

## Definitions Of Art

Based originally on Dewey's lectures on esthetics, this book is considered the most distinguished work ever written by an American on the formal structures and characteristic effects of all the arts.

The book as object, as content, as idea, as interface. What is the book in a digital age? Is it a physical object containing pages encased in covers? Is it a portable device that gives us access to entire libraries? The codex, the book as bound paper sheets, emerged around 150 CE. It was preceded by clay tablets and papyrus scrolls. Are those books? In this volume in the MIT Press Essential Knowledge series, Amaranth Borsuk considers the history of the book, the future of the book, and the idea of the book. Tracing the interrelationship of form and content in the book's development, she bridges book history, book arts, and electronic literature to expand our definition of an object we thought we knew intimately. Contrary to the many reports of its death (which has been blamed at various times on newspapers, television, and e-readers), the book is alive. Despite nostalgic paeans to the codex and its printed pages, Borsuk reminds us, the term "book" commonly refers to both medium and content. And the medium has proved to be malleable. Rather than pinning our notion of the book to a single form, Borsuk argues, we should remember its long history of transformation. Considering the book as object, content, idea, and interface, she shows that the physical form of the book has always been the site of experimentation and play. Rather than creating a false dichotomy between print and digital media, we should appreciate their continuities.

Et bredt amerikansk opslagsværk og referenceværk om krige, krigsførsel og krigskunst gennem tiderne, specielt om doktriner, og forskellige definitioner og opfattelser på disse gennem militærhistorien. Bogen har mange illustrationer (sort/hvide fotos) og er iøvrigt disponeret under følgende hovedoverskrifter: Fundamental concepts in the language of the military profession. Notes on the offensive, defensive and retrograde operations. From the Ancients to the gunpowder revolution. Gunpowder, renaissance and reason. The Age of Napoleon. From Napoleon through the American Civil War. To the Great War, the First World War. From the Great War to the Second World War. The Age of Small Wars and nuclear deterrence. Towards a more perfect understanding.

Maude's excellent translation of Tolstoy's treatise on the emotionalist theory of art was the first unexpurgated version of the work to appear in any languages. More than ninety years later this work remains, as Vincent Tomas observed, one of the most rigorous attacks on formalism and on the doctrine of art for art's sake ever written. Tomas's Introduction makes this the edition of choice for students of aesthetics and anyone with philosophical interests.

Ori Z. Soltes considers the emerging and evolving discussion on and the expanding array of practitioners of 'Jewish art' in the past two hundred years--beginning with the issue of defining 'Judaism' and 'Jewish art.'

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alive and relevant.

'The Oxford Handbook of Aesthetics' has assembled 48 brand-new essays, making this a comprehensive guide available to the theory, application, history, and future of the field.

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In the last thirty years, work in analytic philosophy of art has flourished, and it has given rise to considerably controversy. Stephen Davies describes and analyzes the definition of art as it has been discussed in Anglo-American philosophy during this period and, in the process, introduces his own perspective on ways in which we should reorient our thinking. Davies conceives of the debate as revealing two basic, conflicting approaches--the functional and the procedural--to the questions of whether art can be defined, and if so, how. As the author sees it, the functionalist believes that an object is a work of art only if it performs a particular function (usually, that of providing a rewarding aesthetic experience). By contrast the proceduralist believes that something is an artwork only if it has been created according to certain rules and procedures. Davies attempts to demonstrate the fruitfulness of viewing the debate in terms of this framework, and he develops new arguments against both points of view--although he is more critical of functional than of procedural definitions. Because it has generated so much of the recent literature, Davies starts his analysis with a discussion of Morris Weitz's germinal paper, *The Role of Theory in Aesthetics*. He goes on to examine other important works by Arthur Danto, George Dickie, and Ben Tilghman and develops in his critiques original arguments on such matters of the artificiality of artworks and the relevance of artists' intentions.

