

Wabi Sabi For Artists Designers Poets Philosophers

The definitive guide that teaches you how to use the Japanese concept of wabi sabi to reshape every area of your life and find happiness right where you are. Fed up with the exhausting challenges of our fast-paced, consumption-driven existence, millions of people around the world are turning to timeless cultural traditions to find true meaning. In this transformative handbook, Beth Kempton introduces you to wabi sabi ("wah-bi sah-bi"), a captivating concept from Japanese aesthetics that offers a whole new way of looking at the world. With roots in Zen and the Way of Tea, wabi sabi teaches you to see beauty in imperfection, appreciate simplicity, and accept the transient nature of all things. It inspires you to simplify everything and concentrate on what truly matters. Filled with simple yet profound wisdom, Wabi Sabi will help you slow down, reconnect with nature, and be gentler on yourself. From honoring the rhythm of the seasons to creating a welcoming home, from reframing failure to aging with grace, Wabi Sabi teaches you find more joy and inspiration throughout your perfectly imperfect life.

Sure to be a classic, Donald Richie's concise, profound insights into the mysteries of Japanese Wabi-sabi for Artists, Designers, Poets & Philosophers Imperfect Publishing

Would you like to be at peace with your imperfections and to find happiness in the tranquility life has to offer? Wabi-sabi is for you! With Japanese and Buddhist roots dating back hundreds of years, wabi-sabi is a worldview that centers on the acceptance of the changeability and imperfections of life, of self, and of the world around us. Finding beauty in that imperfection and in that changeability has been the key to thoughtfulness, peace, and tranquility for many since its use has become more widespread. By embracing the unpredictable nature of life, many have been able to channel that acceptance into an artistic aesthetic, bringing beauty to the world in unexpected and imperfect forms. In this book, you will learn about the origins and uses of wabi-sabi, you will find practical applications for the mental and aesthetic calm it has to offer, and you'll find ways to connect with others who share your views and philosophy on a simplified lifestyle. Presented in logical order, this book covers critical topics like: Origins of wabi sabi Exceeding perfection State of Mind Soul Nurturing Design Wabi-Sabi Art and more...! Don't let yourself be tired and stressed over the pressure to be perfect. Embrace the imperfection and the calm that life and nature have to offer you and start enjoying life the way you were intended to. Buy your copy of Wabi-Sabi today!

Embrace tranquil simplicity, rustic elegance, and imperfect beauty. Diane Durston's meditation on the Japanese philosophy of wabi sabi will inspire you to focus on the blessings hiding in your daily life. Celebrating the way things are rather than how they should be, Durston encourages you to bask in the subtle joys of the natural world and cultivate an appreciation for everyday objects. Step back from the hectic modern world and find enjoyment and gratitude as you explore the ancient and powerful concepts of wabi sabi.

The Bauhaus school in Germany has long been understood through the writings of its founding director, Walter Gropius, and well-known artists who taught there such as Wassily Kandinsky and László Moholy-Nagy. Far less recognized are texts by women in the school's weaving workshop. In *Bauhaus Weaving Theory*, T'ai Smith uncovers new significance in the work the Bauhaus weavers did as writers. From colorful, expressionist tapestries to the invention of soundproofing and light-reflective fabric, the workshop's innovative creations influenced a modernist theory of weaving. In the first careful examination of the writings of Bauhaus weavers, including Anni Albers, Gunta Stözl, and Otti Berger, Smith details how these women challenged assumptions about the feminine nature of their craft. As they harnessed the vocabulary of other disciplines like painting, architecture, and photography, Smith argues, the weavers resisted modernist thinking about distinct media. In parsing texts about tapestries and functional textiles, the vital role these women played in debates about medium in the twentieth century and a nuanced history of the Bauhaus comes to light. *Bauhaus Weaving Theory* deftly reframes the Bauhaus weaving workshop as central to theoretical inquiry at the school. Putting questions of how value and legitimacy are established in the art world into dialogue with the limits of modernism, Smith confronts the belief that the crafts are manual and technical but never intellectual arts.

