

## Dali

By Robert Descharmes & Gilles Neret

Salvador Dali needed mirrors of many kinds: his pictures, his admirers, newspapers and magazines and television, Robert Descharmes and Gilles Neret write in the opening chapter of this part biography, part art book. The thought of not being noticed was, for him, unbearable and the reason one Christmas in New York he took a bell and rang it whenever he thought people weren't paying attention to him. Whether one believes he is a great artist or not, one cannot help but be aware of this unusual man who provoked the art world with his surreal inventiveness and weird and bizarre personality for a good part of his eighty-five years.

In this 25th anniversary special edition by the well-known publisher, Taschen, Descharmes, a leading expert on Dali, and Neret, an art historian and museum correspondent, tell the story of Dali's life from his birth in Spain in 1904 to his death in 1989. Included with this fascinating biography is an eclectic catalogue of his paintings, many of which can be seen in the Dali Museum in London. A must book for Dali enthusiasts as well as those who want to know more about this unique artist.

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