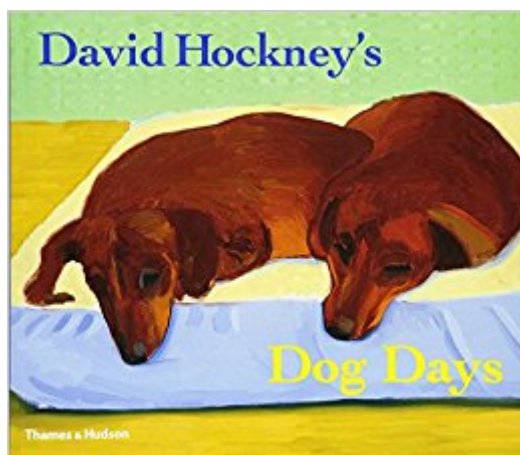


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David Hockney's Dog Days



Synopsis

"A charming collection an essential book for the dachshund or Hockney lover."The Mail on Sunday

"From September 1993, I painted and drew my dogs. This took a certain amount of planning, since dogs are generally not interested in Art (I say generally only because I have now come across a singing dog). Food and love dominate their lives. "I make no apologies for the apparent subject matter. These two dear little creatures are my friends. They are intelligent, loving, comical, and often bored. They watch me work; I notice the warm shapes they make together, their sadness and their delights. And, being Hollywood dogs, they somehow seem to know that a picture is being made."David Hockney

David Hockney introduces his two dachshunds, Stanley and Boogie, in this delightful collection. The result of both sharp observation and affection, these paintings and drawings are lyrical studies in form and design. A text by the artist gives a behind-the-scenes glimpse of how to work with models that don't necessarily want to sit still. 84 color illustrations.

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Customer Reviews

David Hockney's Dog Days is the slightest of books, but that may be just fine for dachshund lovers, who will be its best audience. Hockney's drawings and paintings of his two dogs are full of tender love. They are "not very good models," he says. "One knock on the door is enough to make them leap up." So he paints them snoozing, mostly horizontal (as dachshunds usually are), and mostly on yellow and blue backgrounds, which can be monotonous. These are not the dachshunds of Pierre Bonnard, who made strange black holes in otherwise glorious canvasses. No matter: Hockney

offers "no apologies." Speaking as a dog lover, he explains, "These two little creatures are my friends." --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

David Hockney introduces his two dachshunds, Stanley and Boodgie, in this delightful new book. The result of both sharp observation and affection, these paintings and drawings are lyrical studies in form and color. A text by the artist himself gives a behind-the-scenes glimpse of how to work with models who don't necessarily want to sit still. Hockney has provided additional drawings made specially on the page, and has been largely involved in the layout of the book, creating a charming and unified whole.

What can I say? How much better could it be? Hockey and dogs in one place! Love it love it.

Most loveable

How lovely! An art book about dachshunds! Of course, they are mainly sleeping, dachshunds are too energetic to be captured with a camera, let alone a paintbrush. But the sketches add to the paintings and one can easily recognize the true nature of these dogs: philosophic, intelligent and full of natural authority. Although my favourite picture was a photograph of Hockney and his dogs and the pillow (in most paintings) with Hockney's paintings all around them. The book tells more about us dachshund lovers than the dogs, we are a strange bunch with an odd sense of humour and a deep passion for these dogs. Well, only a person with an odd sense of humour and a lot of patience would love - and manage to live with - a dachshund...A perfect gift for dachshund lovers, people interested in dogs or art - or children, who think art is dull and never funny. The paintings are full of love. Thank you, David Hockney :)

I love this book. for anyone who has tried to draw their fur baby, it's not as easy as it looks. He captures the moods and personalities, as well as the beautiful curves, of his friends. The pictures are good on an abstract level, as well as representational level.

Hockney's work is simply spectacular here. It's true that "true dachshund lovers" will probably appreciate this work to an extra degree. Hockney renders the dogs in many playful and sleepy poses that are recognizable to dog owners. Some artists have been unsuccessful in transferring the spirit of a dachshund to the page or canvas, but Hockney manages to capture the joy of the small

dog and its sad, melancholy face.

I have already read through it again and again. I say "read," but you don't actually read ... it's a picture book. Very, very cute and enjoyable.

Bought this for a friend who likes David Hockney and loves dogs. He seemed happy with it!

Am excited to keep in touch with work by this English guy. Was more excited in far past... so I rate this Product 9.5 out of 10 !

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