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an important reassessment of the later career and life of a beloved baroque artist hailed as
one of the most influential and expressive painters of the seventeenth century artemisia

gentileschi 1593 ca 1656 has figured prominently in the art historical discourse of the past two decades this attention to artemisia after many years of scholarly neglect is partially due to interest in the dramatic details of her early life including the widely publicized rape trial of her painting tutor agostino tassi and her admission to florence s esteemed accademia del disegno while the artist s early paintings have been extensively discussed her later work has been largely dismissed this beautifully illustrated and elegantly written book provides a revolutionary look at artemisia s later career refuting longstanding assumptions about the artist the fact that she was semi illiterate has erroneously led scholars to assume a lack of literary and cultural education on her part stressing the importance of orality in baroque culture and in artemisia s paintings locker argues for her important place in the cultural dialogue of the seventeenth century

in 17th century rome where women are expected to be chaste and yet are viewed as prey by powerful men the extraordinary painter artemisia gentileschi fends off constant sexual advances as she works to become one of the greatest painters of her generation frustrated by the hypocritical social mores of her day gentileschi releases her anguish through her paintings and against all odds becomes a groundbreaking artist meticulously rendered in ballpoint pen this gripping graphic biography serves as an art history lesson and a coming of age story resonant in the metoo era i know what i am highlights a fierce artist who stood up to a shameful social status quo

this beautiful book presents the work of these two painters exploring the artistic development of each comparing their achievements and showing how both were influenced by their times and the milieus in which they worked

this beautifully produced volume brings together for the first time works by two remarkable painters of seventeenth century italy who happen also to have been father and daughter orazio and artemisia gentileschi famous in their own day these two artists have enjoyed renewed fame in the twentieth century orazio as one of the first and certainly the most individual of caravaggio s followers artemisia as the outstanding female painter prior to the twentieth century the tumultuous lives of these two artists moved along parallel trajectories and take the reader from the popular quarters of papal rome and the rough and tumble world of naples to the courts of the grand duke of tuscany marie de medici in paris and charles i in london these changing circumstances nourished two different aesthetic visions both of which were deeply rooted in the caravaggesque practice of painting directly from the posed model while orazio s art became every more refined and elegant artemisia espoused a rhetorical

form of dramatic presentation that is the basis of baroque painting written to accompany the landmark exhibition held in rome new york and saint louis the book includes essays that describe the art and people the two painters encountered in the course of their peripatetic careers and address such issues as feminism and the critical interpretation of artemisia s work the essays arranged chronologically to follow the artists as they moved from city to city not only provide critical commentary but illuminate the historical context in which they worked the appendices include previously unpublished documents relating to the trial of orazio s colleague agostino tassi for his rape of artemisia which shed new light on her father s workshop practice and a recently discovered inventory of artemisia s household goods drawn up on the eve of her departure from florence to rome the book is the work of keith christiansen and judith w mann with contributions by a team of outstanding scholars this book was originally published in 2001 and has gone out of print this edition is a print on demand version of the original book

an early icon of feminist art history the work of artemisia gentileschi has been largely obscured by the sensational details of her life in this volume the contributors attempt to give a more balanced view to approach a genuine appreciation of artemisia s considerable artistic talents

a beautifully illustrated study of the life and works of this influential seventeenth century woman artist including the first catalogue raisonne of her autograph works

an accessible introduction to the life of the seventeenth century s most celebrated women artists now in paperback artemisia gentileschi is by far the most famous woman artist of the premodern era her art addressed issues that resonate today such as sexual violence and women s problematic relationship to political power her powerful paintings with vigorous female protagonists chime with modern audiences and she is celebrated by feminist critics and scholars this book breaks new ground by placing gentileschi in the context of women s political history mary d garrard noted gentileschi scholar shows that the artist most likely knew or knew about contemporary writers such as the venetian feminists lucrezia marinella and arcangela tarabotti she discusses recently discovered paintings offers fresh perspectives on known works and examines the artist anew in the context of feminist history this beautifully illustrated book gives for the first time a full portrait of a strong woman artist who fought back through her art

the symposium was organised in conjunction with the exhibition orazio and artemisia gentileschi father and daughter painters of the seventeenth century held at st louis art

