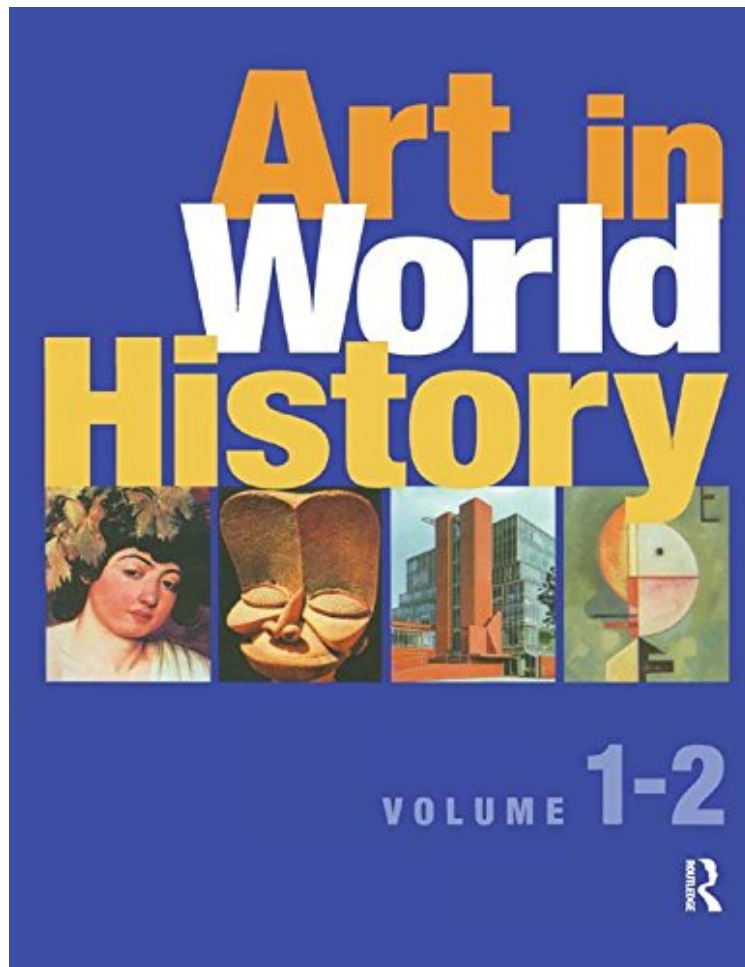


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geared toward motivated students. It is an ambitious undertaking, but, sadly, female artists are largely overlooked throughout. Marie-Louise-Eacute;lisabeth Vigeeacute;e-Lebrun, the greatest female portraitist of the 18th century, is not even mentioned. Despite this serious oversight, *Art in World History* is notable for its concise organization, remarkable and numerous reproductions, and accessibility. Robert Gray, East Central Regional Library, Cambridge, MN Copyright copy; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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