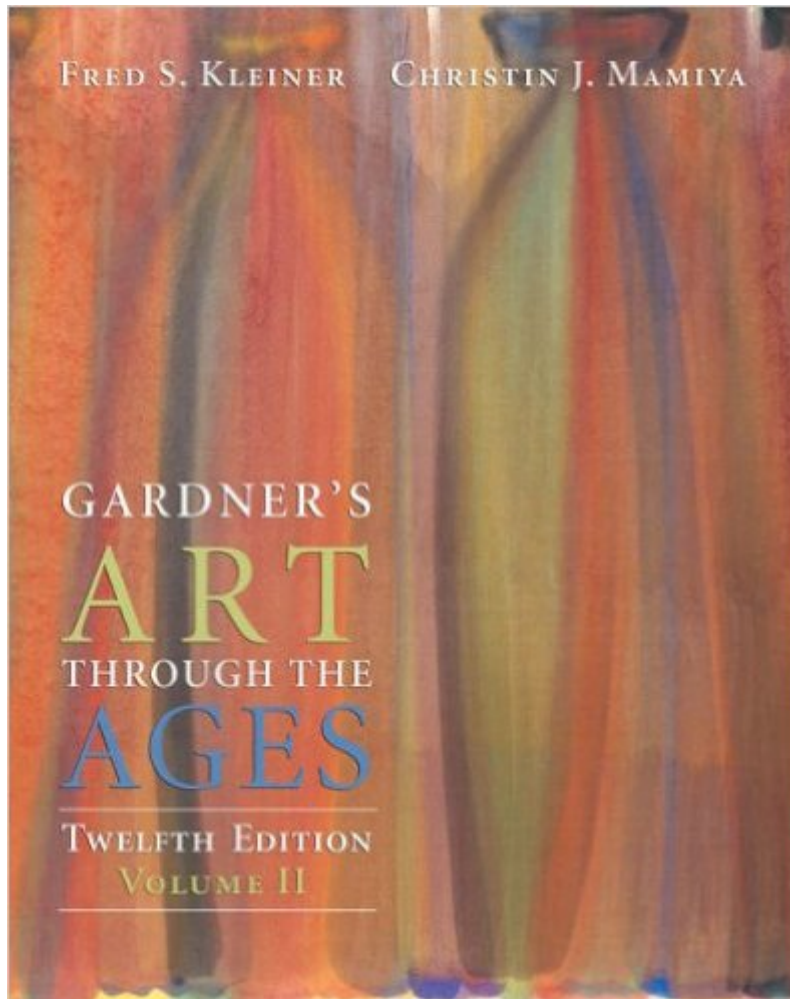


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The newest edition of this book has some great qualities about it, namely the interactive cd to be utilized as a study aid (the flash card section was beneficial to me), the variety of objects chosen to represent the period/culture have improved, in my opinion, from the other editions as the book has updated archaeological finds. The only disappointing feature I found was in the text itself. The "extra" information boxes including explanation of ancient religions and preservation techniques were fascinating, but the bulk of text I found to dance around the point. It kept trying to be politically correct, such as changing Venus of Willendorf to Woman of Willendorf. Granted this new take is supposed to account for counter arguments against the purposes of certain objects, but I found that in the attempt to be objective there was a loss of passion for the object and culture itself. I also found that the terminology the book chose to define within the text was unnecessary (vocabulary such as hypostyle hall needs to be defined, not vocab such as carbon dating). However, overall the book holds to the tradition of the series by displaying stunning visual images (all objects are in colour no less!) and the information presented is rather informative, even if the style of writing is "too correct" in some places.

Gardner's has long been regarded as the rather stuffy "bible" of art history texts, mainly because of its commercial longevity (it's been around since the 1930s). Recent editions have suffered under recent editorship. The addition of tiresome "clever" subtitles, coupled with the creeping-in of a new shallower "touchy-feelie" approach to the exegesis of the artworks--no doubt intended to perk-up this withering old warhorse--are sad things to behold. Readers are well-advised to select instead the far superior ART HISTORY by MARILYN STOKSTAD. It is everything Gardner's used to be...and more.

I purchased this book for my Art History class. Very interesting pictures along with non-boring texts. I really like the accompanied CD as it has all pictures from this text as well as other version of Gardner's art history books. Pictures are crystal clear. Although I finished that class long ago in 2002 and sold the book for school's book store with attractive price, I still have a copy of that CD and often reviewed whenever I saw some interesting stories of art history (such as female goddess from Dan Brown's Da Vinci Code). All pictures are under flash cards section. Besides a good text book, it should be kept as a reference.

The book is obviously for a class on college. So I don't honestly have so much to say. It wasn't like I was buying it for the pleasure of reading it to know the history of Art or something. However the

book is very informative and provided the knowledge that I didn't have. Thanks to the book, my presentation on this subject went very well.

this book is great, and is very informative, however it is not the most recent edition of the book. the newer edition is much more thorough.

This book was shipped quickly. I love this text book. I used it in my AP Art History course in high school and I bought it again to prepare for my art history course in college. Gardner's Art through the Ages is enjoyable and informative and was never a chore to read.

If you are looking to see teach Art History, this is the starting point. A fabulous which starts near the with the first and oldest artworks known to man and proceeds right through the most recent modern art. A great primer for a Liberal Arts, Business and JD degreed fellow.

I took an art history class at college, and I had to have this book. I sold my copy, for two bucks, no less, and then afterwards I found myself thinking about it. Finally I decided to rebuy the book. If you love art, don't sell the book after the end of your class, just keep it. I still find myself looking up things in it, and I still like to look at the works of art.

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