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in this admirable work at once passionately argued and lucidly written professor garrard effectively considers the social psychological and formal complexity of the shaping and reshaping not only of the artist's feminine and feminist identity in the misogynistic society of the seventeenth century but also of that identity in the discipline of art history today steven z levine author of monet narcissus and self reflection mary garrard's detailed investigation into attribution problems in two artemisia gentileschi paintings brilliantly interweaves connoisseurship constructions of gender and artistic identity and historical analysis the result is a richer and more nuanced vision of the best known female artist in western history before the modern era and an important contribution to feminist studies whitney chadwick author of women art and society in her new book garrard has taken two bold steps that challenge much received opinion in the discipline of art history analyzing two of gentileschi's least violent but most moving images garrard argues that the painter's personality is discernible no less in the subjects and their interpretation than in the style of the works consideration of both aspects is essential to understanding the meaning of these extraordinary pictures and her authorship perhaps even more important garrard makes crystal clear that artemisia gentileschi far from a good woman painter was one of the major visual thinkers of her time irving lavin co author with marilyn aronberg lavin of la liturgia d amore immagini dal canto dei cantici nell arte di cimabue michelangelo e rembrandt modena 2000 developing her earlier methodologies and revising some conclusions garrard clarifies her distinct theoretical approach and voice among feminist critiques of art history in this text which reads in part like a forensic mystery garrard builds not only an argument for attributions of particular works but a new understanding of gentileschi herself at a particular moment in history hilary robinson editor of visibly female feminism and art today one of our most distinguished feminist art historians brings contemporary gender studies to bear on traditional paintings connoisseurship to show how attributions to female artists have often been governed by tacit cultural assumptions about the limitations of women her case makes compelling reading for anyone interested in early modern society culture women and art in italy and in the problematics of feminism and art history kathleen weil garris brandt author of leonardo e la scultura by revealing a great woman painter's ways of expressing uniqueness while negotiating expectations mary garrard helps each of us with the subtleties of remaining authentic while living in the world artemisia gentileschi around 1622 is art history to live by gloria steinem

artemisia gentileschi was the greatest female artists of the baroque age in artemisia

gentileschi critic and historian jonathan jones discovers how artemisia overcame a turbulent past to become one of the foremost painters of her day as a young woman artemisia was raped by her tutor and then had to endure a seven month long trial during which she was brutally examined by the authorities gentileschi was shamed in a culture where honour was everything yet she went on to become one of the most sought after artists of the seventeenth century yet she went on to become one of the most sought after artists of the seventeenth century gentileschi s art communicated a powerful personal vision like frida kahlo louise bourgeois or tracey emin she put her life into her art lives of the artists is a new series of brief artists biographies from laurence king publishing the series takes as its inspiration giorgio vasari s five hundred year old masterwork updating it with modern takes on the lives of key artists past and present focusing on the life of the artist rather than examining their work each book also includes key images illustrating the artist s life

a fundamental study on two central representatives of the caravagguesque style which flourished in italian art of the 17th century sheds new light on orazio s sojourn to paris a subject on which little has been written contains new additions to the catalogue of works painted by artemisia gentileschi while in london and analysis of previously unpublished documents and correspondence in 1624 orazio gentileschi 1563 1639 left italy for paris where he had been summoned by the queen maria de medici two years later he moved to london to work for the duke of buckingham and after the duke s assassination for charles i and his wife queen henrietta maria orazio died in london in 1639 while his daughter artemisia who had joined him in 1638 remained in britain till 1640 but these simple biographical facts do not do these great artists justice a dozen stunning paintings and a number of documents several of them previously unpublished are all the remaining evidence that illuminates this period of the gentileschis personal lives in this book the gentileschis work is placed in the context of courtly patronage a structure in which art and politics were strictly intertwined charles i was attempting to transform his court into a truly european one art collections included while papal diplomacy worked tirelessly to convert charles so that he might join the ranks of catholic monarchs art was instrumental to this attempt cardinal francesco barberini on behalf of pope urbano viii sent many artworks to the court of st james evidently art s function extended beyond the aesthetic paying tribute to art s prime position within the monarchic establishment of 17th century europe this book will be an invaluable resource for any student of art history

