

### Painting Light In Oils

Gus herds his people like sheep. Abby loves borrowing slippers. And once, Mr. Beefy ate a pie. It's a dog's life. Filled with squeaky toys, mischief, and plenty of naps. Every dog has a tail to wag and a tale to tell. Patricia MacLachlan and Emily MacLachlan Charest asked this collection of canines to speak up with their own words, barks, and yips.

Offers instruction in oil painting, including such topics as mood and atmosphere, light and form, and brushwork.

Peter Wileman is one of the most dynamic oil painters in the UK today and is currently President of the Royal Institute of Oil Painters. In *Painting Light in Oils* he demonstrates how to create atmospheric landscapes in oils with stunning effects. Light is what motivates so many painters. It excites the eye and radiates an energy that transforms an otherwise ordinary scene into something rather special. In his first book, Peter Wileman shows how he gets inspiration for his exciting landscapes and seascapes, working both on location and in the studio. Several step-by-step demonstrations show how he captures light and shade on his canvas with such amazing effect. There are also sections on tone and colour harmony, reflected and changing light and how to paint from both sketches and photographs. If you want to loosen up your oil painting and achieve landscapes and seascapes that are full of atmosphere, this is the book for

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you.

Oils give a rich, majestic quality to a painting but may often be deemed too tricky or ambitious to try. This practical book puts the joy of painting with oils within reach of all who want to develop their skills. Examples of landscape, marine, nude and equestrian paintings will inspire and show the rich diversity, texture and depth that oil painting can achieve. Written by a professional painter, it encourages artists of all levels to experiment with the medium and to develop their art. Contents include: the importance of drawings; a guide to oil paints suggesting a key range of colours; step-by-step examples with practical tips throughout; advice on composition, colour and light, and framing. An authoritative and beautiful guide to painting with oils, aimed at oil painters and, in particular, coastal and landscape - this new book will encourage artists of all levels to experiment with the medium and develop their art. Superbly illustrated with 108 colour images.

Award-winning artist Sean Dye presents this essential guide to painting with water-soluble oils (a safer, less toxic alternative to traditional oil paint). He describes the medium and explains why there is so much enthusiasm for it, and offers clear, step-by-step demonstrations featuring the work of some of the best painters working with it today.

Glazing Techniques for Paintings that Glow Bring new life to your paintings using transparent glazing. Step by step and layer by layer, this book will show you how to use

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this classic approach to infuse your work with radiant color, exquisite texture and a breathtaking sense of light. • 5 simple studies focus on using glazes to evoke a wide variety of realistic still life textures—fruits, flowers, silver, glass and more • 5 full-length demonstrations show the creation of stunning still-life paintings from start to finish • Features expert instruction on everything from prepping painting surfaces and selecting colors, to artfully composing light and shadow • Plus an entire chapter devoted to painting strong complementary backgrounds for realistic, fluid compositions

Radiant Oils is perfect for oil artists who want to explore the beauty of glazing, watercolor artists who want to try their hand at oils and any painter wishing to achieve stunningly realistic effects using classic, straightforward techniques inspired by the Old Masters.

How to paint oil portraits like the Old Masters Mona Lisa. Girl with a Pearl Earring. Madame X. The infinite variety and beauty of humankind--like the mysteries behind sparkling eyes, a sly smile or an averted gaze--has captivated artists since the beginning of time. This expanded edition of Chris Saper's best-selling guide, *Classic Portrait Painting in Oils*, reveals keys for mastering how to paint beautiful portraits in oil to create soulful works of art. Through easy-to-follow lessons and expert oil painting tips and techniques, you'll find secrets for working from life, using reference photos and more to create rich, realistic portraits imbued with timeless character. • 14 step-by-step demonstrations teach how to paint 7 diverse subjects of varying skin tones from life and from photographic reference • Additional exercises reveal expert oil painting techniques

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for defining facial details, like eyes, mouths, wrinkles, facial hair and eyeglasses • Professional tips for working from life, including ideal session times, posing, seeing and mixing color and even how to work with children • The basics of using natural, artificial, creative and "Rembrandt" lighting to light your subject and convey a mood • Expanded key concepts of "perfect practice," the importance of regularly painting subjects in real time and an insistence on excellent photographic reference material, including a checklist for how to take--and self-edit--your own quality photos • New material on how to approach and execute paid commissions, including step-by-step demonstrations for painting both corporate and family subjects Through Saper's universal techniques, painters of all skill levels will learn to render more realistic portraits of every subject they paint, with predictable and joyful results.

