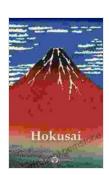
Delphi Collected Works of Katsushika Hokusai: Illustrated Delphi Masters of Art

The art of Katsushika Hokusai, the legendary Japanese painter, printmaker, and ukiyo-e artist, has captivated the world for centuries. His iconic works, such as *The Great Wave off Kanagawa* and *Thirty-Six Views of Mount Fuji*, are synonymous with Japanese culture and have had a profound influence on Western art. The *Delphi Collected Works of Katsushika Hokusai:*Illustrated Delphi Masters of Art is an unparalleled collection of Hokusai's masterpieces, providing a comprehensive overview of his extraordinary artistic journey.



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Early Life and Influences

Katsushika Hokusai was born in Edo (present-day Tokyo) in 1760. From a young age, he displayed an exceptional talent for art. He studied under several renowned masters, including Katsukawa Shunshō, who introduced

him to the art of ukiyo-e, a genre of woodblock prints depicting everyday life in Japan. Hokusai's early works were primarily influenced by the ukiyo-e style, but he soon developed his own unique voice, incorporating elements from traditional Japanese painting and Western art.

Throughout his career, Hokusai was deeply inspired by the natural world. He spent countless hours observing the landscapes, plants, and animals of Japan, and his artworks often reflect his profound connection with nature. He also had a fascination with human nature, and his prints and paintings often depict scenes from everyday life, capturing the humor, drama, and beauty of the human experience.

Artistic Style and Techniques

Hokusai's artistic style is characterized by its bold lines, vibrant colors, and dynamic compositions. He was a master of both ukiyo-e woodblock printing and traditional Japanese painting, and he seamlessly integrated elements from both techniques into his work.

Hokusai's woodblock prints are renowned for their technical brilliance. He developed innovative methods for creating complex and subtle color effects, and his prints are often considered some of the finest examples of the ukiyo-e genre. His paintings, on the other hand, demonstrate his mastery of brushwork and ink techniques, and they often capture the essence of a scene with a few simple strokes.

Famous Works and Legacy

Katsushika Hokusai is best known for his iconic woodblock print *The Great Wave off Kanagawa*, created in 1831. This breathtaking image depicts a towering wave crashing down on a group of small boats, symbolizing the

power and majesty of nature. It has become one of the most recognizable works of art in the world and has been reproduced and reinterpreted countless times.

Another notable series of works by Hokusai is *Thirty-Six Views of Mount Fuji*, which includes the famous print *Red Fuji*. This series captures the beauty and diversity of Mount Fuji, Japan's iconic mountain, from different perspectives and seasons.

In addition to his famous prints, Hokusai also produced a vast body of paintings, drawings, and illustrated books. His work spans a wide range of subjects, including landscapes, genre scenes, historical events, and mythological tales.

Delphi Collected Works: A Comprehensive Collection

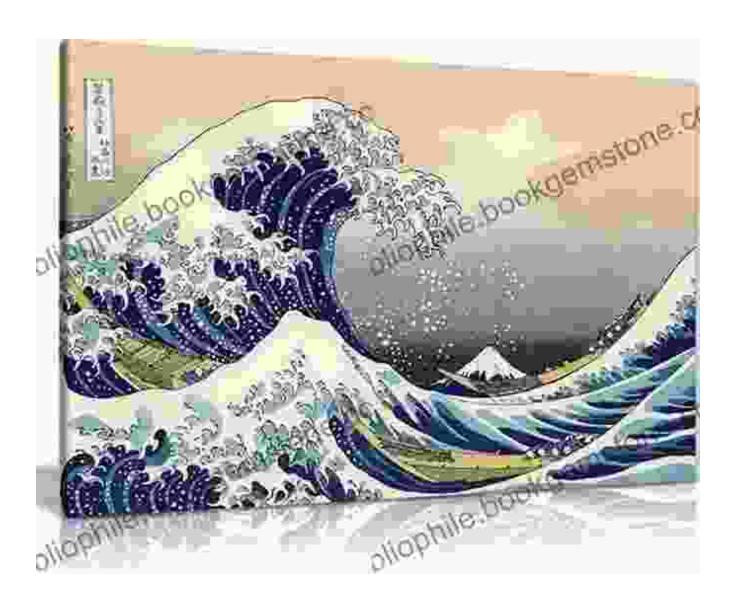
The *Delphi Collected Works of Katsushika Hokusai: Illustrated Delphi Masters of Art* brings together a comprehensive collection of Hokusai's masterpieces in one convenient volume. This edition features:

- Over 600 high-quality reproductions of Hokusai's most important works, including *The Great Wave off Kanagawa*, *Thirty-Six Views of Mount Fuji*, and many others.
- Detailed commentaries on each work, providing insights into its historical context, artistic significance, and techniques used.
- A comprehensive biography of Hokusai, tracing his life and career.
- Informative essays on Hokusai's artistic style, influences, and legacy.

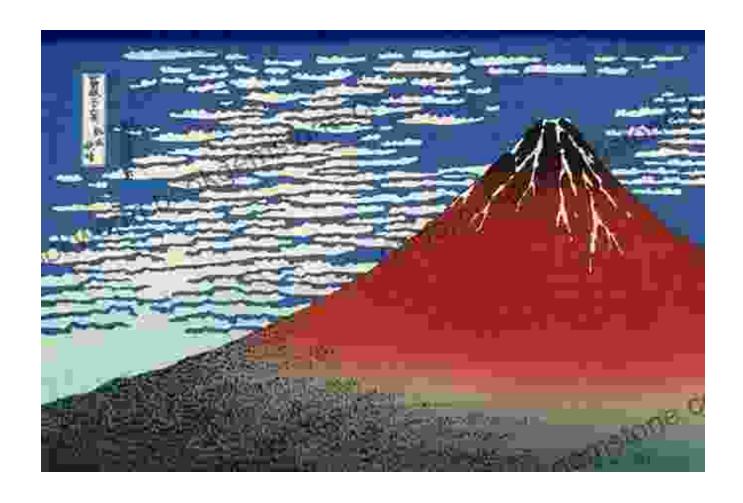
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Whether you are an art enthusiast, a collector, or simply appreciate the beauty and power of art, the *Delphi Collected Works of Katsushika Hokusai: Illustrated Delphi Masters of Art* is a treasure that will inspire and delight.

Image Gallery



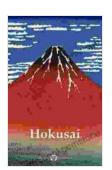
The Great Wave off Kanagawa (1831), woodblock print



Red Fuji (1830-1833),woodblock print



Waterfall in the Valley (1833-1834), painting



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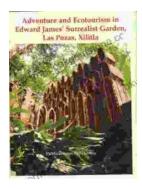
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