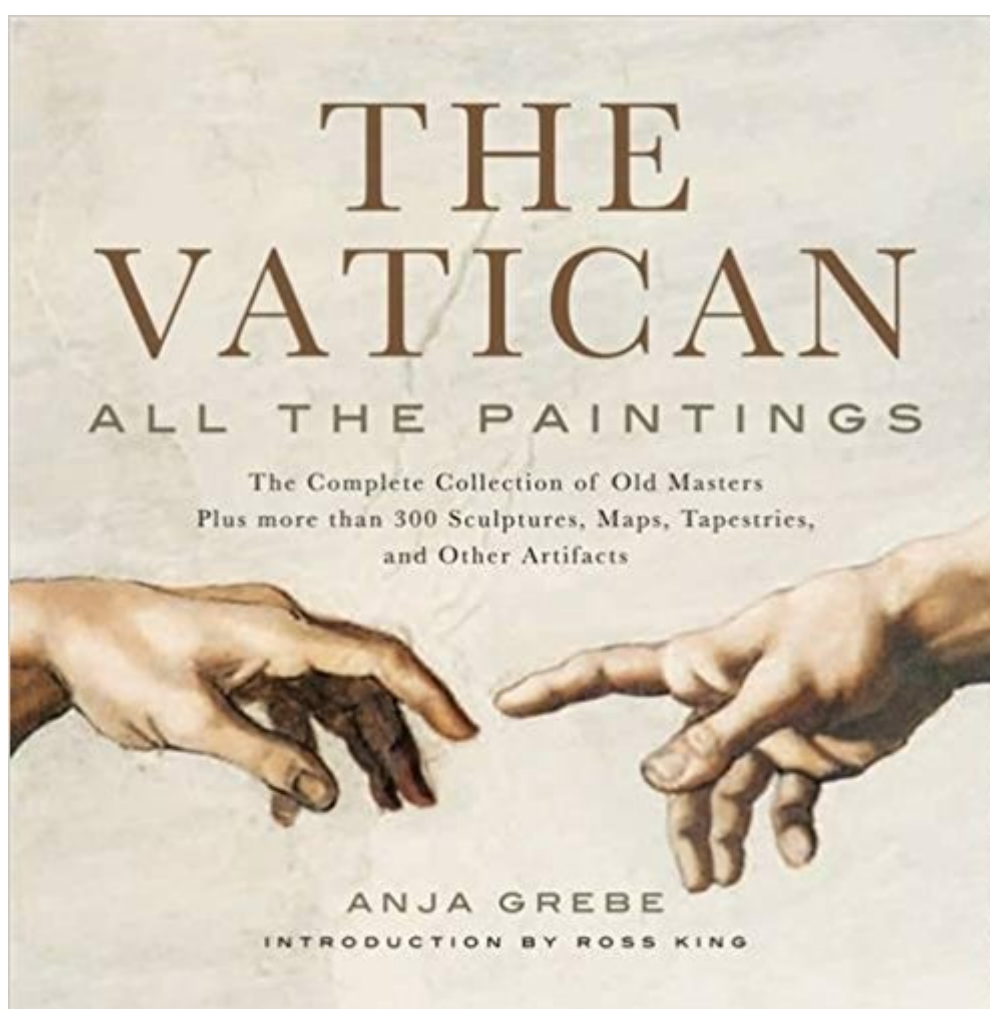


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# Vatican: All The Paintings: The Complete Collection Of Old Masters, Plus More Than 300 Sculptures, Maps, Tapestries, And Other Artifacts





