

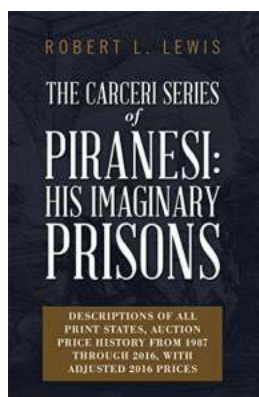
The Enigmatic World of The Carceri Of Piranesi: Unlocking the Mysterious Labyrinth of Imagination

Have you ever heard of the Carceri d'invenzione, or more commonly known as The Carceri Of Piranesi? This collection of enigmatic prints, created by the renowned Italian artist Giovanni Battista Piranesi in the 18th century, is a mesmerizing fusion of architecture, fantasy, and imagination.

A Journey into the Mind of Piranesi

The Carceri Of Piranesi is a series of 16 etchings that depict elaborate architectural structures, seemingly impossible spaces, and intricate stairways leading to nowhere. Piranesi's mastery lies in his ability to create an illusion of depth and grandeur, making every composition appear labyrinthine and endless.

These captivating prints were initially intended as architectural fantasies and were considered a kind of "prison" or "nightmare." The word "Carceri" itself translates to "prisons" in English, emphasizing the oppressive and claustrophobic atmosphere evoked by the designs.



The Carceri Series of Piranesi: His Imaginary Prisons: Descriptions of All Print States, Auction Price History from 1987 through 2016, with Adjusted 2016 Prices

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However, as Piranesi continued to develop and refine his vision, the Carceri transformed into more than just architectural enigmas. They became an exploration of the human psyche, a representation of the irrational and chaotic nature of the mind.

Unleashing the Power of Imagination

One of the most remarkable aspects of The Carceri Of Piranesi is the artist's ability to transport viewers into an alternate reality. The intricate details, the interplay of light and shadow, and the sheer vastness of the structures create an immersive experience that seems to transcend the limitations of the physical world.

As you gaze upon these prints, your mind starts to wander through a labyrinth of possibilities. Each image invites you to unlock your imagination and embrace the unknown. The Carceri become a gateway to explore the depths of your own creativity, giving free rein to your wildest thoughts and ideas.

Piranesi's architectural creations are often described as a precursor to the surrealist movement. His manipulation of scale, use of perspective, and incorporation of dreamlike elements challenge conventional notions of reality, blurring the line between the rational and the irrational.

The Influence and Enduring Legacy of Piranesi

Despite being created over two centuries ago, The Carceri Of Piranesi continues to captivate and inspire artists, architects, and scholars alike. The enigmatic allure of these prints has transcended time and culture, leaving an indelible mark on the world of art and design.

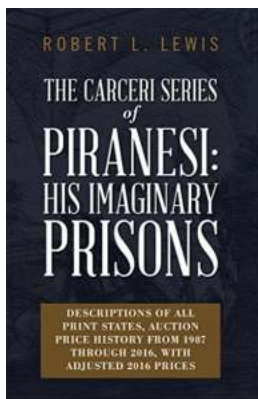
Artists such as M.C. Escher and Salvador Dalí were particularly drawn to Piranesi's works, finding inspiration in the intricate architectural groundwork and the illusion of three-dimensional spaces. The ambiguous nature of Piranesi's labyrinthine compositions continues to resonate with modern artists exploring similar themes.

Architects, too, have drawn inspiration from The Carceri Of Piranesi. The surreal elements and the manipulation of space challenge traditional notions of form and function, paving the way for architectural innovation. Contemporary architectural designs often showcase echoes of Piranesi's imaginative approach, pushing the boundaries of what is possible.

Art historians and scholars continually analyze and interpret Piranesi's work, delving into the intricate symbolism and hidden narratives within the Carceri. The enigmatic nature of the images invites endless speculation and debate, ensuring that Piranesi's legacy remains a topic of fascination for years to come.

