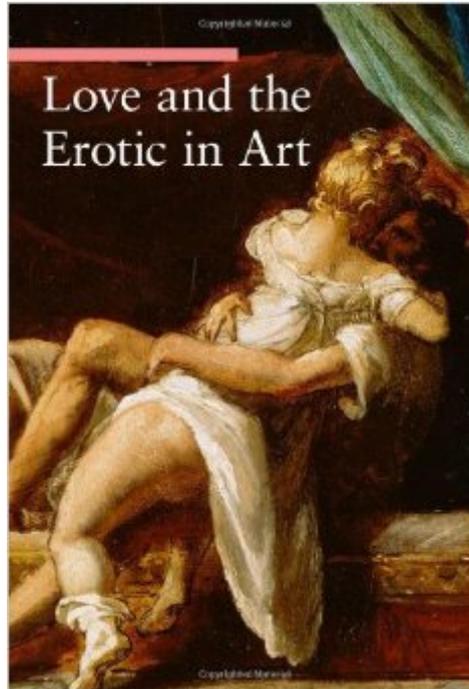


The book was found

Love And The Erotic In Art (A Guide To Imagery)



Synopsis

Even in the Western world, which seems completely accustomed to a widespread appearance of risqu  images, an erotic painting from five hundred years ago can still manage to create a sensation. This book, the fifteenth title in the popular Guide to Imagery series, is a delightful romp through the portrayal of love and sexuality in art--age-old subjects depicted in all cultures. The volume surveys Western artworks illustrating more or less explicitly delicate or amorous subjects. The gamut of possibilities is vast, ranging from chaste tenderness to overwhelming frenzies of the senses, from Classical allusion to sexual fantasy. A series of general themes is presented, with a detailed reading of the significance and symbolic content of the individual works illustrating each theme. In the paintings of the past, the reader will encounter gestures, objects, places, and situations that seem familiar and that offer the traditional setting of "love scenes" from every epoch. The volume closes with a chapter highlighting some of the most famous couples of all time.

Book Information

Series: A Guide to Imagery

Paperback: 383 pages

Publisher: J. Paul Getty Museum; 1 edition (April 6, 2010)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1606060090

ISBN-13: 978-1606060094

Product Dimensions: 5.2 x 1 x 7.8 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.6 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.0 out of 5 stars     See all reviews   (6 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #586,816 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #99 in   Books > Arts &

Photography > History & Criticism > Themes > Erotica #122 in   Books > Arts & Photography >

Other Media > Erotic #2909 in   Books > Arts & Photography > History & Criticism > Criticism

Customer Reviews

I came across this book while waiting for the guided tour in Villa Medici; the book shop had a whole shelf of these series, wonderfully illustrated, and of course such a title required some browsing. I noticed that Domenichino's "Diana's Hunt" was there, and then later in the day, when I gazed at it in Palazzo Borghese, I remembered the book and resolved to get it, since the story on Domenichino's picture is quite convoluted. Stendhal poured more oil on the inflamed syndrome when he described at length the ardent desire Cardinal Scipione Borghese had for this picture, and how he finally

obtained it by force. Such was the erotic power of his love for art! Coming back to Puritania, I found it easily on Google books; I was glad to see the aforementioned Domenichino picture nicely annotated, although the story is not as full as Stendhal tells it in his *Promenades dans Rome*. And here comes a shortcoming of this volume - although colorful and rich of images, the descriptions are not as detailed as I would wish. It is a pleasant guide to browse through erotically inclined pictures, but if you are interested in learning more about each work of art, especially anything before 18th century, you'll have to use other sources. The book is divided in chapters, and I am not sure about its target audience. It has separate chapters for Prostitute and Brothel, with the latter taking more pages than the chapter *Triumph of Love*. The author is certainly attracted to the former subject, as he placed another courtesan in the *Bed* chapter. I definitely would prefer to see more space given to *Venus and Mars* or *Venus and Adonis* in the "Famous Couples" section.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Love and the Erotic in Art (A Guide to Imagery) Gorgeous Gallery the Best in Gay Erotic: The Best in Gay Erotic Art Real Sex Photos For Uncensored Adult Photo Book: Sexy & Erotic Photography (Erotic Pornography Book 4) Uncensored Adult Photo Book: Blonde Erotic Adult Nudes Photography : Nude Photography, XXX, Teens, Hardcore, Erotica, Uncensored Nude Pictures, Erotic Nude Pictures (Nudity Pictures Book 1) Obsessed: Obsessed Series 3 For Adult Photo Book (Erotic Photography of women, Adult Photo Book of a naughty girl, Sexy & Erotic Photography, Erotica photography books) Chinese Art: A Guide to Motifs and Visual Imagery Freeing the Natural Voice: Imagery and Art in the Practice of Voice and Language Aloha: Love, Suite Love/Fixed by Love/Game of Love/It All Adds Up to Love (Inspirational Romance Collection) Love's Unending Legacy/Love's Unfolding Dream/Love Takes Wing/Love Finds a Home (Love Comes Softly Series 5-8) Playing with Image Transfers: Exploring Creative Imagery for Use in Art, Mixed Media, and Design Baroque and Rococo Pictorial Imagery: The 1758–1760 Hertel Edition of Ripa's *Iconologia* with 200 Engraved Illustrations Empty Vision: Metaphor and Visionary Imagery in Mahayana Buddhism Interpretation of Airphotos and Remotely Sensed Imagery Carnal Aesthetics: Transgressive Imagery and Feminist Politics (International Library of Visual Culture) Dance Imagery for Technique and Performance - 2nd Edition Tattoo Coloring Book: A Fantastic Selection of Exciting Imagery (Chartwell Coloring Books) Dynamic Alignment Through Imagery - 2nd Edition The ArcGIS Imagery Book: New View. New Vision. A Meditaiton to Help With Fibromyalgia & Chronic Fatigue (Heath Journeys Guided Imagery CD) Dynamic Alignment Through Imagery: Second Edition

[Dmca](#)