## Synopsis

In the same style, manner, and format as *The Louvre: All the Paintings* (Black Dog & Leventhal, 2011), every Old Master painting on display in the Vatican, as well as hundreds of additional masterpieces and treasures in the papal collection, is included in this deluxe slipcased volume with companion DVD. The Vatican is one of the most visited sites in the world and houses many museums and palaces, as well as one of the finest art collections known to man. Works of interest include Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel and his Pieta; the Raphael frescoes; the works of Giotto, Fra Angelico, Titian, and Caravaggio; and some of the world's finest statues, manuscripts, architecture, and gardens, as well as the world's most precious Christian relics. *The Vatican: All the Paintings* is an unprecedented celebration of this great collection. The book is organized into 22 sections representing the museums and areas of the Vatican, including the Pinacoteca, the Sistine Chapel, the Raphael Rooms, the Borgia Apartments, the Vatican Palaces, and St. Peter's Basilica. Each one of the 976 works of art represented in the book—including 661 classical paintings on display in the permanent painting collection and 315 other masterpieces—is annotated with the name of the painting and artist, the date of the work, the birth and death dates of the artist, the medium that was used, the size of the work, and the catalog number (if applicable). In addition, 180 of the most iconic and significant paintings and other pieces of art are highlighted with 300-word essays by art historian Anja Grebe on such topics as the key attributes of the work, what to look for when viewing the work, the artist's inspirations and techniques, biographical information on the artist, and the artist's impact on art history. The design of the book enables the reader to carefully examine and enjoy the 180 full- and half-page featured paintings as well as the rest of the collection of paintings, which appear four or six to a page. Larger works of art, like ceilings and frescoes, include overall views and details of the masterpieces. Also includes three gatefolds to view the most iconic works of art at a larger size. An enclosed DVD-ROM contains every image from the book and allows readers to view many at a slightly larger size and to search and sort the paintings by type, artist, era, and date, or by location in the Vatican museums. As with *The Louvre: All the Paintings*, *The Vatican: All the Paintings* is a complete treasure trove of one of the most exquisite and important art collections in the world. The book itself is a beautiful object.

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## Customer Reviews

Ross King, author of many works of vivid art history, including *Michelangelo & the Pope's Ceiling* (2003), introduces this sumptuous showcase of 976 of the Vatican's art treasures, observing that "the Vatican has always been a place sacred to the arts, reaching back to the ancient Romans, for whom this hill overlooking the Tiber was a place of poets and seers, and forward through centuries of church patronage. Five million visitors a year tour this uniquely opulent citadel of art and its 21 museums, from the Pinacoteca (the picture gallery) to the Tapestry Gallery to the Egyptian and Etruscan collections. Now everyone everywhere can experience the Vatican's magnificent collections in this veritable pageant of art history. Art historian Grebe provides to-the-point commentary, covering various popes' commissioning of specific works and, beginning in the seventeenth century, avid acquisition of masterpieces. Here are exceptionally fine photographs of the Borgia Apartments, intricate frescoes, rare manuscripts and maps, the glorious Raphael Rooms, and the Collection of Modern Religious Art. An accompanying DVD provides additional portals onto the artistic wonders of the Vatican. --Donna Seaman

This comprehensive and heavy tome illustrates all the works of art on display in the Vatican and underscores the variety of its art, including works that popes commissioned from painters as well as works that were accumulated for art appreciation and prestige beginning in the 17th century. The book is divided into 22 sections representing the museums and areas of the Vatican. This includes the Pinacoteca (painting gallery), with paintings given to or purchased by the pops or removed from altarpieces of papal churches. Also included are images of art from the Borgia Apartments, the famous Raphael Rooms, and Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel. Lesser-known works are included, such as a collection of modern religious art and tapestry and maps. The diversity of

the holdings is highlighted by such collections as the Pio-Clementine Museum of early Christian Rome, the Gregorian Etruscan Museum, which houses non-Western art. Not to be forgotten is St. Peter's Basilica and Piazza, and its art including Michelangelo's famous Pieta sculpture. VERDICT This book, which has many beautiful color illustrations, its own slipcover, and a DVD that includes every work of art, will appeal to readers who are interested in the art of the Vatican.

Amazing book, great introduction. I received the book as promised within one day and love it. I wish there were more descriptions for some of the smaller paintings and icons too. The picture quality is great for some but I think some of them are too old and hence don't photograph well. A great 360 of the Vatican, in fact read this and travel.

I'm actually surprised I didn't love this book as much as I thought I would. It's ok. Some of the paintings are printed so small, I have to get close to the page to see the detail. And I'm actually surprised that this is ALL of the paintings in the Vatican museums... I thought there's be more. Still, it's a well-constructed book... and the nice thing about it is when I got to the Vatican next, I will be able to enjoy the museums at my leisure.

Since I particularly wanted to see the paintings of Johann Wenzel Peter, I was shocked to see him listed as Peter Wenzel with wrong dates.

I went to the Vatican Museum the first week of May 2017 and saw all the beautiful paintings and wanted to learn more about them so I purchased this book ..... Great pictures with explanations of the artist

Very comprehensive. It will make my next trip even better.

Beautiful book

Sent as a Christmas gift to my daughter and son-in-law and they both loved it. I visit the Vatican from time to time and am always astonished at all the beauty of the paintings and all the art work of the place. An essential book for all Art Lovers.

Beautiful book! Very helpful and very well "laid out". As one who has visited the Vatican Museums several times, this book is a wonderful reminder of the fabulous artwork in the museum and also informative so that I can track what I've piece of work I've seen, dates of the work and artist.

Wonderful!

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