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Rijksmuseum Amsterdam: Highlights Of The Collection (Amsterdam Museum Guides) (Volume 1)



Synopsis

Discover the Treasures of the Rijksmuseum Amsterdam. A lavishly illustrated publication containing the most important highlights of all centuries displayed in the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam. A perfect guide to preparing yourself to your visit. It makes sure that you'll recognize and fully enjoy the masterworks when visiting this greatest treasure trove of Holland. Written in an engaging style, the book describes masterpieces of the Dutch Golden Age such as *The Night Watch* and *The Jewish Bride* by Rembrandt Harmens. van Rijn, *The Milkmaid* and *The Woman Reading a Letter* by Johannes Vermeer, and the famous pictures by Jan Steen and Frans Hals, amongst many others. But the museum guide is not only about Dutch 17th-century paintings. It also describes the highlights of the 18th, 19th and 20th century, the highlights of the applied arts like earthenware, furniture and silver, and the exquisite collection of Asian art, displayed in the specially-built Asian pavilion. If you read this accessible book before you visit the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, you will be able to fully appreciate and understand the works on display. It is your ultimate Rijksmuseum Amsterdam guide. An excellent introduction by an expert in the field. Highly recommended before visiting the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam! In the series Amsterdam Museum Guides we try not to use any art historical jargon, but instead want you to read about art in an intelligent yet enjoyable and accessible way. We illustrated the book with high quality photographs. All publications in the series: 1: Rijksmuseum Amsterdam - Highlights of the Collection 2: The Anne Frank House - Anne's Secret Annex turned into Museum 3: Van Gogh Museum - Highlights of the Collection 4: Hermitage Amsterdam - Highlights from the Hermitage Museum St. Petersburg Things to Do in Amsterdam: Museums is the digital set comprising all four guides. These Amsterdam museum guides cover Amsterdam's places of interest, and also offer important information such as location. The Rijksmuseum Amsterdam guide, the Van Gogh museum guide as well as the Anne Frank House guide are also available in French.

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Customer Reviews

I found myself glued to the pages ... learning a lot of history along the way. I love this type of guide that gives precisely the right type of information. Recommended! I have visited the Rijksmuseum on three separate occasions and I wish I had this book with me during those visits. If you like the arts, you will love this book! The author provides the essential highlights of the important pieces in a way that is easy to understand. Also I really enjoyed the little tidbits of cultural information and interesting facts that are often missing in most guides but are included in so many of the descriptions in this book. This informative book takes the reader on a visually stunning walk through history. Succinct. Well organized. Highly useful to plan a visit to the Rijksmuseum.

Marko Kassenaar is a Dutch art expert. He works as educator at the Rijksmuseum and Royal Concertgebouw in Amsterdam.

The book is really helpful in giving an overview of what I will see at the museum when I visit next year. There is a pretty good number of photos of the works. Of course, not everything that is mentioned is pictured. I got the Kindle edition because that is how I usually read books these days, much easier to handle a physical book. The disadvantage in this case is that the resolution of the images isn't great. When I try to enlarge a picture to see the detail the text is talking about, it just turns to fuzz. My attempt at a solution is to buy some print books of some of the key Golden Age artists, which hopefully will allow me to see the details of the paintings. When those books arrive, we'll see if that works. I figure that the more I know about a painting before I go see it in person, the better I will be able to appreciate its features, and really see what is there.

This is a beautiful book with pictures from the Netherlands' National Museum. It depicts cathedral-like buildings and houses such Dutch masters as Rembrandt and Vermeer. This was a country with rulers who spent money on art and science. Also depicted, are collections of silverware, furniture, earthenware and glass. There is a vast number of beautiful pictures and a

great description of each picture and item...I found myself glued to the pages, enjoying this culture of the arts, learning a lot of history along the way. I particularly enjoyed Rembrandt's "Jewish Bride" and found the depiction of "The Holy Family" interesting; painting included Mary's parents, sisters and brothers, as well as Joseph's family.

If you visit Amsterdam you must go to the Rijksmuseum. If you enjoy art and history you will love the Rijksmuseum. The museum contains the world's foremost collection of Dutch Masters and giants of the art world like Rembrandt and Van Gogh. There are also numerous works of art that depict the Golden Age of Dutch history during a time when The Netherlands was one of the richest and most advanced countries in the world. Over the last 10 years I have visited the Rijksmuseum on three separate occasions and I wish I had this book with me during those visits. The last times I visited the Rijksmuseum I used the audio program and booklet provided by the museum. Although I learned a lot from the standard museum materials I found them too academic and too dry. What I really liked about "The New Rijksmuseum" by Marko Kassenaar is that the author provides the essential highlights of the important pieces in a way that is easy to understand. Also I really enjoyed the little tidbits of cultural information and interesting facts that are often missing in most guides but are included in so many of the descriptions in this book. The last time I was at the Rijksmuseum a few years ago they were renovating some of the major sections. Now I have this essential guide so I can learn about all the important highlights right from my Kindle app!

As a tourist who saw the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam before renovations I am one who can appreciate this book. I am forward to seeing the New Rijksmuseum. For now I'll read this e-book. The summaries for major art pieces in this e-book are interesting. Of course, only the principal pieces are in this book and many more can be seen with an actual visit. The book reminds me of the world class quality of Amsterdam museums. Amsterdam - it's a great city. The Rijksmuseum and nearby Leidesplein have good fun, bars and restaurants for all tastes. There's also a traditional Dutch cuisine restaurant next to Leidesplein which is very much worth a visit. This is a good e-book but the travel DVDs about Amsterdam and The Netherlands are even better.

This informative book takes the reader on a visually stunning walk through history. The explanations of the works, paintings, sculpture, products of everyday life, and even an airplane are vivid and add detail to the works themselves. Every piece illustrated is revealed not just in pictures but with

explanation in concise wording that explains not just the surface beauty but also the symbolism that lies beneath. If I have any complaint, it would be that I wished the illustrations be larger. I understand though that this is constrained as result of it being an e-book. The book is well worth a look, and if I ever make it to Amsterdam, the New Rijksmuseum will be a major go to location.

I really liked reading this book. It is full of valuable content and it really tells the story of the New Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam. I going to visit the New Rijksmuseum and this book has really prepared me and now I know more about all the facts. The author gives you a great overview about all masterpieces of the Dutch Golden Age and you will find many highlights in this guide. If you are interested in the dutch history or if you want to visit Amsterdam I definitely recommend you reading this book.

Kassenaar and Heenk have put together a must-have guidebook to Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum. They cover the works of art on display on a century-by-century basis, and have included links where you can see the art in more detail. There are also direct links to the museum's website where you can buy tickets, and maps and directions to the museum as well. My son is going to be traveling to Europe this spring, and plans to visit Amsterdam to visit some friends. I'm going to recommend that he pick up this book, and visit this museum so he can see the fantastic works of art that are on display. This book will be a great guidebook for him!

Succinct. Well organized. Can be put on Kindle to be carried around. Highly useful to plan a visit to the Rijksmuseum.

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