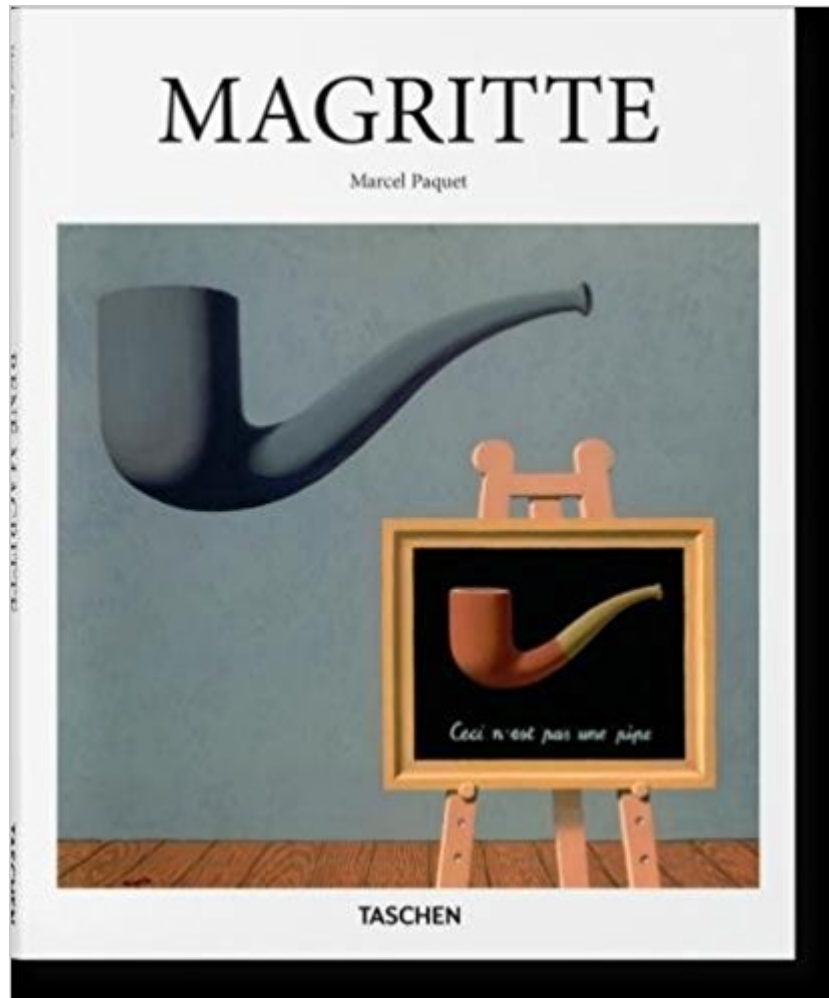




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as Paul Delvaux, Fernando Botero, and Hans Bellmer.

This is a decent "art book" that has Magritte's paintings. It is not super large and glossy, like some, but pretty decent. There is a small amount of text that describes the painting, but not a lot, which is just what I wanted. It is very reasonably priced for what it is.

This so-called NEW Basic art Series by Taschen is what happens when accountants step in. This new version is the same price but smaller in size. The images are, of course, now smaller. The paper is thinner, and no longer glossy, but matte which means poorer color reproduction. I have purchased a large number of Taschen books over many years because of their fine image reproduction. This new Basic Series 2 does not meet the high quality standard at very reasonable prices from Taschen that I have been used to. Very disappointed. I will never buy another Art book from this series. Stick with the original Series, if you can find copies. There is no comparison.

Really good overview book of an artist I had known some of his paintings, but never really knew anything about him. This book gives you the lowdown, as has a good array of his works and sketches.

Great pictures and well-written explanations; everything is in English in case you are wondering. I got it for my girlfriend, who is a big Magritte fan; she loved it!

Nice content, nice pics, good quality. I love it.

Beautiful book

The top-rated review for this book warns that the book's text is in French. My copy is an English-text copy. Not sure why they are not consistent. This is a good coffee table book with lots of fun Magritte art (many of his lesser-known works, which is nice).

Excellent product, Taschen never disappoints in the quality of its books

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