artemisia gentileschi by linda savage

a examination of one of the key artists of the early modern era from the point of view of the

business considerations that informed her life art career and legacy

artemisia gentileschi born in 1598 the daughter of an esteemed painter taught art in naples and painted the great women of roman and biblical history esther judith cleopatra bathsheba she also painted the rich and royal but her wealthy male patrons wanted admiration while her women models wanted disguise this woman who had been violated in her youth and reviled as a rap victim in a public trial before going off to heretical england who was rejected by her father and later abandoned by her husband and misunderstood by her daughter who could not read or write but who could only paint this woman was one of the first modern times to uphold through her work and deeds the right of women to pursue careers compatible with their talents and on an equal footing with men artemisia lives again in anna banti s novel which was first published to critical acclaim in italy in 1947 banti was the pseudonym of lucia lopresti 1895 1978 recognized as a consummate stylist she was one of the most successful women writers in italy before the resurgence of the feminist movement although artemisia describes life in seventeenth century rome florence and naples the time setting of the novel is in a deeper sense a historical merging as it does the experience of a woman dead for three centuries with the terrors of world war ii experienced by the author shirley d ardia caracciolo s english translation of banti s novel skillfully renders its complexity and poignancy as a study of courage

a compendium of writings letters and records illuminating the life of artemisia gentileschi the most influential female painter of the italian baroque lives of artemisia gentileschi presents a fascinating look at the famous baroque artist artemisia gentileschi 1593 1653 was an italian painter known for the naturalism with which she depicted the female body and her use of rich colors and chiaroscuro born in rome she was trained by her father the painter orazio gentileschi and was working professionally by the time she was a teenager in a period when women artists very rarely achieved success in their field she was commissioned by royalty across europe and was the first woman to become a member of florence s prestigious accademia delle arti del disegno later becoming an educator in the arts lending further insight into the extraordinary life of this trailblazing artist this volume presents an absorbing collection of letters biographies and court testimonies supplemented with essays written by contemporaries several of which are published here in english for the first time the vivid illustrations include three works that have only recently been attributed to gentileschi an introduction by sheila barker founding director of the jane fortune research program on women artists contextualizes these texts and discusses gentileschi s legacy

raised to the status of an international luminary by her contemporaries and now revered as one of the defining talents of the seventeenth century artemisia gentileschi poses urgent questions for today's scholars the recent outpouring of new attributions and archival discoveries has profoundly enriched our knowledge of the artist but it has also complicated and sometimes contradicted the former storyline if she was illiterate and unschooled how did she befriend galileo and court playwright jacopo cicognini if she could not pay her bills why did she continue to spend lavishly how can we define her authorship if we admit workshop productions to her oeuvre in these essays an international cast of scholars and experts grapples with these problems opening new paths of inquiry and laying bare their methodologies in fields as diverse as laboratory analysis archival research cultural history literary analysis and feminist art history among these approaches connoisseurship takes center stage by reconstructing the chronology and rationale of artemisia's artistic iter connoisseurship reveals the richness of her visual dialogues including those with prominent contemporaries such as caravaggio annibale carracci vouet cristofano allori and stanzione with past artistic giants like donatello and michelangelo and with the various hands who passed through her workshop as collaborators and assistants these essays infuse our understanding of artemisia with complexity and nuance yet they also trace her characteristic mix of intelligence and verve in her art her correspondence and her deft social maneuvering running like a thread through all stages of her life

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