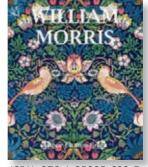
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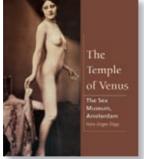
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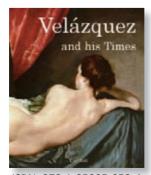
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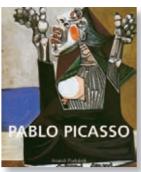
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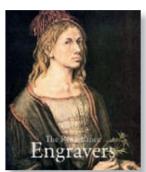
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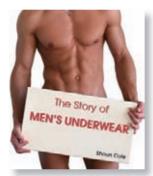
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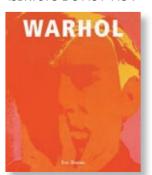
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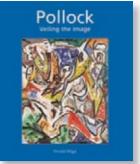
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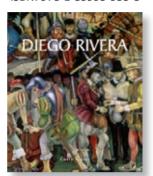
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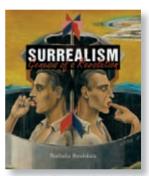
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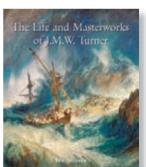
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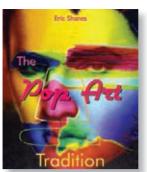
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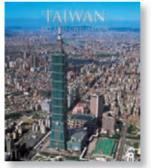
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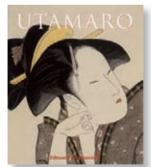
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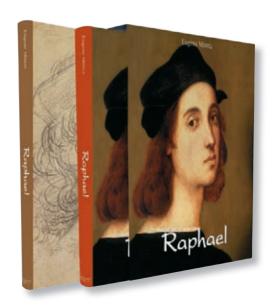




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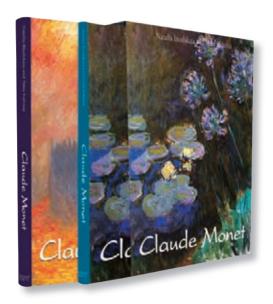
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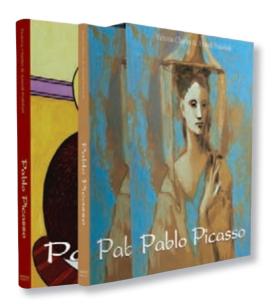
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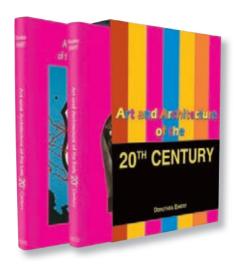
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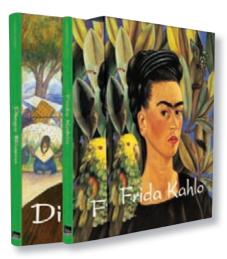


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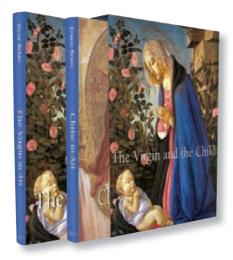
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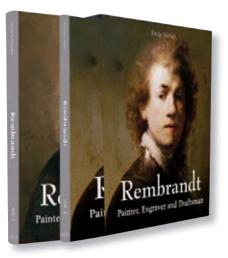


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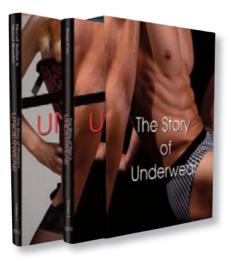
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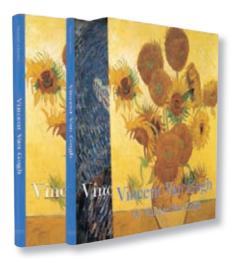
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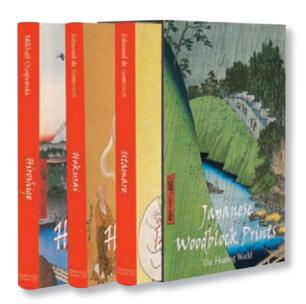
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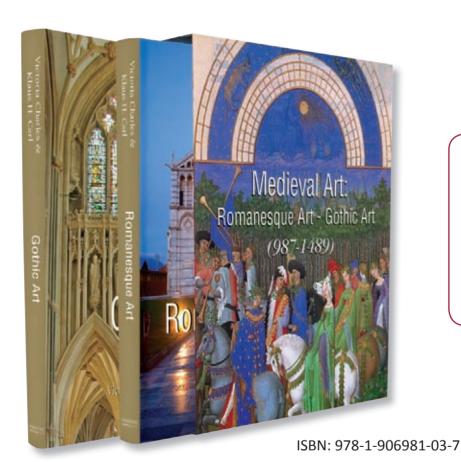


