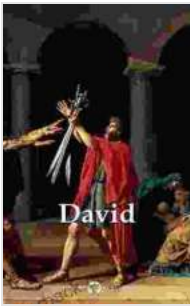


Jacques-Louis David: A Master of French Art I Delphi Complete Works

Jacques-Louis David (1748-1825) stands as a towering figure in the annals of French art, his legacy forever intertwined with the tumultuous events of the French Revolution. A master of Neoclassicism, David's sweeping canvases captured the drama and idealism of the era, while his sharp-edged portraits immortalized its pivotal figures. In this comprehensive guide, we embark on a journey through David's complete works, exploring the themes, techniques, and historical contexts that shaped his enduring masterpiece.



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A Neoclassical Vision

Born in Paris in 1748, David embraced the principles of Neoclassicism, a movement that sought to revive the grandeur and simplicity of ancient Greek and Roman art. Inspired by the rediscovered ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum, David abandoned the frivolous Rococo style of his

predecessors, opting instead for a more structured and restrained approach. His compositions were characterized by clear lines, geometric forms, and a muted color palette, evoking the timeless aesthetics of the Classical world.

Revolution and Art

David's artistic career became inextricably linked with the French Revolution that erupted in 1789. A fervent supporter of the Revolution, he served as a member of the National Convention and even voted for the execution of Louis XVI. His paintings during this period reflected the fervor and idealism of the revolutionaries, depicting scenes of heroism, sacrifice, and the triumph of reason. His iconic work, "The Death of Marat" (1793), immortalized the assassinated revolutionary leader, transforming him into a martyr of the cause.

Portraiture and Legacy

Beyond his revolutionary canvases, David was also a renowned portraitist. His penetrating gaze and meticulous attention to detail captured the essence of his subjects, from the aristocratic elite to the common people who shaped the era. His portraits, such as "Napoleon Crossing the Alps" (1800), not only depicted individuals but also reflected the broader social and political landscape of the time.

David's influence on subsequent generations of artists was profound. His Neoclassical style became the dominant aesthetic of the early 19th century, inspiring artists such as Ingres and Géricault. His emphasis on historical accuracy and emotional intensity paved the way for the rise of Romanticism. To this day, David's works continue to be studied and

admired, serving as a testament to his enduring legacy as a master of French art.

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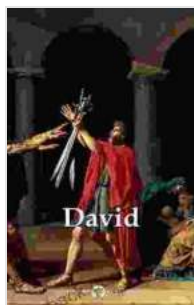
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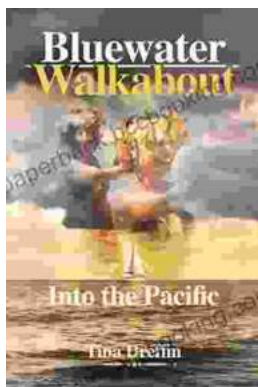
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