"Everything was alive, pulsing with light and color."—Susan Sarback This is more than a how-to-paint book. It's a how-to-see book...specifically, how to tune in to nature's glorious subtleties of light and color. Forget complex theories. "Full-Color Seeing" is based on direct observation. It's about overcoming preconceptions and perceiving true color based on the colors that surround it, the way light hits it, time of day, season, weather conditions, and too many other factors for a mere formula to incorporate. You'll learn to see your subject—any subject—just as life truly presents it to you. This is the secret to capturing the living, breathing sense of atmosphere so celebrated in the works of the Impressionist painters. A revision of Susan Sarbacks' illuminating Capturing

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Radiant Color in Oils, this book offers twelve more years of fresh insights, new paintings and expanded coverage on soft pastels. The concepts explored here have been handed down through generations of artists: Sarback was taught "Full-Color Seeing" by master painter Henry Hensche, who learned it from Charles Hawthorne, a contemporary of Claude Monet. This step-by-step approach will add greater vitality to your artwork and forever change the way you see.

Discover a new approach to oil painting that takes the stuffiness out and puts the fun back in. Learn how to paint vibrant florals, landscapes, seascapes, portraits, and more, and see your skills improve. Oil Painting Every Day shows you how to translate what you see into captivating paintings. Begin with a solid understanding of oil paint and essential supplies, then try easy exercises that will train your eye to see the world like an artist. From there, you'll learn how to capture beautiful details in landscapes and still lifes and create shadows and depth to make your work come alive. Refine those details to paint waves, clouds, and floral scenes, and get all the tips, tricks, and techniques you need for a doable portrait to get you started in figurative work. Get great ideas for creating engaging compositions while capturing the world around you, and discover how a variety of simple brushstrokes add energy and life to a piece. In this book you'll find: How drawings and underpaintings can give your paintings a boost How to

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care for your tools and materials Tips and techniques for working in sketchbooks and on canvas The benefits of maintaining a consistent art practice How to paint from life and photographs Ways to build cohesive compositions that tell a story Oil Painting Every Day is your all-access pass to oil painting.

Legendary artist Paul Strisik was not the kind of artist you'd find cooped up inside a studio. As one of the great plein air painters of his generation, Paul preferred to be outdoors using the sun to light his subjects. His years of experience in capturing that natural light are offered here in *Capturing Light in Oils*.

Learn the techniques and inspiration of painting outdoors with this award-winning artist Explore the world of painting with oils en plein air and enjoy the freshness and vibrancy of the work in this book - as well as the expert, down-to-earth advice of its author. Award-winning artist Haidee-Jo Summers explores the appeal of working outside with oils and the enormous benefits it can bring in terms of personal well-being. She also shares her techniques to allow the reader to invest their oil artwork with light, motion and life. Packed with information that ranges from choosing a subject to advice on painting in all weathers, this book gives you an insight into the working methods of this dynamic artist, and shares the techniques to allow you to invest your own artwork with light, motion and life. With dozens of Haidee-Jo's artworks to provide inspiration, and clear, step-by-

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step exercises and demonstrations throughout, this book provides an expert guide to the world of painting outdoors

How to use painting mediums such as acrylic, watercolor, oil paint, ink, tempera, and pastels in combination with glazes, gesso, wax, and other materials for use in collages, scrapbooks, memory boxes, photo albums, and individual art pieces.

