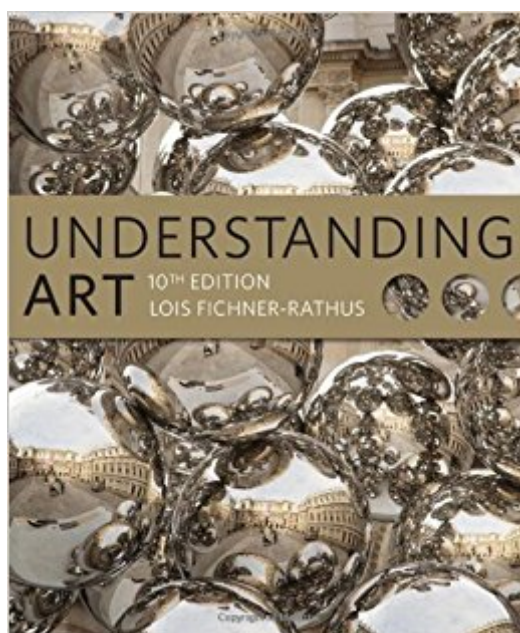


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# Understanding Art (with CourseMate Printed Access Card)



## Synopsis

UNDERSTANDING ART provides a balanced approach to appreciating art, incorporating coverage of masterworks from the past and present. Author Lois Fichner-Rathus combines a conversational writing style with rich images, all designed to inspire understanding of the art that surrounds you in everyday life.

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"I like the everyday kind of experiences that the author draws into the discussions, such as the Art Tours in major art cities around the world." "Understanding Art" does take a newer view of the subject and is not just "art history lite."

Loved the class and the textbook! When I found Duchamp's The Fountain, I was quite angry that the Lois Fichner-Rathus put a urinal in the book calling it art!! Oh, I was livid, and griping to my family, until I read and understood what it was all about. I wrote a paper on Duchamp and his Fountain. What was amazing about this class was that the High in Atlanta, had an exhibit From Picasso to Warhol. I went 3 times to check out the works. there were several Duchamp which were interesting only because of the change he made in Art, and why. I never liked Picasso, but when I saw the Lady in the Mirror I fell in love! Now, Matisse's The Dance, was shocking! It was not what I

thought it would be. You could see the outline of the figures he decided not to put in the painting.... I saw several Jackson Pollock, and Warhol had an entire room! So, enjoyed reading this textbook, learning and appreciating Art, and especially going to a Museum to see some of the works that were pictured in the book. There were works that were in the textbook on exhibit, but It has been years, and I don't remember exactly which they were.

Exactly what I needed for class. It is very brief, but covers a lot of material. I used this for a foundational studies course, but I am an art major so this was useful in my other art history classes as a sort of refresher. It basically covers the most important things in the history of art, so its like having pre-written notes for more in depth classes that you can go to to get the big picture of things rather than struggling through 40 pages of in depth explanations where you will just lose the big picture in all that detail. It was very useful.

The book is good but the fact that it says "WITH CD" and then underneath it says "THERE IS NO CD" is kind of annoying especially since I purchased it thinking there was a CD. I think should penalize things like this as it is being advertised to buyers that there is a CD-ROM inside your package, when in reality there isn't and I feel like I was tricked into purchasing an item for something that doesn't actually come with it. Other than that issue the book is in good condition and appears to be fine. But when it comes down to it I wouldn't repurchase from the seller.

I purchased this book for my Art class that I had taken over the Summer 2015. I purchased the Kindle edition because for me it made it easier to read & plus it was alot cheaper than purchasing the hardcopy. Finding exactly what you need to read became very easy because all you had to do was type in key words in the search bar. I would recommend getting the kindle version and just downloading the Kindle app to your tablet, computer, or cell phone. Just check with your teacher first to make sure it is okay.

Thanks

Great book it helped me understand art

We were able to use the order versions of this book for our class. But I kept this one, because I like new books and it had some interesting updates that the others did not have. It was well put together

for the topics, and I really enjoyed having it for my class. Art Appreciation was a easy because I was able to have this book for a great reference point.

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