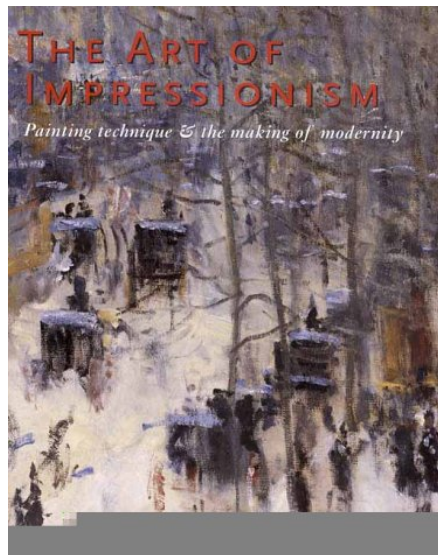




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This magnificent book is the first full-scale exploration of Impressionist technique. Focusing on the easel-painted work of Monet, Pissarro, Renoir, Cezanne, Cassatt, Morisot, Caillebotte, Sisley, and Degas in the period before 1900, it places their methods and materials in a historical perspective and evaluates their origins, novelty, and meanings within the visual formation of urban modernity.

Drawing on scientific studies of pigments and materials, artists' treatises, colormen's archives, and contemporary and modern accounts, Anthea Callen demonstrates how raw materials and paintings are profoundly interdependent. She analyzes the material constituents of oil painting and the complex processes of "making" entailed in all aspects of artistic production, discussing in particular oil painting methods for landscapists and the impact of "plein air" "light" "on figure painting, studio practice, and display. Insisting that the meanings of paintings are constituted by and within the cultural matrices that produced them, Callen argues that the real "modernity" of the Impressionist enterprise lies in the painters' material practices. Bold brushwork, unpolished, sketchy surfaces, and bright, "primitive" colors were combined with their subject matter--the effects of light, the individual sensation made visible--to establish the modern as visual.

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Another amazing book on painting technique! Callen explains how Impressionists broke away from the Academy with new, brighter paints (as they were invented), new methods of capturing light by getting out of stuffy brown/green studios, the addition of white to their lighter palette, the rejection of light from one 45 degree source (creating flatter views in landscapes), the rejection of certain "grounds" varnishes, and frames, and the invention of tubes and bladders of paint for portability. I am simplifying. This is a very complete book that must have taken 5-10 years of research and tracking to represent so many artists and their work. It puts context to techniques that we still use and learn today, not knowing their origin or benefit. Callen is a retired art professor from Australia.

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