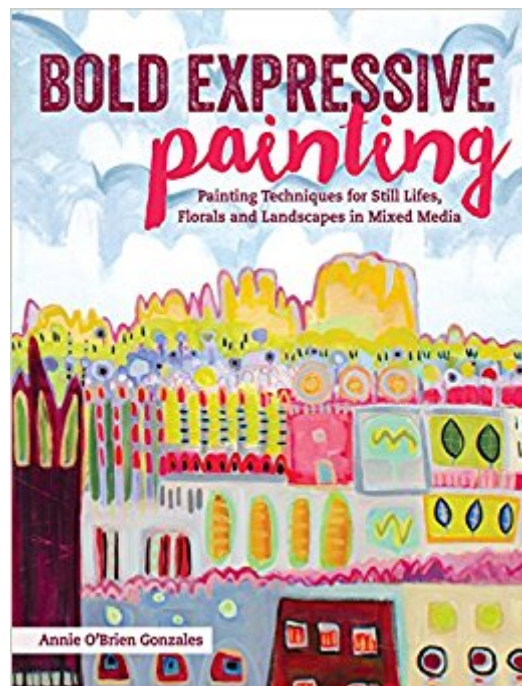




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Bold Expressive Painting: Painting Techniques For Still Lives, Florals And Landscapes In Mixed Media



Synopsis

Loosen up and nurture your colorful spontaneous expression! Bold Expressive Painting offers the fresh approach you've been looking for. Through step-by-step projects, learn to paint traditional subjects--still lifes, florals and landscapes--in a loose, modern and sometimes whimsical way. Working in acrylic or oil, you will learn the expressive approach to creating personal work that reflect your emotions and passions using techniques such as gesture painting, negative shape painting, and intuitive painting. In addition to 10 stepped-out projects you'll also learn: Methods of handling vibrant color, creating a personal palette and trying out new composition formats Ways to develop innovative compositions by incorporating personal symbols and imagery How to breath exciting new life into previous work Techniques for working with collage, stencils, stamps and monoprinting Release realism and embrace a colorful and new personal, expressionist style!

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Customer Reviews

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I confess, I don't usually write reviews. But I'm not even all the way into this book and I'm prompted to write a review. While I'm not new to expressive painting, I've learned most of what I know by stumbling and happy accidents. Annie has given me so much of what I wish I knew in a friendly, easy format - and all of the gorgeous color inspiration is a bonus! I had the great fortune to take a workshop with her and it was wonderful! So I have anxiously awaited the release of her book - and it

definitely did not disappoint. It is the right blend of art theory with a creative twist. I'm sure I will come back to this book many times. Thanks, Annie - for so graciously sharing your art and knowledge with us.

This is the book I've always wanted for mixed media painting. Each chapter is a clear story on an aspect of painting that is well written, short and nicely depicted in colorful photos. I am fairly new at making artwork on canvas or a board, and I like the way there is a stepped out approach I can take when I show up for a painting session. Additionally, if I am experimenting on one subject, say, creating my own collage papers, lots of fun techniques are pictured to show me what to do. I am good at understanding written instructions, but better when I can see it before I try it out. There are chapters on color, design, and the usual elements that go into creating art, but they are simplified, leaving an awareness of these elements, but are not so dominant that they cause freezing fear. And, finally, a practical use of my journal! I do NOT have to feel impelled to create works of art in a book that is hidden from view. The journal is used as a place to collect notes, color swatches and the place to plan the painting I am dreaming of and working on. How freeing! It is very clear to me that this woman has been developing her skills for a long time and she has learned how to stay true to her impulses and inner guidance. Her use of color, shapes, line and subject matter are strokes of love, put into painting action. She will now be my guide on my path to self expression, and I am very grateful for her willingness to share what she has learned with me. I plan to get her videos to augment this book and will probably have them running in my little bedroom studio for the inspiration of having a beloved teacher watching over my shoulder as I move my brush with my hopeful, expectant hands in training. Thank you Annie O'Brien Gonzales

I found this book seemingly by accident but now realize I was meant to come across it. I was feeling a little stale about my painting lately and needed another approach toward the creative process. Thank you Annie for the visual kaleidoscope of images, patterns and colors. I am in artistic heaven. Can't wait to apply some of your processes to my own work, starting with my own painter's notebook! Sincerely Patti Tapper

I love this book! There's a little art history, great ideas for keeping an inspiration book, color theory, tips on choosing a cohesive palette and great mixed media techniques. You won't be sorry you bought it!

This is a wonderful book about how to paint! It is easy to follow and the pictures are amazing! Really inspiring and fun!

I am a professional illustrator and I have had the privilege of taking Annie's painting classes in person. This book is like having her in the room. I highly recommend it.

Written by a contemporary artist who has studied art and is able to share basic information needed to advance understanding of your work. She also shares her own creativity and use of mixed media to achieve success in your work.

Love this book!

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