

The book was found

Restless Ambition: Grace Hartigan, Painter



Synopsis

This first-ever biography of American painter Grace Hartigan traces her rise from virtually self-taught painter to art-world fame, her plunge into obscurity after leaving New York to marry a scientist in Baltimore, and her constant efforts to reinvent her style and subject matter. Along the way, there were multiple affairs, four troubled marriages, a long battle with alcoholism, and a chilly relationship with her only child. Attempting to channel her vague ambitions after an early marriage, Grace struggled to master the basics of drawing in night-school classes. She moved to New York in her early twenties and befriended Willem de Kooning, Jackson Pollock, and other artists who were pioneering Abstract Expressionism. Although praised for the coloristic brio of her abstract paintings, she began working figuratively, a move that was much criticized but ultimately vindicated when the Museum of Modern Art purchased her painting *The Persian Jacket* in 1953. By the mid-fifties, she freely combined abstract and representational elements. Grace—who signed her paintings "Hartigan"—was a full-fledged member of the "men's club" that was the 1950s art scene. Featured in *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Life*, and *Look*, she was the only woman in MoMA's groundbreaking *12 Americans* exhibition in 1956, and the youngest artist—and again, only woman—in *The New American Painting*, which toured Europe in 1958–1959. Two years later she moved to Baltimore, where she became legendary for her signature tough-love counsel to her art school students. Grace continued to paint throughout her life, seeking—for better or worse—something truer and fiercer than beauty.

Book Information

Hardcover: 432 pages

Publisher: Oxford University Press; 1 edition (March 17, 2015)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0199394504

ISBN-13: 978-0199394500

Product Dimensions: 9.2 x 1.5 x 6.5 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.4 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 3.7 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (14 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #805,056 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #29 in [Books > Arts &](#)

[Photography > Graphic Design > Airbrush](#) #1646 in [Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Arts &](#)

[Literature > Artists, Architects & Photographers](#) #5793 in [Books > Arts & Photography >](#)

[Individual Artists](#)

Customer Reviews

Restless Ambition: Life of Grace Hartigan, Painter [View larger](#)

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Restless Ambition: Grace Hartigan, Painter Billion Dollar Painter: The Triumph and Tragedy of Thomas Kinkade, Painter of Light Restless Spirit: The Life and Work of Dorothea Lange Staying Put: Making a Home in a Restless World Madonna: Ambition. Music. Style. Trump Revealed: An American Journey of Ambition, Ego, Money, and Power Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the Fate of the American Revolution The Ultimate Ambition in the Arts of Erudition: A Compendium of Knowledge from the Classical Islamic World Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth, and Faith in the New China The Medici: Power, Money, and Ambition in the Italian Renaissance Once Upon a Time in Russia: The Rise of the Oligarchs_A True Story of Ambition, Wealth, Betrayal, and Murder Blind Ambition: The White House Years Grand Ambition: An Extraordinary Yacht, the People Who Built It, and the Millionaire Who Can't Really Afford It Essential Twain CD: Excerpts from Life on the Mississippi:The Boy's Ambition & Speculations and Confusion (Caedmon Essentials) Astoria: John Jacob Astor and Thomas Jefferson's Lost Pacific Empire: A Story of Wealth, Ambition, and Survival Daily Grace for Teens (Daily Grace Series) Grace Upon Grace: Spirituality for Today Wild Grace: What Happens When Grace Happens Grace: Her Lives, Her Loves - the definitive biography of Grace Kelly, Princess of Monaco The Grace of God and the Grace of Man: The Theologies of Bruce Springsteen

[Dmca](#)