Paint with passion, purpose and pleasure What do you want your landscape painting to say about this place, this moment? How do you use the visual vocabulary - line, shape, value, color, edges - to say it? With this book, your conversation with nature will direct your brush. With an exhilarating, synergistic combination of indoor and outdoor painting, Kevin Macpherson shows you how to create personal, poetic landscapes that capture the feeling of being there. Learn how to:

- Use a limited palette in a way that is more liberating than limiting
- Experience nature to the fullest and capture its vibrancy back in the studio through photos, sketches and outdoor studies
- Cope with the fleeting qualities of atmosphere and light by establishing a value plan early and sticking with it
- Incorporate impressionistic touches of broken color to give your landscape a depth and vibrancy that enhances its realism
- Approach painting as a layering and corrective process that encourages non-formulaic solutions

Stimulating warm-up exercises in the studio prepare you for your adventures outside, while eight

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step-by-step demonstrations show you how to put these methods into action. Throughout, Macpherson's own light-filled landscapes illustrate the power of these techniques. Full of fresh air and fresh art, Landscape Painting Inside and Out will guide and encourage beginners while challenging more accomplished artists to bring greater vitality and a more natural, less formulaic finish to their paintings.

A wealth of insights for amateurs and professionals encompasses materials, principles, and applications. Topics include canvases, easels, brushes, paints, drawing, perspective, light, shade, still life, portraits, and landscapes. 64 illustrations.

With Oil Painting: Oceans & Seascapes, you can discover how to capture breathtaking oceanic scenes in oil. Welcome to the incredible, diverse world of painting seascapes in oil! Oil paints are versatile and forgiving, produce wonderful color, and can produce areas that are smooth or textured. This is an ideal medium to portray the ever-changing moods and drama of this very special subject: the sea. Oil Painting: Oceans & Seascapes is essential for any beginning artist who wants to paint beautiful oceans and seascapes. After introducing you to the basic tools and materials needed to begin painting in oil, talented artist Martin Clarke shows specific techniques for painting realistic waves, rocky

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shores, and other seaside elements. Learn about color theory, and basic painting techniques before moving on to the step-by-step projects. This comprehensive guide contains step-by-step lessons for painting five different seascapes in oil, using a number of simple yet effective techniques. You don't need a large palette of colors to produce these vibrant, dramatic works. You just need to grab a few supplies and learn observation skills, a few painting techniques, and how to produce a well-composed scene. Then paint as much possible (and have fun while doing so) to practice creating amazing seascapes! Designed for beginners, the How to Draw & Paint series offers easy-to-follow guides that introduce artists to basic tools and materials and includes simple step-by-step lessons for a variety of projects suitable for the aspiring artist. With comprehensive instruction, plenty of artist tips and tricks, and beautiful artwork to inspire, *Oil Painting: Oceans & Seascapes* is the perfect resource for any aspiring oil painter. Paint the beauty and ambiance of your favorite settings! Discover how to paint all the distinctive, captivating aspects of nature that will elevate your landscape paintings from pretty to breathtaking with the help of professional artist and instructor Carolyn Lewis. Through tips and techniques that are easy to understand and even easier to remember, Carolyn shows you how to take your unique interpretations of the outdoors and beautifully portray them on canvas.

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Carolyn teaches you how to paint successfully by starting with the basics. You'll learn how to: Choose the best format, shapes, colors and values to create solid, compelling compositions Master the brush techniques, palette-knife work, edge painting and color mixing that will give your paintings impact Accurately portray any season, time of day, lighting situation or weather condition, from a foggy spring morning to a sunny summer afternoon Put your skills into practice in 15 step-by-step demonstrations - paint a beach blooming with bright pink flowers, a village among the mountains, an unusually warm-hued winter scene and more The valuable advice in Land & Light Workshop: Painting Mood & Atmosphere in Oils will ensure that every outdoor scene you paint leaves a lasting impression - whether it's a quiet woodland clearing or a stunning seaside sunset!

