



What Is Art?: Studies in the Technique and Criticism of Painting

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Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Professor Van Dyke's book is not, as its title might imply, a treatise on esthetics, but a group of half a dozen essays put forth as argument not only for art as art, but for art as an expression of life; that and its decorative and utilitarian aim are its sole appeals; they never should have been lost sight of for a moment; in the appreciation of art the commercial phase of it is irrelevant and wholly negligible. In bulk it is only a little book that can be carried in the coat pocket, but none more suggestive and stimulating on its theme has appeared in several seasons. We in America, Mr. Van Dyke holds, have become so interested in art as a commodity, or a curiosity, that we are in danger of forgetting that art may be regarded purely as art, or even as something of use and purpose. We have taken our notions of art too much from dealers, collectors and museum directors, and have thus been led into historic and commercial fallacy. We are...



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