Developed out of the aesthetic philosophy of cha-no-yu (the tea ceremony) in fifteenth-century Japan, wabi sabi is an aesthetic that finds beauty in things imperfect, impermanent, and incomplete. Taken from the Japanese words wabi, which translates to less is more, and sabi, which means attentive melancholy, wabi sabi refers to an awareness of the transient nature of earthly things and a corresponding pleasure in the things that bear the mark of this impermanence. As much a state of mind—an awareness of the things around us and an acceptance of our surroundings—as it is a design style, wabi sabi begs us to appreciate the simple beauty in life—a chipped vase, a quiet rainy day, the impermanence of all things. Presenting itself as an alternative to today's fast-paced, mass-produced, neon-lighted world, wabi sabi reminds us to slow down and take comfort in the simple, natural beauty around us. In addition to presenting the philosophy of wabi-sabi, this book includes how-to design advice—so that a transformation of body, mind, and home can emerge. Chapters include: History: The Development of Wabi Sabi Culture: Wabi Sabi and the Japanese Character Art: Defining Aesthetics Design: Creating Expressions with Wabi Sabi Materials Spirit: The Universal Spirit of Wabi Sabi

The ancient philosophy of wabi-sabi honors the imperfect, the transitory and the humble. Cold wax is a perfect vehicle for artists wishing to explore this aesthetic. In this guide, you'll learn how to use this incredibly malleable medium--in combination with oil paint and other mediums--to add layers of texture, atmosphere, depth and meaning to your paintings while developing a more intuitive artistic voice. No matter what your experience level, learning to paint with cold wax will help you approach your work with confidence and a sense of adventure. You will learn a liberating process of texturing, layering, building up and scraping back to create a fascinating "history of surface." Each piece will be the result of elements converging in a one-time-only way, resulting in fiercely original abstract paintings honoring your own process of self discovery. Learn Everything You Need to Know to Create With Cold Wax! • 29 step-by-step demonstrations cover various techniques for working with oil paint and cold wax medium. • Explore dozens of mark-making techniques with a variety of tools, most of which can be found in your kitchen or junk drawer. • Excavate using various approaches for incising, exposing and scraping away layers. • Get inspired as 12 additional artists share their creative processes. Embrace unexpected turns, discover the beauty in simplicity and lose yourself in the process as you join Serena Barton on this creative and spiritual journey.

Wabi Sabi, a little cat in Kyoto, Japan, had never thought much about her name until friends visiting from another land asked her owner what it meant. At last, the master Says, "That's hard to explain." And That is all she says. This unsatisfying answer sets Wabi Sabi on a journey to uncover the meaning of her name, and on the way discovers what

wabi sabi is: a Japanese philosophy of seeing beauty in simplicity, the ordinary, and the imperfect. Using spare text and haiku, Mark Reibstein weaves an extraordinary story about finding real beauty in unexpected places. Caldecott Medal-winning artist Ed Young complements the lyrical text with breathtaking collages. Together, they illustrate the unique world view that is wabi sabi. A New York Times Best Illustrated Children's Book for 2008!

Through an engaging and humorous narrative, Peter Coughter presents the tools he designed to help advertising and marketing professionals develop persuasive presentations that deliver business. Readers will learn how to develop skills to create the perfect presentation.

The 20th Century Art Book was hailed upon its release as an exciting celebration of the myriad forms assumed by art over the last century. Complementing the phenomenally successful Art Book, and most recently The American Art Book, it presents a new and original way of bringing art alive. Covering the truly international nature of the modern art scene, it encompasses established, iconic works of art and the classics of the future. 500 artists are showcased in alphabetical order, each represented by a full-page colour plate of a definitive work and an incisive text which sheds light on both image and creator. This book is above all easy to use: cross-references help the reader make connections between artists; there is a jargon-free glossary of artistic terms and movements; and an international directory of museums and galleries lists the works on public view. Ideal for those approaching the subject for the first time, it is a fun and unintimidating look at the ever-expanding boundaries of art.

Drawn from Life offers bite-size lessons that will help anyone master the classic practice of life drawing. Over 100 pieces of art by contemporary artists illustrate fundamentals such as line, contour, and color, plus surprising and innovative techniques that will take your drawings to the next level. Showcasing a wide range of styles and methods, this is a refreshing new guide to a timeless art form.

An intoxicating, illustrated guide to Japan's ritual of hot-tub bathing.

Arielle Ford's Wabi Sabi Love follows the success of her international bestseller The Soulmate Secret by revealing how to make love last forever. Using the ancient Japanese idea of illuminating the beauty in imperfection (known as wabi sabi), Wabi Sabi Love provides all the tools necessary for you to experience more balance, harmony, and joy in your relationship than ever before. No matter what stage of your relationship, Arielle Ford delivers the secret to lasting love. To quote Deepak Chopra: "Wabi Sabi Love weds ancient wisdom and modern concerns to create the formula for a sustainable, loving relationship for years to come."