Idea Is There a Good Abstract Idea Underlying the Picture? What Details Could be Eliminated to Strengthen the Composition? Does the Painting "Read"? Could You Finish Any Part of the Painting? Shapes Are the Dominant Shapes as Strong and Simple as Possible? Are the Shapes Too Similar? Value Could the Value Range be Increased? Could the Number of Values be Reduced? Light Is the Subject Effectively Lit? Is the Light Area Big Enough? Would the Light Look Stronger with a Suggestion of Burnout? Do the Lights Have a Continuous Flow? Is the Light Gradated? Shadows Do the Shadow Shapes Describe the Form? Are the Shadows Warm Enough? Depth Would the Addition of Foreground Material Deepen the Space? Does the Background Recede Far Enough? Are the Halftones Properly Related to the Background?

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Solidity Is the underlying Form Being Communicated? Is the Symmetry in Perspective? Color Is There a Color Strategy? Could a Purer Color Be Used? Do the Whites Have Enough Color in Them? Are the Colors Overblended on the Canvas? Would the Color Look Brighter if it Were Saturated into its Adjacent Area? Paint Is Your Palette Efficiently Organized? Is the Painting Surface Too Absorbent? Are You Using the Palette Knife as Much as You Could? Are You Painting Lines When You Should Be Painting Masses? Are the Edges Dynamic Enough? Is There Enough Variation in the Texture of the Paint? From the Trade Paperback edition.

"Everything the artist needs to know from colour theory to complementary, warm and cool colours, colour tone, using a limited palette, dull and bright colours and local colour. There follows an array of essential colour mixes for oils using widely available Winsor & Newton colours. Clear, practical and beautifully presented advice. A clear, comprehensive guide to colour mixing for the artist using oil paints. It begins with simple colour theory and a colour wheel, with a template provided so that readers can paint their own; a vital step towards understanding colour. There is vividly illustrated guidance on complementary, warm and cool colours, colour tone, using a limited palette, dull and bright colours and factoring in local colour. There follows an array of essential colour mixes using widely available Winsor & Newton colours. A beautifully presented and practical guide to understanding and mixing colours."--Publisher description.

Instilling knowledge and confidence in budding artists, the color wheel on the front of this creative guide makes mixing oil paints easy by instantly displaying the outcomes of various color combinations. After going over the basic principles of color mixing, this book features eight unique projects that employ different oil painting techniques, from color blending and

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glazing to lifting out and working from dark to light. Each project is accompanied by an explanation and illustration of the technique as well as at-a-glance advice on the correct color-mixing methods for that specific endeavor. A gallery of finished works, providing examples and inspiration, is also included.

Discover a simple approach to capturing a world of beautiful skin tones Chris Saper takes the mystery and guesswork out of portrait painting while leaving its joy fully intact. Continuing the exploration started in her first book, *Painting Beautiful Skin Tones with Color & Light*, this sequel offers step-by-step demonstrations that cover an even wider range of ethnic groups and ages. You'll get professional advice on working from life, using reference photos, and combining the two approaches to create realistic likenesses that say something about the way you view an individual's unique beauty and character. Inside you'll find: A series of 14 step-by-step demonstrations of 7 diverse subjects painted from life and from photos that illustrate the advantages of each approach Techniques for seeing and recording accurate colors at live sittings, and retaining that accuracy when working from photographic references Tips on posing and lighting your subjects using both artificial and natural light sources Expert advice for shooting, selecting and working from reference photographs, including how to compose dynamic multiple-subject portraits Techniques for painting eyes, eyeglasses, mouths, wrinkles and other defining details Though the demonstrations and examples are done in oils, Saper's techniques are universal. Regardless of your medium or skill level, the lessons inside will make painting skin colors easier, the process more enjoyable and your great results more predictable.

Guide to painting with oils for beginners on materials, equipment, techniques, colour, tonal

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values, and composition. Includes 120 full colour artworks by the author and explanations of treatments for sky, water, land and seascapes, interiors, shadows, people and animals. With index. First published in the UK in 1993.

