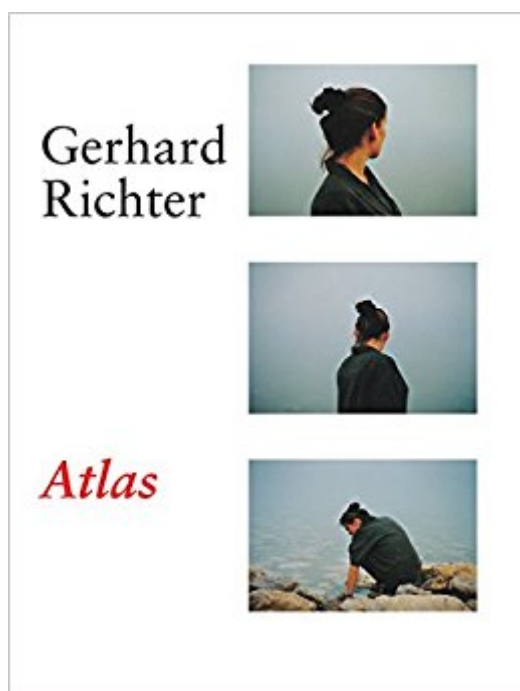


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# Gerhard Richter: Atlas



## Synopsis

This monumental and comprehensive publication maps the ideas, processes, life and times of one of the most important painters of our time. Conceived and closely edited by Gerhard Richter himself, *Atlas* cuts straight to the heart of the artist's thinking, collecting more than 5,000 photographs, drawings and sketches that he has compiled or created since the moment of his creative breakthrough in 1962. Year by year, the images closely parallel the subjects of Richter's paintings, revealing the orderly but open-ended analysis that has been so central to his art. Offering invaluable insight into Richter's working process, this encyclopedic new edition, which completely revises and updates the rare, out-of-print 1997 edition and includes 147 additional plates, features 780 multi-image panels, each reproduced full page and in full color. Richter redefined the terms of contemporary painting as he looked to photography for a way to release painting from the political and symbolic burdens of Socialist Realism and Abstract Expressionism. From pictures of family and friends to images from the mass media, Richter's photographs--sometimes found, sometimes original--have provided the basis for many of his paintings, often re-emerging in a luminous, monochromatic palette, and falling ambiguously between documentary and historical painting.

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## Customer Reviews

I love the diversity of Richter's work and that he does not do one thing over and over for 50 years like some artists. This book is an exhausting but interesting read. One has to read slowly to take in

all the information and theories. Slug through this book and do not sit and just read this. Take your time and you will enjoy it.

Its a good book if you like collecting the images of the process of the artistic creation but it has tiny images and you cant seem to look at the details, i would love it if it were bigger.

I bought this gift for my sister who works in the art industry. She says she learned quite a bit about this important contemporary artist which she had not know previously. She recommended this book to those looking to learn more about Richter and enjoy his work.

This is a great collection, showing a perfect variety of his work.I think this atlas is a must have for Gerhard Richter fans.

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Gerard Richter painter and photographer shared his life's work in an assembly of hundreds of pictures. Giving an interesting insight to how an artist collects ideas and produces the work that is seen in galleries. I would have preferred knowing before I bought the book that he included his pornographic work as well as the abstracts, landscapes and portraits.

The scope of the project deserves a deeper study, but this book is a very well made glimpse into Richter's Atlas.

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