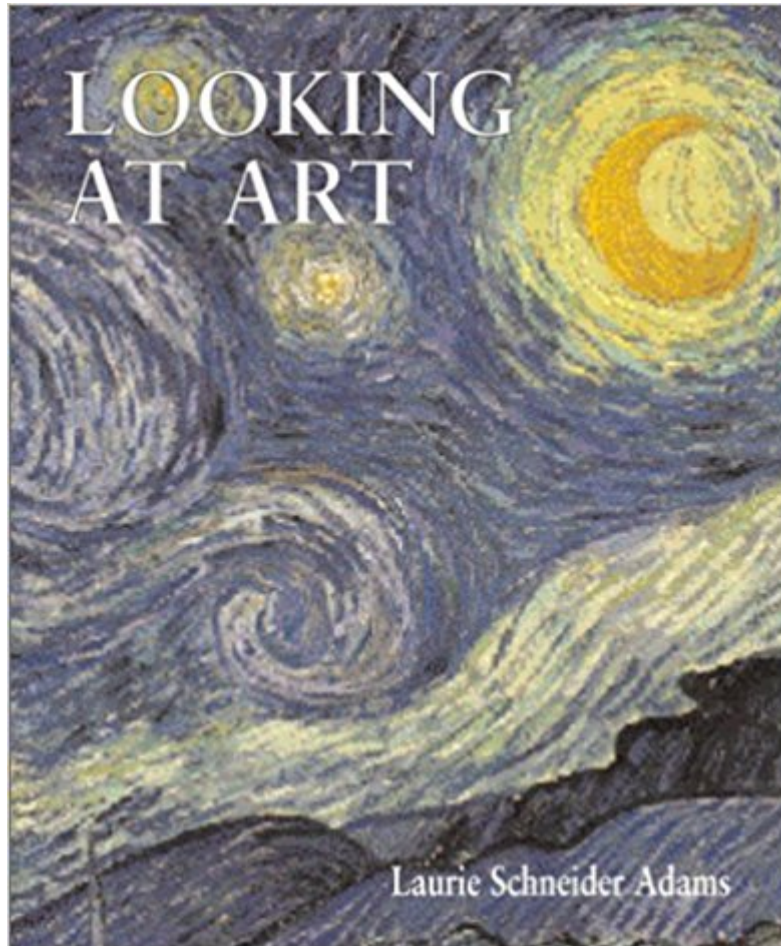




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The arts affect our lives whether or not we ever set foot in a museum. Advertisements use images to sell products; pictures and sculptures stimulate our senses and decorate our urban and rural spaces. These, along with the buildings we inhabit, are manifestations of the visual arts. This book of eight brief chapters on different aspects of the visual arts is designed to explore the nature of imagery and its relevance to many facets of our lives. Drawing on a wealth of examples from Western and non-Western art through the ages, it examines a wide range of themes, from the relationship between form and meaning, to the methodologies of art-historical analysis, to the controversies that have surrounded certain works of art both past and present. The author's concise and clear analytical approach to understanding and appreciating works of art helps readers understand the various ways of interpreting images by artists as diverse as Leonardo da Vinci, Vincent van Gogh, and Jackson Pollock. Beautiful illustrations accompany the text, making this book an ideal resource for students, museum visitors, and anyone interested in the arts.

Laurie Schneider Adams teaches at John Jay College, City University of New York, and the Graduate Center. She has written widely on the arts. Her books include A History of Western Art, The Methodologies of Art, Art on Trial, and Italian Renaissance Art.

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Excellent, short reading

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