Painters have long observed the way in which different places have their own special light, and nowadays air travel has made it even easier to compare the light of one country or region with that of another. This book shows, in words and pictures, how an artist reacts to light in some of the most beautiful, picturesque places in the world.

Capture the elusive nature of light, and make your paintings glow with richness and realism. Dramatic Light shows you how, blending inspiring artwork with clear, step-by-step demonstrations for working in both watercolor and oil. Your paintings will improve instantly as you follow hands-on, visual guidance for recreating the basic principles of light: transparency, translucency, luminosity and reflections. This remarkable book features: 16 step-by-step demonstrations that show you how see and paint light in it many forms A range of styles and subjects to admire and borrow from, including flowers, landscapes, people and still lifes Detailed instruction for mastering challenging textures, such as sparkling glass, sheer fabric, moonlit skies, shimmering water and more Visual comparisons that highlight common mistakes and how to fix them You'll find the guidance in Dramatic Light very effective and accessible, even if you're new to painting. Special sections cover a range of topics, from creating good compositions to mixing colors to working with reference photos. Take this guide, explore light's sublime possibilities, and transform your work.

Nobody ever said that oil painting was easy. But it gets much easier and a lot more fun when you follow a step-by-step approach that starts you off on the right foot, helps you build your

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skills one at a time, and gives you plenty of exercises to develop your craft. That's what you'll find in *Oil Painting For Dummies*. Completely free of arty jargon, this full-color guide has all the hands-on instruction you need to master the basics. You'll see how to plan a painting, build an image in layers, mix colors, and create stunning compositions. You'll also find everything you need to know about oil paints, solvents, and pigments; brushes, palettes, and painting surfaces; and how to keep costs down at the art supply store. Discover how to: Choose the right supplies Set up your studio and care for your equipment Handle your materials safely Develop your design and composition skills Make practice sketches and studies Use broken stroke, dry brush, glazing, scraffito and other brush strokes Try out different compositions Mix any color you want Simplify tricky still-life subjects Paint landscapes and common objects out doors Paint portraits and the human form Complete with handy color chart, basic materials list, and a very useful viewing square, *Oil Painting For Dummies* is the fun and easy way to discover your inner artist!

**PAINTING: OILS.** Often seen as dark and gloomy, oils can, in fact, be used to create colourful and light paintings that are wonderfully expressive. One significant characteristic of oil paint is its richness and depth of colour, something that is of particular interest to Nicholas Verrall. In this book, he discusses his working methods and the importance of colour, at the same time placing these issues within the general context of painting in oils, with all that this has to offer. Includes information, demonstrations and many inspirational finished paintings to help painters understand the value of colour in interpreting ideas with feeling and impact. It provides guidance on a wide range of skills, techniques and advice on subject matter and associated topics. Illustrated throughout. It shows how to use oils and create colourful, light and

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expressive pictures. Verrall is one of the UK's most respected contemporary figurative painters. It is presented new in paperback.

Stimulating, informative guide by noted teacher covers painting technique, painting from life, materials — paints, varnishes, oils and mediums, grounds, etc. — a painter's training, more. 64 photos. 5 line drawings.

David Curtis outlines his approach to painting light-filled landscapes. He stresses the need to paint plein air, with little or no studio work, and discusses techniques and materials suitable for this approach. Detailed instruction on preparing the materials for painting, and advice on composition and tonal range are all designed to enable the artist to capture the light effect that formed their original inspiration. The book includes examples of Curtis's work, including five step-by-step demonstrations where the artist puts into practice the advice he has given.

