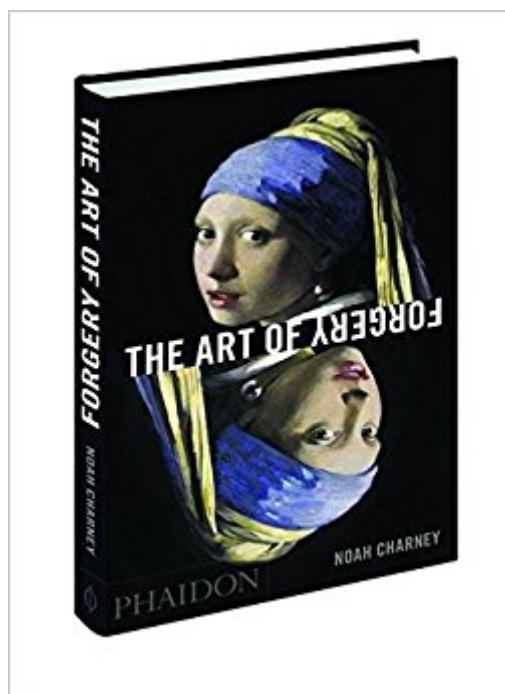


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The Art Of Forgery: The Minds, Motives And Methods Of The Master Forgers



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The Art of Forgery: The Minds, Motives and Methods of the Master Forgers explores the stories, dramas and human intrigues surrounding the world's most famous forgeries - investigating the motivations of the artists and criminals who have faked great works of art, and in doing so conned the public and the art establishment alike.

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"A fascinating account. "•Washington Post"Charney truly hits stride when describing the forgers..as the world of forgery is infinitely colorful."•Bloomberg.com

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The layout of the book is unconventional, but the material itself is fascinating. This, like the recent movie "Big Eyes" and the works of contemporary artists like Banksy and Koons stimulates the

age-old debate of what art "is". Aristotle's definition (pg. 108) seems amazingly accurate over 2,000 years later. Because so much is covered in such a brief manner, it certainly will lead me to more detailed books and primary sources amply provided in Charney's "Selected Bibliography." I find the effects of mass psychology (the willingness to be fooled that greed begets), institutional jealousies, the arrogance of the "connoisseur" class, and the exclusivity of gallerists - all fascinating - and all ample motivation for the revenge of the forgers.

A great read - you need not know anything about art - but it does help. I strongly recommend this to anyone who has ever asked themselves "Why does someone make fakes (apart from monetary gain)?" and why are we taken in - and so fascinated by the subject. I did return this - but only because my sister gave me a signed copy for my birthday.

This book was marvellous from page one. It gets better as I get further into it and I've still got plenty to go. Who knew (for example) that Michelangelo himself was a copier of ancient Greek/Roman statues - but did that make him a forger?! That's the question and this is an extremely well worth read, just to find out!

I'm definitely not an art snob, but for some reason the whole idea of art theft forgery and fakes just fascinates me. Highly readable even for an art idiot like myself.

A fascinating exploration of the mentality behind this type of crime.

Fascinating read if you are into painting, art and curious to read anecdotes about forgers. Well written, entertaining. Includes photographs.

More a scholarly work than a mainstream bit of non-fiction, but if you love art-detective reads, this is for you.

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