Introduces Japanese culture, and discusses the aesthetics, poetry, fiction, and theater of Japan

Starting in the late 1960s but especially in the 70s, the most innovative Italian coachbuilders from Bertone to Pininfarina, took on a new and creative mindset where it came to car design. With fantastical wedge-shaped speedsters, their goal was nothing less than reimagining the car. Many of their ideas - as reflected in the concept vehicles in this book - ended up on the scrap heap of design history, while other concepts have remained influential up to the present. Rainer W. Schlegelmilch, best known for his spectacular Formula 1 photography, captured all of this 70s explosion of automotive creativity with his unique photographic eye. With his artful staging, the angular concept car silhouettes took on the curvy and alluring forms of models. Through these futuristic design concepts from the 70s, we get even closer to the spirit of that decade - one that continues to hold us in its thrall

A follow-up book to the classic Wabi-Sabi: for Artists, Designers, Poets & Philosophers.

WET was one of the seminal avant-garde magazines of the 1970s. Matt Groening and others got their start here.

Wabi sabi is an ancient Japanese aesthetic that values the imperfect, the handmade and the simple. By living the wabi sabi life, Westerners would be seeking to find peace and truth through nature, harmony and the little things. Readers can explore all aspects of this wondrous way of life: - Wabi sabi working - doing what one loves and not overdoing it; Wabi sabi eating - valuing the humble and familiar and savouring the exotic; Wabi sabi socializing - gleaned the lessons of the ancient tea ceremony; Wabi sabi creativity - enriching one's life by; valuing individual moments. The author serves as a highly eloquent guide on the reader's journey to a simpler, more fulfilling life

Are you inspired by the little things, the bits others might overlook? A crack in the sidewalk? The trunk of a fallen tree? Shards of broken pottery? Do you want your artwork to speak to the abstract nature of color, and shape and texture, composition and mood? With Wabi-Sabi Art Workshop, you'll learn to use your appreciation for the simple things in life--the ordinary, the aged, the humble--as your inspiration for making expressive, intuitive art. You will come to embrace imperfection and recognize that, yes, in fact, there is such a thing as a happy accident! The wabi-sabi philosophy of art is probably a little different from what you're used to--it's a style that finds inspiration and beauty in the imperfect, impermanent and humble nature of everyday objects. And there is a special freedom in wabi-sabi's abstract aesthetic, a forgiving approach that celebrates so-called mistakes and fosters an experimental spirit, encouraging you to build up and tear back with abandon. Inside Wabi-Sabi Art Workshop You'll Find: • Dozens of inspiration photos and tips for taking your own. • 27 traditional haikus. • 35 techniques using such diverse media as oil and acrylic paints, alcohol inkers, foils and leaf, pastels, plaster, collage and handmade papers, teabags, paper towels, coffee, crayons, encaustic paints, fibers and more. • Lots of Wabi-Sabi Wisdom--tips and troubleshooting. • 70 big, beautiful finished pieces of art illustrating featured techniques. • Links to online bonus content--step-by-step demonstrations illustrating six additional techniques. Add Wabi-Sabi Art Workshop to your artistic library and expand your artistic horizons today!

This revised and updated edition of The Wabi-Sabi House recounts the history of this aesthetic philosophy and reveals ways to introduce it into your home. The ancient Japanese philosophy of wabi-sabi is about appreciating simplicity and letting go of the superficial—the perfect antidote to modern consumerism and perfectionism. In 2004, author Robyn Griggs Lawrence helped popularize wabi-sabi in North America with her book The Wabi-Sabi House. In Simply Imperfect, Lawrence shows that wabi-sabi is far more than a style of home décor. It's a state of mind—a way of living modestly in the moment, stripping away the unnecessary, and finding satisfaction in everyday things. Tracing the rich history of wabi-sabi from its Zen Buddhist roots to the present day, this beautifully-illustrated book also offers tips on: Clearing clutter and blocking noise Integrating salvaged and recycled materials Making and growing things yourself (or supporting local artisans who do) Taking time and space for self-reflection

