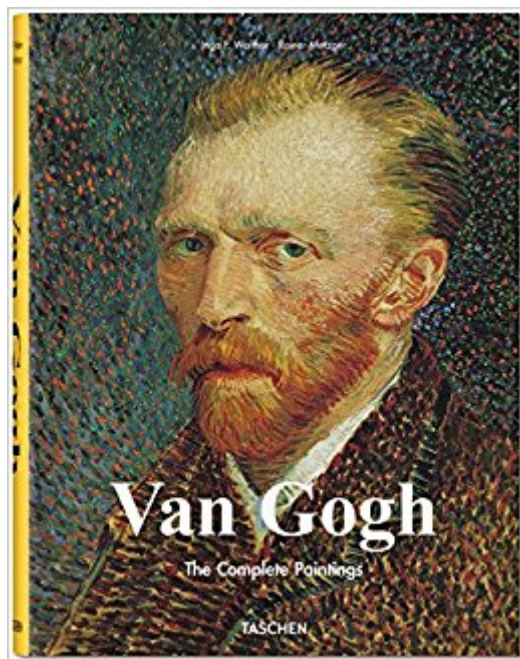


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# Van Gogh: Complete Works



## 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

Ingo F. Walther (1940–2007) was born in Berlin and studied medieval studies, literature, and art history in Frankfurt am Main and Munich. He published numerous books on the art of the Middle Ages and of the 19th and 20th centuries. Walther’s many titles for TASCHEN include Vincent van Gogh, Pablo Picasso, Art of the 20th Century, and Codices illustres. Rainer Metzger studied art history, history and German studies in Munich and Augsburg. He received his doctorate in 1994, and has worked as a fine arts journalist for the Viennese newspaper Der Standard. He has written numerous books on art, including volumes on Van Gogh and Chagall.

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.

Taschen has hit a home run with this amazing text. This book includes virtually every known Van Gogh (those that are available to photograph and print). But what makes this book even more amazing is the content of the writing. This book takes the reader through the story of the life of one of the greatest artists ever. We see his works while reading about his setting, his mood, his inspiration.This is a MUST HAVE for any lover of Van Gogh. It is also a great gift for the art lover in your life. And at \$30 for 750 pgs, it is a steal.

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.

I am an avid Van Gogh fan, and this book is a must have for all those who love Vincent's art. It had approximately 89 color prints of the artist's original work, and it also has a synopsis of Van Gogh's early life as well as his experiences in the art world during the late 1800's. It is a large text book with a wonderful array of information. So, what are you waiting for? Grab this book and explore the amazing world of a very talented artist, Vincent Van Gogh! !

I gave this as a gift, and will soon be buying one for myself. Absolutely beautiful prints, and much more impressive in person than in pictures. Art appreciators will almost certainly love this - who DOESN'T love Vincent?

Wonderful book! I bought it for my 18 year old daughter who loves Van Gogh. Recently she told me how not only does she love his artwork but his life story as well. With this book she has stories accompanying his artwork and can see how his art changed along with his mental health. Being a freshman in college this is a GREAT break from the stresses of a harsh schedule.

Bought this for my daughter for her Birthday and she loved it.

Outstanding book for the price. Another winner from a great publisher.

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