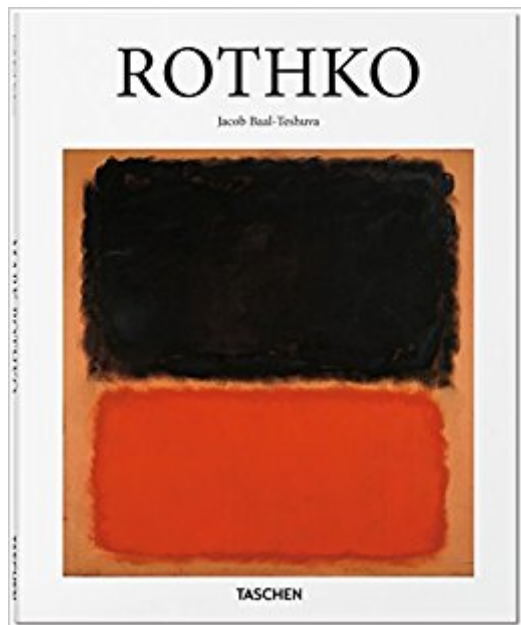


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This short book contains terrific images of a wide range of Mark Rothko's important paintings. The text, however, is not up to the level of the illustrations. Many of the key events in Rothko's life are mentioned without sufficient background or context to understand Rothko's development as a pioneer of abstract expressionism. His immigration to Portland, his relationships with his colleagues, the conflicts he experienced in the art world, his failed marriages, his growing success, the financial dealings with his trusted advisers, and his depression and death are raised, but not dealt with in depth. There are some insightful quotations from others with analysis of Rothko's art, but this too is limited. The book is less than 100 pages, many of which are color images, and to be overly critical of these shortcomings would be unfair. On that basis, the book is highly recommended for those interested in a collection of wonderful illustrations, and an overview of this truly original artist.

my fault i guess but i expected more

Love,

Great artist.

Great photos of Mark Rothko's works

I'm really liking this book so far. Lots of pictures of Rothkos work. A good read.

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