A fresh way of seeing and moving through the world when our lives, literally and figuratively, feel cluttered. Wabi Sabi is the Japanese Zen philosophy that all things are imperfect, unfinished and impermanent. This book shows us how to apply this concept in the context of daily life and offers ideas on how to see it, embrace it and incorporate it into everyday thoughts, objects and situations. In a simple and accessible style, Wabi Sabi: The Wisdom in Imperfection shows you how embracing imperfections and impermanence frees you to become a better

person, by reevaluating what "better" means--what really matters and what you truly want. A few simple challenges and exercises encourage you to get creative--such as a Wabi Sabi diary, a haiku exercise and a "make art" challenge--plus some tips on minimizing and decluttering (mentally and physically) for a simpler life. It allows you to mindfully make space in your head, home and with your time. A foreword by Hector Garcia, the bestselling co-author of *Ikigai: The Japanese Secret to a Long and Happy Life*, introduces readers to the Wabi Sabi aesthetic and how it can lead you to your best and happiest self. Garcia shares his personal Wabi Sabi journey--from being asked about it on live TV fifteen years ago (before he knew what it was), through to today, when it permeates every aspect of his life.

- From the author of the successful *Wabi Sabi Simple* - The first book to apply the principles of wabi sabi to writing - Author Richard Powell studied creative writing at the Kootenay School of Writing under Margaret Atwood, Fred Wah, and Audrey Thomas This eloquent and thoughtful guide explores the unique wabi sabi approach to: - Inspiration--transforming strong feelings into art - Interest--understanding and stimulating the reader's motivation - Community--writer's groups and what they have to offer - Enlightenment--practicing Zen through writing A striking follow-up to *Wabi Sabi Simple*, this thoughtful, engaging volume provides practical suggestions along with accessible philosophy to make the writing life more productive, peaceful, and fulfilling.

An updated version of the classic volume on the beauty of things imperfect, impermanent, and incomplete.

"An antidote to the veneer of perfectionism so often presented by books of its kind, *Wabi-Sabi Welcome* offers readers license to slow down and host guests with humility, intention, and contentment." —Nathan Williams, founder of Kinfolk
Wabi-Sabi Welcome is sharing a pot of tea with friends. It is preparing delicious food to nourish, not to show off. It's keeping a basket of cozy slippers at the door for guests. It is well-worn linens, bouquets of foraged branches, mismatched silverware, and heirloom bowls infused with the spirit of meals served with love. In this lush entertaining manual, author Julie Pointer Adams invites readers into artful, easygoing homes around the world—in Denmark, California, France, Italy, and Japan—and teaches us how to turn the generous act of getting together into the deeper art of being together. In this book, readers will find: unexpected, thoughtful ideas and recipes from around the world; tips for creating an intimate, welcoming environment; guidelines for choosing enduring, natural decor for the home; and inspiring photographs from homes where wabi-sabi is woven into daily living.

A quirky memoir of the aesthete responsible for creating culture icons such as *WET: The Magazine of Gourmet Bathing* and bringing the concept of wabi-sabi into Western aesthetic discourse.

Wabi sabi, which translates roughly as humble beauty, is a practical philosophy that infuses the concepts of ecology & sustainability with human emotions & spirituality. It aims to refine notions of beauty so that you begin to value items that are organic, imperfect, simple & old & your personal connection with them.

Goldberg reveals how to creatively bring bamboo home, teaching readers how to live with it indoors and outdoors--even how to grow their own bamboo. Her book includes bamboo projects, from a simple ladle to a more complex pergola for the garden. 150 color photos. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

Beauty may be in the eye of the beholder, but it's also in the language we use and everywhere in the world around us. In this elegant, witty, and ultimately profound meditation on what is beautiful, Crispin Sartwell begins with six words from six different cultures - ancient Greek's 'to kalon', the Japanese idea of 'wabi-sabi', Hebrew's 'yapha', the Navajo concept 'hozho', Sanskrit 'sundara', and our own English-language 'beauty'. Each word becomes a door onto another way of thinking about, and looking at, what is beautiful in the world, and in our lives. In Sartwell's hands these six names of beauty - and there could be thousands more - are revealed as simple and profound ideas about our world and our selves.

In Western cultures the aim of traditional ceramic repair has been to make the broken item 'as good as new'. Kintsugi on the other hand, leaves an obvious repair, one that may appear fragile but which actually makes the restored ceramic piece stronger, more beautiful, and more valuable than before. In *Kintsugi: The Poetic Mend*, Bonnie Kemske explores kintsugi, its history as well as modern practices, using interviews with traditional kintsugi masters in Japan. This book reflects on the reasons for its development, looking especially at a cultural attitude of 'creativity through destruction'.

