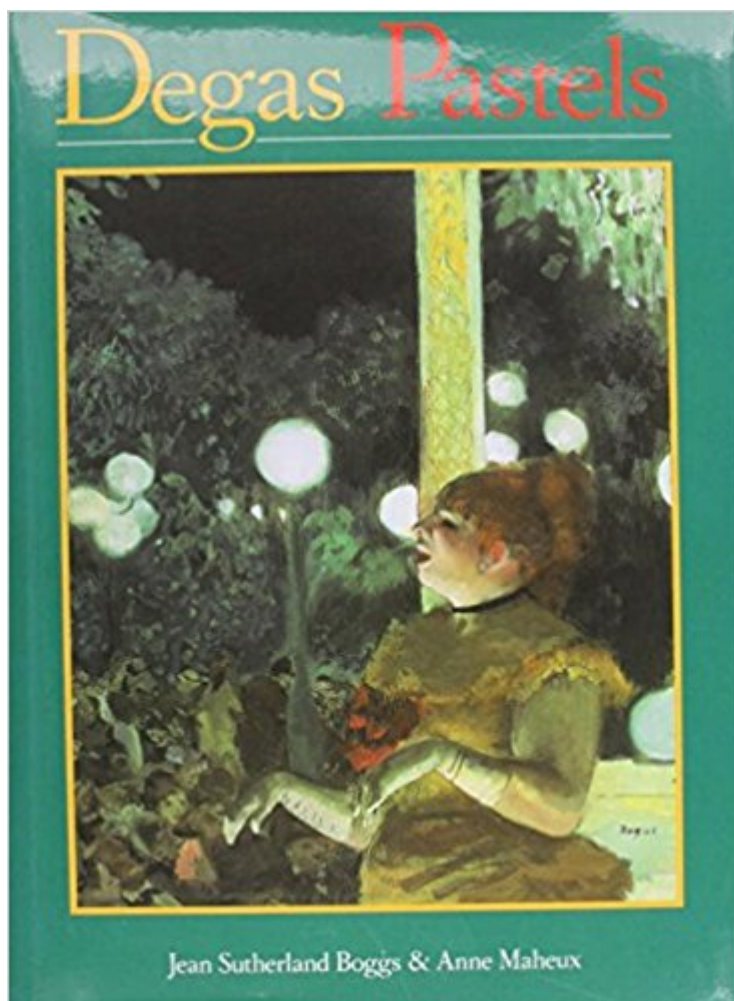


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Synopsis

This book includes seventy reproductions of pastels from various collections worldwide as well as essay with historical context, and the working methods and materials that Degas employed, focusing on innovative techniques that incorporated the use of fixative and of the pastel medium wet.

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In producing 700 drawings in pastel, Degas (1834-1917) not only captured gauzy ballerinas, self-absorbed women bathers, milliners, nudes and concert-goers, he also exploited the medium's versatility to depict ethereal seascapes, brothel scenes and exotic Russian dancers. Representing the full range of his pastels, this comprehensive album superbly reproduces 70 pictures, each with facing-page commentary. In her short introductory essay, Boggs, a leading Degas scholar, contrasts his exuberant jockeys and diaphanous dancers with the deeply pessimistic, withdrawn figure studies that the artist, with failing eyesight, produced in the first decade of the 20th century. Maheux, conservator of graphic arts at the National Gallery of Canada, examines Degas' methods and materials, and shows how pastel, in his hands, evolved into a modern, infinitely variable medium that he combined with monotype, gouache, lithographs and other materials to achieve novel effects. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.

As a quick, cheap way of sketching and drawing, the medium of pastel dates back to the Renaissance. Degas's pastels are particularly noteworthy because he expanded the range in which the medium could be used and broke the bounds of its academic context. In two brief, narrowly

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