

Women Artists: in the 20th and 21st Century.
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Women Artists is a fascinating introduction to the life and works of 56 female artists who have made a major contribution to 20th century art, or who are producing work today.

It can be argued today that the gender of the artist is irrelevant, but it was not so in the past, when women were excluded from the academies and art schools. It was only in the 20th century that society's attitudes changed to allow women to be taken seriously as fine artists, and participate fully in the art world.

The book features work from a wide range of media, including painting and drawing, sculpture and assemblage, video and performance art, photography and more. The artists featured include those from the early 20th century, such as Natalia Goncharova and Sonia Delaunay, through to artists of today such as Rachel Whitehead and Rebecca Horn. There are famous artists and lesser-known ones. The themes, and styles of these works, are as diverse as the women producing them. This book is amazingly good value at £8.99.