Bridging the fields of conservation, art history, and museum curating, this volume contains the principal papers from an international symposium titled "Historical Painting Techniques, Materials, and Studio Practice" at the University of Leiden in Amsterdam, Netherlands, from June 26 to 29, 1995. The symposium—designed for art historians, conservators, conservation scientists, and museum curators worldwide—was organized by the Department of Art History at the University of Leiden and the Art History Department of the Central Research Laboratory for Objects of Art and Science in Amsterdam. Twenty-five contributors representing museums and conservation institutions throughout the world provide recent research on historical painting techniques, including wall painting and polychrome sculpture. Topics cover the latest art historical research and scientific analyses of original techniques and materials, as well as historical sources, such as medieval treatises and descriptions of painting techniques in

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historical literature. Chapters include the painting methods of Rembrandt and Vermeer, Dutch 17th-century landscape painting, wall paintings in English churches, Chinese paintings on paper and canvas, and Tibetan thangkas. Color plates and black-and-white photographs illustrate works from the Middle Ages to the 20th century.

A detailed overview of the traditional techniques of working with oils brings together the classic artistry of the past with breakthroughs in the materials of today, explaining how the Old Masters created their masterpieces, the key elements in painting one's own artwork, the importance of drawing, the principles of visual reality, the art of color, and other topics.

*Landscapes in Oil* is the first-ever comprehensive guide to classical landscape painting reinterpreted for the twenty-first century. Drawing from the tradition established by American painters of the Hudson River School--artists like Thomas Cole, Frederic Church, and George Inness--author and painter Ken Salaz reveals great masters' philosophy and methods, updating their approaches for the contemporary landscape painter. Beginning painters are given the basic tools and step-by-step demonstrations, intermediate painters are challenged with unpublished techniques that allow them to break through to the next level, and advanced painters learn to apply their skills under unified theories. *Landscapes in Oil* devotes a chapter to each of the fundamental elements of landscape painting--drawing, value, color, composition, and light quality--and offers critical advice on selecting tools and materials, choosing colors, and structuring your palette for best results. Emphasizing the necessity of plein air drawing and painting, Salaz demonstrates how to translate small, quick studies made outdoors into full-scale studio paintings. He provides detailed step-by-step breakdowns of the creation of four of his own paintings, focusing not only on application but also on the ideas that underpin every

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decision a landscape painter must make. The scores of landscape masterworks, past and present, that illustrate this book have been carefully chosen for their aesthetic power and because each embodies a specific aspect of the landscape painter's craft. For Salaz, landscape painting is a noble pursuit, and the goal of the landscape artist is not to paint "pretty pictures" but to create compelling images that express human beings' profound connection to nature in all its diversity and grandeur. At a time when classical landscape is enjoying a renaissance in art schools, ateliers, and galleries across North America, this book is an essential resource for beginning and experienced painters alike.

These pages practically glow with Kevin Macpherson's rich and powerful paintings! He shares his techniques for quickly capturing the mood of a scene in bold, direct brushstrokes, with step-by-step instructions that make it easy—simply a matter of painting the colors you see. Follow his lead and you too, can create landscapes and still lives in a vibrant, impressionistic style.

From dust jacket notes: " ... [N]oted landscape painter Paul Strisik takes the reader outdoors to watch over his shoulder as he demonstrates his skills at capturing the varied landscape around the country and in all seasons. Starting with a discussion of materials and equipment, the artist ... describes the equipment he uses in the field - compact, yet complete enough to allow Strisik all the variety of techniques he needs - as well as studio equipment and special painting gear for traveling. Further suggestions for types of brushes, holders, cleaners, palettes, easels, and more give the reader all the basics for getting started both at home and on location. The next portion of the book is devoted to the esthetic aspects of landscape painting: conception, composition, and design. Strisik stresses selecting those elements of a scene which help the artist make a personal statement, rather than copying nature literally. He explains

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compositional principles and how to use them - distributing the weights in a picture, emphasizing the center of interest, knowing when and how to use cast shadows, leading the viewer's eye with lines of direction, and achieving variety and interest with counterpoint. All the visual effects of light - luminosity, diffraction, reflected light, highlights, diffused light, atmospheric perspective, and many more - are explained in the third section, along with the basics of understanding color and value relationships. Particularly helpful are the many pointers on handling color within shadowed areas, painting objects in light without 'washing out' local color, and unifying the overall color feeling within a landscape. Finally, Strisik presents a series of full-color, step-by-step demonstrations showing how he develops his carefully planned compositional studies into finished paintings. Each demonstration displays the artist's many skills and techniques every step of the way ..."