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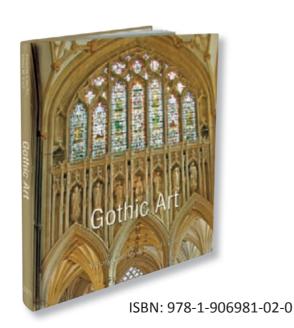


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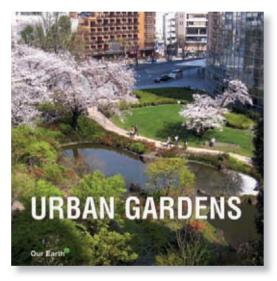


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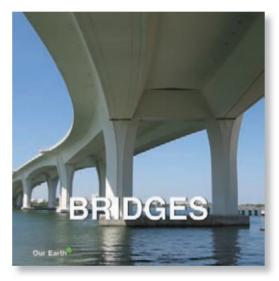


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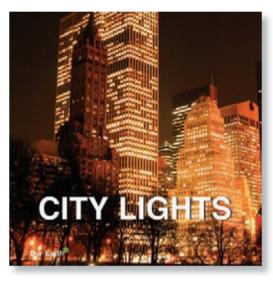
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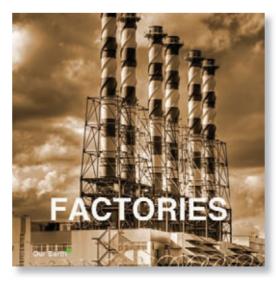
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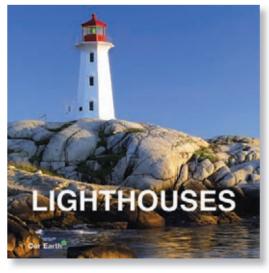
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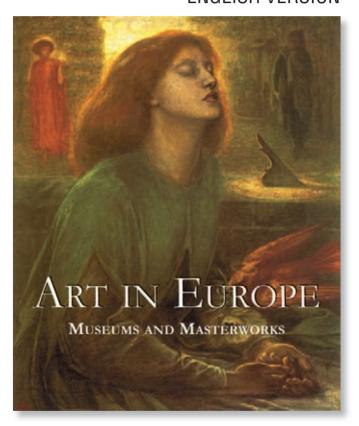
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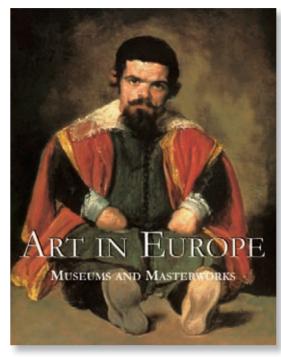
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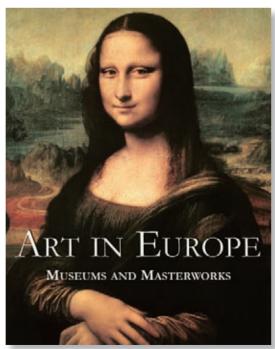
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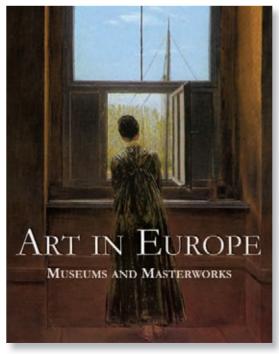
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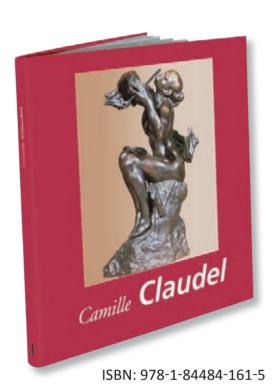
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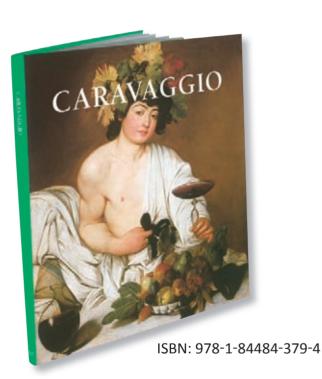
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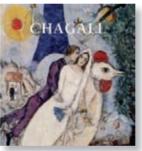
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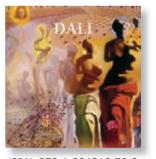
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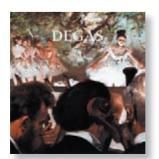
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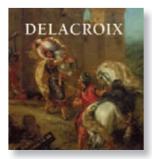
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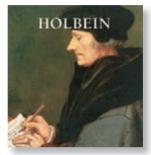
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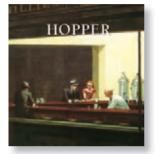
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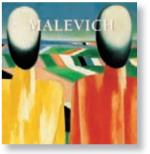
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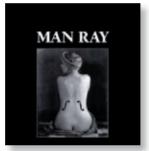
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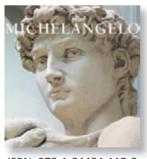
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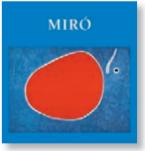
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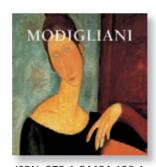
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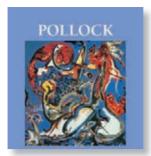
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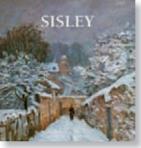
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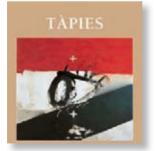
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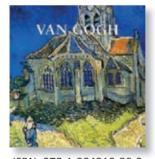
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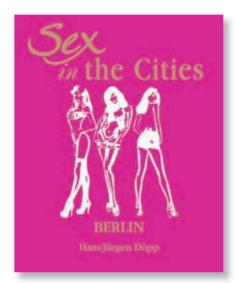
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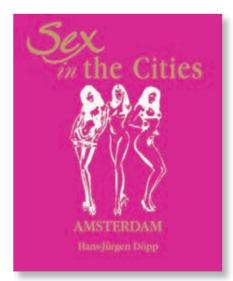


