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How 'poor' was Van Gogh actually?

The Myth of Van Gogh as a poor Artist

Van Gogh and Money focuses on Vincent van Gogh's financial situation, a subject never thoroughly explored in a separate publication before. Known as the ultimate embodiment of the notion of the poor artist, Van Gogh was largely unable to sell his work. The letters between Vincent and his brother Theo van Gogh tell of an eternal lack of money, and the difficulties this created when it came to practising his art. But how impoverished was Van Gogh actually? Paint, canvases and models were not cheap. He was, however, more than happy to sacrifice his physical wellbeing in the interest of producing his masterpieces.

Van Gogh and Money - The Myth of the Poor Artist follows Van Gogh during two critical periods of his artistic career, his time spent in The Hague and Arles. At both stages, the artist was supported by his brother Theo, who sent him a monthly allowance that never seemed sufficient. This dependency on his brother caused immense guilt. From the Van Gogh letters we get a good insight into Van Gogh's financial affairs, since the brothers' correspondence often touched on the subject of money.

This publication presents a more nuanced view of Van Gogh as the impoverished artist, as he was in fact in a rather fortunate position compared to many of his peers. Regardless of the actual amount of money he received from his brother, it becomes clear that the artist was only poor in the light of his ambition. By reading this publication on Van Gogh and money, we hope that you will be able to better appreciate and understand Van Gogh's work by shedding light on the man behind the iconic paintings.

Van Gogh and Money is number 5 of the series **Secrets of Van Gogh**, written by Van Gogh scholar Liesbeth Heenk in a conversational manner without the use of art historical jargon.

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The 1-Hour Van Gogh Book is a brief introduction to Van Gogh's fascinating life and work. If you want to gain a greater appreciation for one of the most fascinating artists of all time, this is the book for you.

Van Gogh's Inner Struggle is a fascinating look into the life of a tortured genius. The letters vividly show the artist's life was no bed of roses. Van Gogh acknowledged that being an artist simply involved struggle, but he believed that one would benefit from adversity, both personally and professionally. "No victory

without a battle, no battle without suffering."

Van Gogh Today - Short Stories contains eight short stories of lives that were touched in some way or another by the artist. They are a reflection of the power of his story, and why Van Gogh remains a timeless inspiration to us all.

Van Gogh in Love is about the story of the artist's longing for love and a family, exploring the lesser-known area of the artist's romantic life. As can perhaps be expected from an artist like Van Gogh, his choice of women was unconventional. He favored more mature companions, and pursued relationships with women that were considered unsuitable.

Van Gogh and Money is the current volume.

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