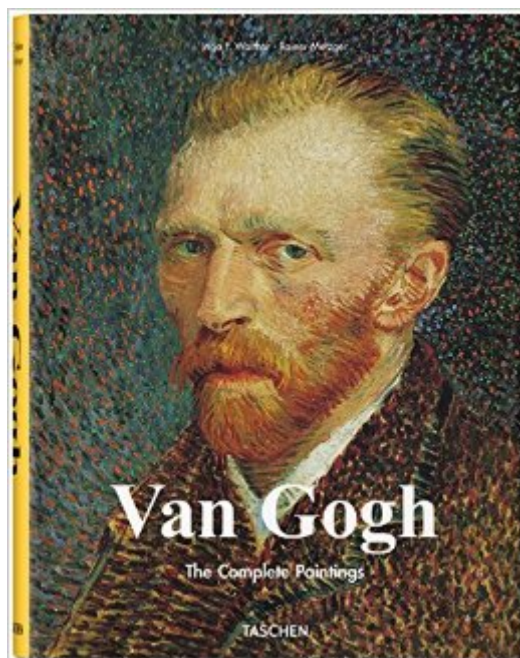


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# Van Gogh: Complete Works



## Synopsis

**Bold strokes of genius: The amazing work of a tormented soul** — Vincent van Gogh's story is one of the most ironic in art history. He lived an unhappy and difficult life during which his work received almost no appreciation — finally killing himself by a bullet to the chest, so great was his despair — and is now widely considered one of the most important painters of all time, his works fetching record prices of tens of millions of dollars at auction. This comprehensive study of Vincent Van Gogh (1853-1890) represents a rarity in art history: a detailed monograph on his life and art combined with a complete catalogue of his 871 paintings. These volumes also reproduce most of Van Gogh's paintings in color.

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## Customer Reviews

I've been looking for a collection of Van Gogh's works for a while on here. It was pretty difficult considering there were a ton of different editions by Taschen (publisher), with mixed reviews depending on the edition (some had bad color, others were good, etc). This book is the newest edition, which is part of the Taschen 25. I have not read through this book entirely as it is a rather large book, but I have skimmed and flipped over every page, and found that the color appears vibrant, and the text gives a good look into the life and history of Van Gogh not only as an Artist, but as a person who never seemed to quite meet success until the end of his life. As written on the Taschen website, this book is, "a detailed monograph on his life and art combined with a complete catalogue of his 871 paintings". This holds true, although note that not all paintings are full page sized. Many are small, but that is necessary considering how much there is. I would like to mention

that I found some ink smudging on a page, but I'm pretty sure that's from the sheer size of the book, and it only appears to have affected some text which is still legible. I would also like to note that the way the book is written, you will continually have to go back when the text refers to a painting; this is not an issue to me but I know some people may be bothered by that. Ex; you're reading text on page 30 that refers to paintings on page 16(an example but not one right from the book).I'd also like to mention that some paintings in this book are in black and white, but that is because some have been lost, destroyed, or are in private collections and are inaccessible with current color photography.Overall, a very good book of good value. This is for someone who wants to learn about Van Gogh and see all of the works he has done. Please do remember this book is exceptionally large and heavy because of the number of paintings Van Gogh did during his lifetime.

Contained within the pages of this large book (740 pages) is perhaps the largest collection of van Gogh's paintings. Almost all photographs are color and at the least a summary of each painting is provided. The authors also discuss in detail the evolution of van Gogh's painting and his techniques and mastery of subjects. Communications with his brother Theo and others provides insight into van Gogh's thoughts. For me, this book provides a solid view of this tortured painter and his colossal art work.

At a very advanced age, I "discovered" Vincent van Gogh. Actually, I knew who he was, saw some of his paintings in museums, etc., and liked them. However, I had read reviews of a couple of books based on his hundreds and hundreds of letters, and decided to get one (on , of course!). Well! Here I am, an old lady, and I have a new addiction - van Gogh...The excellent book of letters, prompted me to want to see "everything" that he had drawn or painted, hence this marvelous book! And...the price was fantastic. It's a wonderful, totally comprehensive coverage of all his art work. I've scanned it several times, but I still haven't delved deeply into it yet, because I'm only on page 545 of his 950 page biography (Vincent van Gogh, a Life - purchased on ) - which I also recommend highly. Can't wait to really get into this book, which will probably require me to then go back and read the other books, in order to tie events and artworks together - I hope I live long enough!

While this is a nice enough collection, especially if one does not have access to any other Van Gogh book, describing it as "complete works" is very misleading. It is a nice, sampling of his paintings, but even less samples of his magnificent drawings are included. I have been to museums with his greater paintings and drawings and searched this book over for them, only to be

disappointed in the few selections.

Excellent resource for artists and Van Gogh enthusiasts. The book is a great compilation of Van Gogh's early work and also throughout his career. I highly recommend this book for the emergent artist to the most expert level to study, and broaden perspectives of the post-modern impressionist movement.

I can't say enough good things about this book. First, the photos of the artwork are outstanding. But here's the thing. I appreciate Van Gogh's paintings so much more now having seen them chronologically. You watch the pallet go from grey to spectacular yellows, blues and reds. You see him experiment and each successive canvas gets, in most cases, more colorful and less busy. My heart is pounding, just a little, as I handle hit. I own some other art books but this one is really the best.

Just what I was looking for. A definitive collection of Van Gogh's work. Visually beautiful and well written. I got this as a Christmas gift for my brother. But, I ended up getting a second copy for myself because I liked it so much. I am a big fan of Taschen. I have their Da Vinci book also, which is just as good.

This is a great book. I know a 5 star rating sometimes seems suspicious, but I am very impressed with this. A couple of drawbacks. My favorite painting A Starry Night spreads across two pages so the binding is in the middle. Also, some of the more well known paintings have a slightly different coloring than I'm used to. But for a total collection of all Van Gogh's paintings and drawings, this is great.

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