A guide to oil painting provides information on materials, tools and equipment, techniques, form and color, and themes.

Offers a guide to landscape painting, discussing the elements and principles of composition, brush techniques, drawing concepts, color palettes, and stages of the painting process.

Learn to capture the beauty and drama of the sky. A good sky is the essence of successful landscape and seascape paintings, and this practical book covers everything you will need to know to paint a sky that captures the mood and atmosphere of a scene. With over 200 paintings, it explains techniques, demonstrates the painting process including step-by-step instruction on painting in oils with the alla prima

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technique. Advice is given on using alternative colours and creative interpretations and ideas offered to inspire and develop skills and a personal style. Includes detailed instruction on equipment, tone, composition and perspective, and practical advice on painting en plein air and travelling light. Of interest to all artists particularly oil painters, and superbly illustrated with 218 colour paintings.

You Can Paint With Oils! An easy and fun introduction to landscape painting. Discover Oil Painting is a complete course on painting landscapes in oils. This fun and easy guide is loaded with time-honored methods, techniques and tutorials along with ways to tweak those ideas to suit your own painting personality. No matter what your experience (or lack of experience!) you will learn how to paint beautiful works of art in no time. • 21 step-by-step painting demonstrations tackle skies, foliage, wildflowers, water, rocks and more • Easy-to-understand lessons demystify composition, color, value, paint application techniques, and other key concepts • Expert tips and advice honed over nearly 35 years of professional teaching and painting With master teacher Julie Gilbert Pollard, you will walk through the painting process in manageable steps, from laying out a palette and overcoming the initial intimidation of a blank canvas, to designing strong compositions and achieving brilliant, yet believable color. Along this path to successful landscapes, you will find the stepping stones to losing yourself in the journey and discovering the pure pleasure in painting with oils and using your own creativity.

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Everything you always wanted to know about oil painting...but were afraid to ask. Or maybe you weren't afraid—maybe you just didn't know what to ask or where to start. In *The Oil Painting Course You've Always Wanted*, author Kathleen Staiger presents crystal clear, step-by-step lessons that build to reinforce learning. Brush control, creating the illusion of three dimensions, foolproof color mixing, still-life painting, landscapes, and portraits—every topic is covered in clear text, diagrams, illustrations, exercises, and demonstrations. Staiger has taught oil painting for more than thirty-five years; many of her students are now exhibiting and selling their paintings. Everyone from beginning hobby painters, to art students, to BFA graduates has questions about oil painting. Here at last are the answers!

The equivalent of a foundation course in traditional oil painting for beginning to intermediate level artists, this in-depth book uses the still life as a practical way to master oil techniques. The still life is a practical, forgiving genre as it does not require the likeness of a portrait or the accurate proportions of the figure and, unlike the landscape, it doesn't change with the weather. Instead, it gives aspiring artists ample time to study and the opportunity to look closer. It can be used as a purely formal subject for drawing and painting techniques, or a platform for emotional expression using personal symbolism and imagery. However, though the still life is used throughout as a teaching tool, this is first and foremost a book about oil painting. It begins with simple compositions that build to more complex arrangements. Starting with

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essential information on how to best set up your studio—including lighting, equipment, materials (paints, solvents, brushes, mediums), and preparing your canvas and paper for oil painting—Still Life Painting Atelier then offers concrete lessons in a logical progressive sequence, with step-by-step illustrations, finished paintings, diagrams and tips. Chapters cover:

- How to address composition through thumbnail sketches and line drawings
- Using underpainting to study the characteristics of light and shade
- The basics of color theory and color mixing
- How to use a variety of brushes to create sharp and soft edges
- Techniques that are helpful when painting metal and glass
- How to apply glazing and scumbling to bring luminosity and texture

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