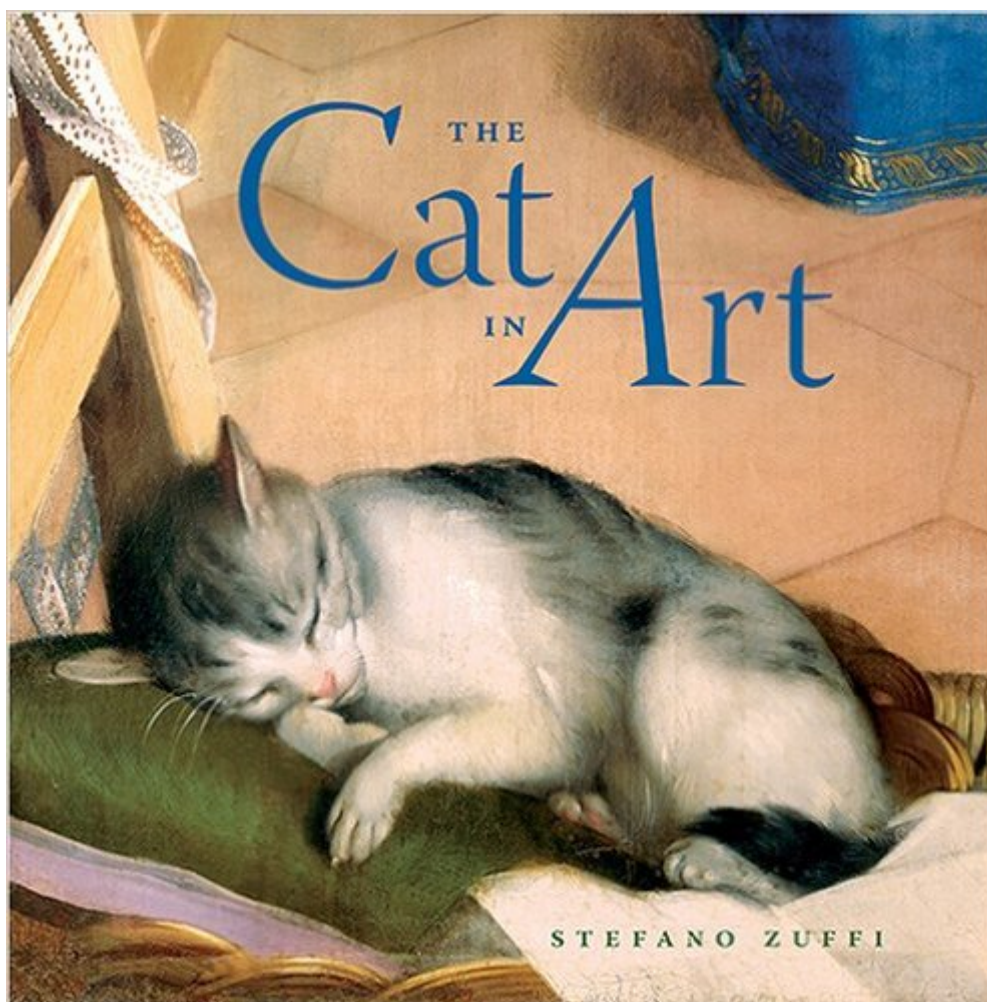


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# The Cat In Art



## Synopsis

The Cat in Art is both full of surprises and hauntingly familiar, as cats play and pounce and sleep and purr their way through 170 great art masterpieces from the ancient world to the present. What cats represent to us in life, they bring to art: elegance and grace; domestic tranquility; symbols of sensuality and mischievousness. Here are paintings by Van Eyck, Raphael, Leonardo, Bruegel, Rembrandt, Chardin, Gainsborough, Manet, Renoir, Bonnard, Gauguin, Matisse, Balthus, Picasso, Warhol, and many others. Sometimes the cats are the stars of the work, and sometimes they are working their magic from the corners of rooms; in which case both the whole work and a detail showing the cat are illustrated. Stefano Zuffi's charming text tells the reader what it all means, from the feline goddesses of the ancients, to the devilish cats of the Middle Ages, to the indispensable companions of our own time.

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I have to admit, I know this book from its French edition, that I acquired at the Louvre in Paris. But assuming the English version stays true to the version I have (it was originally written in Italian), then this is a thoroughly enjoyable volume. More than just another book of cute pictures of cats (which is not to say that's a bad thing) this book is actually an overview of the changing place of the cat in society, as demonstrated by the leading artists of the day. An engaging study in changing iconography, we can trace how the cat changed from devil's "familiar" in the Middle Ages to the protector of the home (by killing rats and mice) as shown in beautifully reproduced works of art from

the world's major museums. Zuffi is an engaging writer and scholar who has provided us with a lovely and entertaining portrait of the cat.

This book covers cats in art from Egyptian to modern times. Lovely color photos with a history of the paintings or sculptures. A very well done art book for cat fanciers!

This book is a "must" for every art historian, collector, or any one who simply loves art and/or cats. Well researched and well written.

I bought this book as a gift for my friend, who is neither a museum curator nor an art historian. I wanted something fun to look at and easy to read, heavy on full-color plates and light on text. This book is exactly that. If you want some scholar's doctoral dissertation with lots of footnotes and bone-dry commentary, look elsewhere. If you love cats and great works of art, look no further.

I love art. I LOVE Cats. I love my Cat! And I LOVE this BOOK! I found the subtle use of painting in cats in great and famous paintings, by their artists something so sweet and ethereal. To see a CAT at the feet of the Apostles in many Last Supper paintings was precious and very human, and very feline. Some paintings just show a hint of the cat in the background, but the author here provides a close-up of the cat. Commentary is an easy read, and the artwork used is just awesome. The book is very thick, takes a few days to go through it, as I went slowly, looking at each painting and reading about the cat in the scene. High QUALITY publishing and cover. Each page is a delight to me!

A beautiful hardcover book for all cat lovers or painting lovers, and especially for those who are both. Highly recommended. I want to buy a copy for everyone I know that has a cat!

This is a beautiful and high quality book. If you are looking for a beautiful art book, this is it. If you happen to love cats, that's a bonus!

this is a lovely, lovely book of artworks, some famous, some not and some of the paintings show only the cats in the compositions and not the whole painting. still a book on cats in art works of paint and sculpture is wonderful. a very diverse collection of pictures. i have shown it to all my cat people at work and they love it. i have seen a lot of the pictures in previous books but the very volume of

this book has a lot that are new to me. the modern art cats is a great chapter.

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