Different kinds of repairs are discussed, including the earlier 'staple' repair often seen in Chinese ceramic wares and the development of yobitsugi, in which shards from different vessels are pieced together in a patchwork, and other kintsugi techniques. Kintsugi came to the West through ceramics, and contemporary ceramicists have embraced the technique, as evidenced by the prevalence of recent exhibitions. Adapted techniques and extended aesthetics have developed in the West. The work of ceramicists working with the technique today is reviewed and explored. The underlying concept of kintsugi, which encompasses the wabi aesthetic of accepting the imperfect, has struck a chord in other fields. The metaphoric richness of a broken pot made stronger and more beautiful is both universal and deeply personal. This book explores how this is being used in music and literature, with the inclusion of short works of fiction and/or poetry separating the chapters. In addition, kintsugi has been applied not only in ceramics, but to other art forms, such as fine art, textiles, graphics, and product design, as well in psychology and therapy, well-being, music, and emotional healing and spirituality. There have been recent ceramic exhibitions with a kintsugi theme, including 'Golden Seams' at the Smithsonian's Freer Gallery in Washington DC/ An example of its metaphoric application can be seen in the Radio 4 programme, 'Mending Cracks of Gold' (part of the series *Something Understood*, which presents 'ethical and religious discussion that examines some of the larger questions of life, taking a spiritual theme and exploring it through music, prose and poetry'), for which Bonnie was a contributor. There have been two TED Talks about kintsugi.

In this book, we have hand-picked the most sophisticated, unanticipated, absorbing (if not at times crackpot!), original and musing book reviews of "Wabi-Sabi: for Artists, Designers, Poets & Philosophers." Don't say we didn't warn you: these reviews are known to shock with their unconventionality or intimacy. Some may be startled by their biting sincerity; others may be spellbound by their unbridled flights of fantasy. Don't buy this book if: 1. You don't have nerves of steel. 2. You expect to get pregnant in the next five minutes. 3. You've heard it all.

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Can a creative mind thrive in a corporate landscape? Can a business leader use creativity to guide teams more effectively? From one of today's leading creative minds comes a book for modern rebels on building a rewarding life without losing your edge.

Written for uncompromising creative thinkers and aspiring changemakers, *The Art of Creative Rebellion* encapsulates insights and wisdom collected over a life of creative and professional prosperity. In these frank and insightful reflections, John S. Couch shares with young free thinkers the uncompromising principles needed to thrive in a world that seems to reward conformity. Above all, *The Art of Creative Rebellion* is a guide to shaping a life, career and reality that nourishes the spirit and feeds the soul—without compromises or apologies.

The daily lives of ordinary people are replete with objects, common things used in commonplace settings. These objects are our constant companions in life. As such, writes Soetsu Yanagi, they should be made with care and built to last, treated with respect and even affection. They should be natural and simple, sturdy and safe - the aesthetic result of wholeheartedly fulfilling utilitarian needs. They should, in short, be things of beauty. In an age of feeble and ugly machine-made things, these essays call for us to deepen and transform our relationship with the objects that surround us. Inspired by the work of the simple, humble craftsmen Yanagi encountered during his lifelong travels through Japan and Korea, they are an earnest defence of modest, honest, handcrafted things - from traditional teacups to jars to cloth and paper. Objects like these exemplify the enduring appeal of simplicity and function: the beauty of everyday things.