This thesis examines three definitions of art that were inspired by Morris Weitz's assertion that art has no definable essence. The first two attempts define art in terms of artworlds. Arthur Danto speaks of an artworld as the artist or spectator's knowledge of the history of artistic theory, whereas George Dickie characterizes the artworld as the practices of artists and the appreciation of art by spectators within an institutional framework. For both of these notions of the artworld, the creation or appropriation of art requires an artist who is aware of or understands that art is being created. Jerrold Levinson, on the other hand, rejects Danto and Dickie's artworlds and instead defines art recursively in terms of a complex relationship involving a person's present intentions and the actual ways in which artworks have been approached or regarded in the past. For Levinson, art can be created by persons who are not aware that art has been created. All three definitions share at least two important features: (1) they all want to account for the art status of

ordinary objects that have been appropriated or indexed by an artist who did not herself create the work, and (2) they all share the common assumption that the concept of art must be understood in terms of non-exhibited properties that relate artworks to a context. The result of my discussion of Danto, Dickie and Levinson's definitions is that while the intentional creation of art might be a necessary condition for art status, I am inclined to agree with Weitz that there are no conditions that are jointly necessary and sufficient for an object being classified as art. Each definition is thus a worthwhile contribution that turns our attention to an important context-sensitive feature of art, but does not provide an essence for the concept of art.

Fully revised for this seventh edition, *The Penguin Dictionary of Art and Artists* is one of the most comprehensive and detailed reference works available on the subject. It contains: entries on all the major artists of the last seven centuries; short, incisive biographies of over 1,200 artists, including many new entries on modern American artists; evaluations of the works of the greatest artists and their location; expositions of the best-known groups or schools of artists; descriptions of artistic techniques; and styles and definitions of artistic movements.

What is art? What is it to understand a work of art? What is the value of art? Robert Stecker seeks to answer these central questions of aesthetics by placing them within the context of an ongoing debate criticizing, but also explaining what can be learned from, alternative views. His unified philosophy of art, defined in terms of its evolving functions, is used to explain and to justify current interpretive practices and to motivate an investigation of artistic value. Stecker defines art (roughly) as an item that is an artwork at time  $t$  if and only if it is in one of the central art forms at  $t$  and is intended to fulfill a function art has at  $t$ , or it is an artifact that achieves excellence in fulfilling such a function. Further, he sees the standard of acceptability for interpretations of artworks to be relative to their aim. Finally, he tries to understand the value of artworks through an analysis of literature and the identification of the most important functions of literary works. In addition to offering original answers to major questions of aesthetics, *Artworks* covers most of the major issues in contemporary analytic aesthetics and discusses many major, as well as many minor, figures who have written about these issues, including Stanley Fish, Joseph Margolis, Richard Rorty, and Richard Shusterman.

Includes almost 1,000 terms associated with decorative arts, photography, art criticism, painting, sculpture, architecture, and more

Over a decade ago, Arthur Danto announced that art ended in the sixties. Ever since this declaration, he has been at the forefront of a radical critique of the nature of art in our time. *After the End of Art* presents Danto's first full-scale reformulation of his original insight, showing how, with the eclipse of abstract expressionism, art has deviated irrevocably from the narrative course that Vasari helped define for it in the Renaissance. Moreover, he leads the way to a new type of criticism that can help us understand art in a posthistorical age where, for

example, an artist can produce a work in the style of Rembrandt to create a visual pun, and where traditional theories cannot explain the difference between Andy Warhol's Brillo Box and the product found in the grocery store. Here we are engaged in a series of insightful and entertaining conversations on the most relevant aesthetic and philosophical issues of art, conducted by an especially acute observer of the art scene today. Originally delivered as the prestigious Mellon Lectures on the Fine Arts, these writings cover art history, pop art, "people's art," the future role of museums, and the critical contributions of Clement Greenberg--who helped make sense of modernism for viewers over two generations ago through an aesthetics-based criticism. Tracing art history from a mimetic tradition (the idea that art was a progressively more adequate representation of reality) through the modern era of manifestos (when art was defined by the artist's philosophy), Danto shows that it wasn't until the invention of Pop art that the historical understanding of the means and ends of art was nullified. Even modernist art, which tried to break with the past by questioning the ways of producing art, hinged on a narrative. Traditional notions of aesthetics can no longer apply to contemporary art, argues Danto. Instead he focuses on a philosophy of art criticism that can deal with perhaps the most perplexing feature of contemporary art: that everything is possible.

Covers a wide range of terms from the visual art world, including materials, techniques, and important styles and periods. Revised and updated to reflect the recent development and expanded with new entries focusing primarily on modern and contemporary art materials and techniques.

The Honest Art Dictionary is an informative and entertaining dictionary of over 300 art terms - from the peculiar to the pretentious.

Authoritative and informative, humorous and informal, the book will act as a valuable primer for those getting to grips with the art world.

