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**From Museyon :** Art + Travel Europe: Step into the Lives of Five Famous Painters (Art+) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Art + Travel Europe: Step into the Lives of Five Famous Painters (Art+):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. It's beautifully done. By April I bought this book for my husband's birthday. He was so impressed by the stories about the artists introduced in this book. Pictures are so beautiful and the quality of work is super. We can tell how the author cares about arts, people, and cultures. In fact, we leave this book

on our living room coffee table, instead of putting it away on the book shelf. Our friends have been very impressed by the book. It's a quite entertaining book, too. Thank you for the great work!

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Perfect for Art lovers of every variety!

By Jennifer Kellas

As an art historian and avid traveller, I'm always looking for guidebooks that will challenge me and take me somewhere I've never been. Art + Travel achieves that ten fold. The scholarly information included in the guide is spot on while still being written in a fun and engaging manner. And for someone who has been to Madrid, The Netherlands or any of the places mentioned in the book a few times, this guide finds those interesting new places to go while highlighting all the usual spots in a way that makes you want to go back. They really take what you are most passionate about and craft this book so that it feels it was made just for you. And next time I'm in The Netherlands I'll definitely be going to Delft!

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful Pictures, Surprising Stories

By heatherc

This book is sure to surprise and delight even the most serious art lover! It's filled with dramatic and personal stories from the artists' lives, all based on the places where they work. Once you realize how these artists lived, you begin to see their art in a new way. Not only that, this book is gorgeous to look at! It's the perfect kind of book to pick up again and again.

Van Gogh, Munch, Vermeer, Caravaggio, and Goya are five iconic European artists whose inspirational works have been obsessed over by art lovers and travelers for years. To see masterpieces such as *Starry Night* and *The Scream* up close is awe-inspiring, but this guide offers true devotees even more. The book provides detailed walking tours of Van Gogh's Arles, France; Munch's Oslo, Norway; Vermeer's Delft, Netherlands; Caravaggio's Rome, Italy; and Goya's Madrid, Spain; as well as meticulously researched articles on the artists' lives. It is packed with useful sidebars, suggested itineraries, museum locations, and an extended index of artwork, and features color photographs of more than 150 paintings.

**STARRED REVIEW** The success of this book, which follows *Music + Travel Worldwide* and three *Film + Travel* volumes, comes from doing more with less. It does not intend to be a comprehensive guide to Europe's picturesque cities or a bible for art lovers. Instead it describes how five cities influenced five artists: Van Gogh's Arles, France; Munch's Oslo, Norway; Vermeer's Delft, the Netherlands; Caravaggio's Rome; and Goya's Madrid. This guide allows a tourist to stand where pictures were painted and see what the artist saw (albeit the present setting). This first-rate book is packed with a crash course on the history of each artist, walking tours, information on where to stay, directions on how to get to the cities and around them, an index of artworks and museum locations, lists of books, music, and films related to the artists, and hotel and restaurant recommendations.

**VERDICT** With fantastic color reproductions and great value for the price, this little gem is as much fun for the armchair traveler as it is for the tourist eager to get a close-up look at Europe's greatest artists.

~Joseph L. Carlson, April 15, 2010 --Library Journal

**Five Travel Books Worth a Look** This richly illustrated guidebook discusses five artists and their cities: Van Gogh and Arles, France; Vermeer and Delft, Netherlands; Goya and Madrid; Caravaggio and Rome; and Munch and Oslo. Each section offers a biographical portrait of the artist, features a timeline and comments on the significance of place on the work. In addition, sidebars examine the artists' imprint on pop culture and literature: how Van Gogh, for example, is depicted in movies (*Lust for Life*, *Vincent Theo*) and documentaries. It also includes suggested Web sites and books, a calendar of events in each city and surrounding area, maps, walking tours and suggestions on where to eat and sleep. Each chapter concludes with thumbnail reproductions of the artist's masterpieces accompanied by a brief commentary. Art enthusiasts will adore this book.

~By June Sawyer, April 09, 2010 --The Chicago Tribune

**Culture a Go Go: Museyon's Art + Travel Europe** It's easy, when in Europe, to walk the footsteps of some remarkable and culturally prominent figures, and artistic influence seems apparent at every corner. But for those who want a more in-depth experience (surpassing mere recognition to walk in the shoes of one of five renowned creators), Museyon's Art + Travel Europe might be just the thing. It's a thick book at around 200 pages but for good reason: within it, five authors trace the lives and work of Van Gogh in Arles, Munch in Oslo, Vermeer in Delft, Caravaggio in Rome and Goya in Madrid. Combining art with the art of travel, the writers present time lines, walking tours, accommodation and entertainment listings and a whole lot of biography. Think of it as a well-curated museum tour that takes place in a well-known city. The downside of this book is that it is only a book. I'd like to think that, with enough popularity, Museyon will break the artist and locale sets into five individual bindings. But for now, to avoid bias, you may just have to consider a complete tour leaving no page unturned. Visit Museyon's web site for more information, or order a copy on .

~Laura Carroll, March 6, 2010 --StudentsInEurope.com

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