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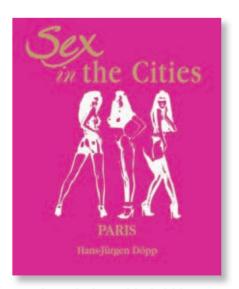
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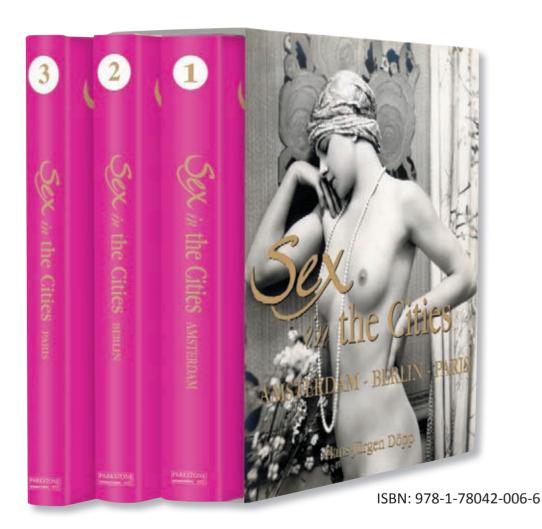
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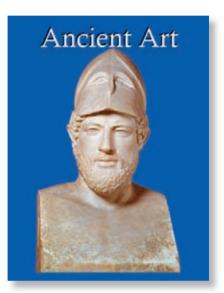
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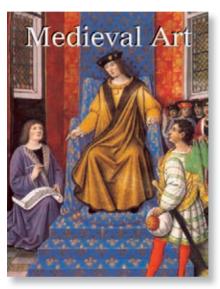


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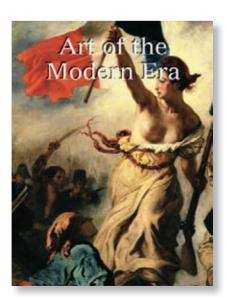
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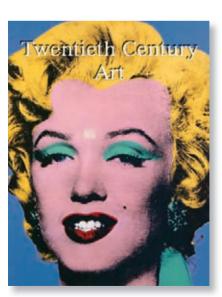
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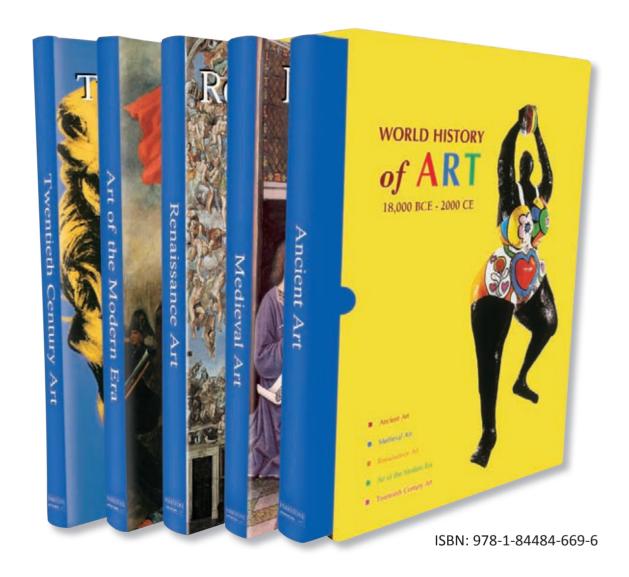
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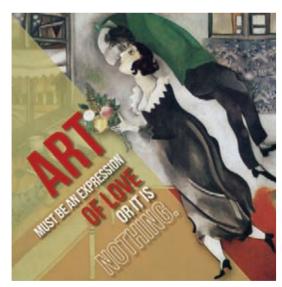




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