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An introduction to the study of visual culture, this book offers a view of 'visual culture' that includes not only images, but also other visual media and forms of expression, from architecture to fashion, design and the human body. The book is organised around three broad themes, exploring key ideas and debates that have occurred during the last 20 or so years: the meanings of the term 'visual culture' and of the various practices that form its basis conceptual approaches to the contemporary analysis of visual culture the cultural, social and historical contexts informing its production, distribution and consumption Drawing on a wide range of examples from the last 100 years, the book adopts a cross-disciplinary perspective; it also explores, however, the limits of visual culture as an interdisciplinary field of study, engaging in current debates about the uses and value of the study of visual culture. It will therefore be of value both for readers new to the subject and also for those seeking fresh interventions into contemporary discussions within the field. Key Features Accessibly written by a team of experts in the field Illustrated throughout Includes chapters on a wide range of visual forms, including architecture and urban design, film, crafts, fashion, design, fine art and the media.

Interactive art: definition and origins -- Interaction as an aesthetic experience -- The aesthetics of purposeless behavior: play as a boundary concept -- The aesthetics of interaction in digital art -- Case studies.

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The HarperCollins Dictionary of Art Terms and Techniques, 2nd edition, contains over 3,200 clear definitions of terms encountered in the study and practice of the visual arts and in their literature. It covers all forms of easel and mural paintings, drawing, sculpture, the graphic arts, photography, ceramics, and mosaic. There are entries on schools, styles, and periods, but the chief emphasis of the book is on the materials and methods of the artist. Materials are defined in terms of compositions, source, use, and characteristic properties; processes and techniques are defined in terms of their practical application and results. Tools and equipment are concisely described and illustrated with copious line drawings. What is Art? This addictively compelling Dictionary has been painstakingly compiled from over 3000 definitions of 'Art' found online. Every conceivable opinion is here, lovingly edited & annotated to the point of absurdity. A wonderfully energising summation of all the potentials that Art can be.

One of America's most celebrated art critics offers a lively meditation on the nature of art.

Amie Thomasson argues that fiction has far-reaching implications for central problems of metaphysics.

Combines van Gogh's paintings with his own words, describing each work of art and introducing young readers to the concept of color.

Now available in a fully revised and updated second edition, this accessible and insightful introduction outlines the central theories and ongoing debates in the philosophy of art. Covers a wide range of topics, including the definition and interpretation of art, the connections between artistic and ethical judgment, and the expression and elicitation of emotions through art Includes discussion of prehistoric, non-Western, and popular mass arts, extending the philosophical conversation beyond the realm of Fine Art Details concrete applications of complex theoretical concepts Poses thought-provoking questions and offers fully updated annotated reading lists at the end of each chapter to encourage and enable further research

Instant New York Times Bestseller "Inspiration leaps off the pages from Jerry Saltz's new book on creativity. . . . This book is for

the artist or non-artist, for the person who gets plain English, for the person who understands that practical talk can coax out the mystical messages that lie underneath." —Steve Martin Art has the power to change our lives. For many, becoming an artist is a lifelong dream. But how to make it happen? In *How to Be an Artist*, Jerry Saltz, one of the art world's most celebrated and passionate voices, offers an indispensable handbook for creative people of all kinds. From the first sparks of inspiration—and how to pursue them without giving in to self-doubt—Saltz offers invaluable insight into what really matters to emerging artists: originality, persistence, a balance between knowledge and intuition, and that most precious of qualities, self-belief. Brimming with rules, prompts, and practical tips, *How to Be an Artist* gives artists new ways to break through creative blocks, get the most from materials, navigate career challenges, and above all find joy in the work. Teeming with full-color artwork from visionaries ancient and modern, this beautiful and useful book will help artists of all kinds—painters, photographers, writers, performers—realize their dreams.

A new edition of this bestselling introduction to aesthetics and the philosophy of art. Includes new sections on digital music and environmental aesthetics. All other chapters have been thoroughly revised and updated.

A smart and playful introduction to the often-mystifying world of contemporary art What is contemporary art? What makes it contemporary? What is it for? And why is it so expensive? From museums and the art market to biennales and the next big thing, *Who's Afraid of Contemporary Art?* offers concise and pointed insights into today's art scene, decoding "Artspeak," explaining what curators do, demystifying conceptual art, exploring emerging art markets, and more. In this easy-to-navigate A to Z guide, the authors' playful explanations draw on key artworks, artists, and events from around the globe, including how the lights going on and off won the Turner Prize, what makes the likes of Marina Abramovic and Ai Weiwei such great artists, and why Kanye West would trade his Grammys to be one. Packed with behind-the-scenes information and completely free of jargon, *Who's Afraid of Contemporary Art?* is the perfect gallery companion and the go to guide for when the next big thing leaves you stumped.

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