The Carceri Of Piranesi unveils a mysterious world that exists beyond the confines of reality. Piranesi's visionary creations continue to ignite our imagination and challenge our understanding of space, architecture, and the human mind.

So, step into the enchanting labyrinth of The Carceri Of Piranesi and unleash the power of your imagination. Dive deep into the swirling depths of intricately designed structures and embark on a journey of artistic discovery like no other.



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This book is about the Carceri series or imaginary prisons of Giovanni Battista Piranesi. These etchings made in the mid 17th century have fascinated viewers to the present day. There are a total of sixteen images with numerous states. The book consists of a brief biography of the artist and a review of his work.

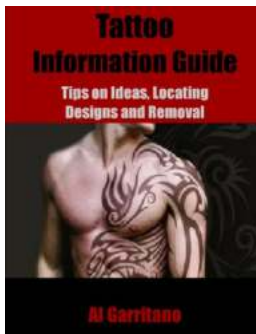
The images of the series are then seen through the eyes of historians and critics over the past two hundred and fifty years with a discussion of the changing reputation of Piranesi and his work. The Carceri series is still actively collected today and I have included a chapter on advice to collectors taken from prior curators and historians. I list a detailed auction history from 1987 to the present of sales made of the entire series as well as individual sales of each image. In an attempt to make the auction prices more relevant, I have also included current 2016 pricing equivalents for each sale.

I have listed the various states for each image using both Hind and Robison with their detailed descriptions of each state. The reader will find that Hind is too superficial while Robison is too detailed. In buying prints, collectors should be careful in determining the differences between the different states.

I have used this same book format in two prior books dealing with late 19th century American landscape painters - "Three Wounded Champions of American Tonalism" and "Great but Now Forgotten" and my readers found it convenient. I list the pricing to give readers some indication of changing posthumous reputation as well as to give a general framework for current purchasers.

In no event am I endorsing art as a suitable investment. I made this clear in my prior book "Art as Investment: An Anthology of Academic Research Papers from the Past One Hundred Years". The prior auction sale pricing converted to 2016 prices is merely there to assist the buyer in helping him understand the general range of prices normally obtained for these images. A buyer should be aware when something is too high or too low.

It is a small book and one that can be taken to museums, galleries and auction houses to be consulted when viewing the images. It is my hope that this book is both helpful and enjoyable.



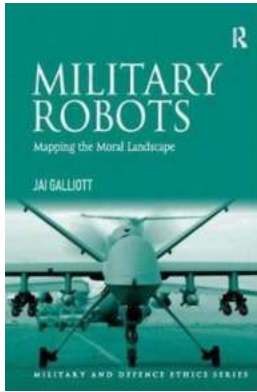
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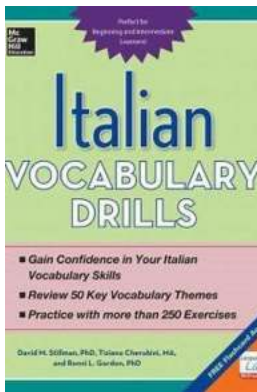
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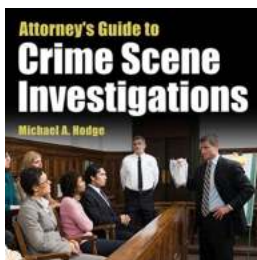
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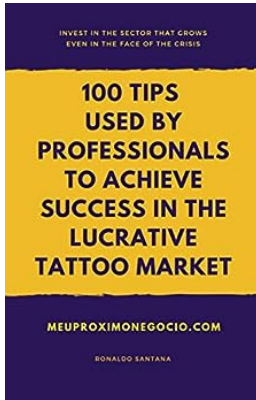
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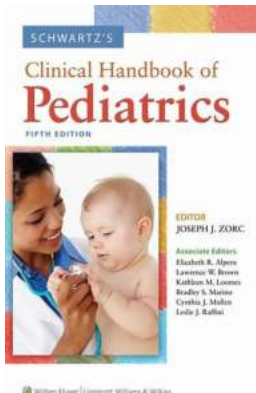
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