A *New York Times* bestseller—a dazzling and inspirational survey of how art can be found and appreciated in everyday life Michael Kimmelman, the prominent *New York Times* writer and a regular contributor to *The New York Review of Books*, is known as a deep and graceful writer across the disciplines of art and music and also as a pianist who understands something about the artist's sensibility from the inside. Readers have come to expect him not only to fill in their knowledge about art but also to inspire them to think about connections between art and the larger world - which is to say, to think more like an artist. Kimmelman's many years of contemplating and writing about art have brought him to this wise, wide-ranging, and long-awaited book. It explores art as life's great passion, revealing what we can learn of life through pictures and sculptures and the people who make them. It assures us that art - points of contact with the exceptional that are linked straight to the heart - can be found almost anywhere and everywhere if only our eyes are opened enough to recognize it. Kimmelman regards art, like all serious human endeavors, as a passage through which a larger view of life may come more clearly into focus. His book is a kind of adventure or journey. It carries the message that many of us may not yet have learned how to recognize the art in our own lives. To do so is something of an art itself. A few of the characters Kimmelman describes, like Bonnard and Chardin, are great artists. But others are explorers and obscure obsessives, paint-by-numbers enthusiasts, amateur shutterbugs, and collectors of strange odds and ends. Yet others, like Charlotte Solomon, a girl whom no one considered much of an artist but who secretly created a masterpiece about the world before her death in Auschwitz, have reserved spots for themselves in history, or not, with a single work that encapsulates a whole life. Kimmelman reminds us of the Wunderkammer, the cabinet of wonders - the rage in seventeenth-century Europe and a metaphor for the art of life. Each drawer of the cabinet promises something curious and exotic, instructive and beautiful, the cabinet being a kind of ideal, self-contained universe that makes order out of the chaos of the world. *The Accidental Masterpiece* is a kind of literary Wunderkammer, filled with lively surprises and philosophical musings. It will inspire readers to imagine their own personal cabinet of wonders.

An instructive guide to creating an illustrated journal based on artist and Instagram sensation Samantha Dion Baker's unique creative process, featuring information on materials, creative inspiration and instruction, prompts, and helpful tips and tricks. Samantha Dion Baker is a widely admired and followed artist on Instagram, where she shares her "sketch journal," an illustrated daily record of her life, drawn in a fresh, modern style. In *Draw Your Day*, Baker guides you through her inspirational practice and provides guidance for starting your own. Part instructional guide and part encouraging manifesto about how making art—even art that's not museum-worthy—can make your life more mindful and meaningful, *Draw Your Day* is ideal for both seasoned artists looking for fresh inspiration, as well as aspiring artists who need a friendly nudge to get started.

From the author of *Wabi-Sabi*, on the intersection of beauty and design.

Pulitzer Prize-winning art critic Sebastian Smee tells the fascinating story of four pairs of artists—Manet and Degas, Picasso and Matisse, Pollock and de Kooning, Freud and Bacon—whose fraught, competitive friendships spurred them to new creative heights. Rivalry is at the heart of some of the most famous and fruitful relationships in history. *The Art of Rivalry* follows eight celebrated artists, each linked to a counterpart by friendship, admiration, envy, and ambition. All eight are household names today. But to achieve what they did, each needed the influence of a contemporary—one who was equally ambitious but possessed sharply contrasting strengths and weaknesses. Edouard Manet and Edgar Degas were close associates whose personal bond frayed after Degas painted a portrait of Manet and his wife. Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso swapped paintings, ideas, and influences as they jostled for the support of collectors like Leo and Gertrude Stein and vied for the leadership of a new avant-garde. Jackson Pollock's uninhibited style of "action painting" triggered a breakthrough in the work of his older rival, Willem de Kooning. After Pollock's sudden death in a car crash, de Kooning assumed Pollock's mantle and became romantically involved with his late friend's mistress. Lucian Freud and Francis Bacon met in the early 1950s, when Bacon was being hailed as Britain's most exciting new painter and Freud was working in relative obscurity. Their intense but asymmetrical friendship came to a head when Freud painted a portrait of Bacon, which was later stolen. Each of these relationships culminated in an early flashpoint, a rupture in a budding intimacy that was both a betrayal and a trigger for great innovation. Writing with the same exuberant wit and psychological insight that earned him a Pulitzer Prize for art criticism, Sebastian Smee explores here the way that coming into one's own as an artist—finding one's voice—almost always involves willfully breaking away from some intimate's expectations of who you are or ought to be. Praise for *The Art of Rivalry* "Gripping . . . Mr. Smee's skills as a critic are evident throughout. He is persuasive and vivid. . . . You leave this book both nourished and hungry for more about the art, its creators and patrons, and the relationships that seed the ground for moments spent at the canvas."—*The New York Times* "With novella-like detail and incisiveness [Sebastian Smee] opens up the worlds of four pairs of renowned artists. . . . Each of his portraits is a biographical gem. . . . *The Art of Rivalry* is a pure, informative delight, written with canny authority."—*The Boston Globe*

A inspirational, illustrated design handbook draws on the ancient Japanese art of imperfect beauty, or wabi-sabi, and the aesthetic principles of Zen Buddhism to explain how to create unique home spaces that incorporate salvage materials, use artisan wares, and remove clutter to present peaceful, intimate rooms. 20,000 first printing.

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