The Complete Van Gogh: Paintings, Drawings, Sketches

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Vincent van Gogh

Van gogh paintings. Item Preview. Antwerp (1885-86)/Backyards of Old Houses in Antwerp in the Snow.jpg. Drawings/A Public Garden with People Walking in the Rain.jpg. Drawings/A Row of Bare Trees.jpg. Drawings/A Sheet with Sketches.jpg. Drawings/A Sower and a Man with a Spade.jpg. Drawings/A Square in Paris.jpg. Vincent van Gogh's Paintings and Life. Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890), perhaps the most famous artist in the world, is perceived by many as the 'mad' artist, the man who painted in a frenzy or simply the tormented soul who cuts off his ear. Although his sketches and watercolor drawings may, at first glance, seem two-dimensional and amateurish, they are fascinating in terms of their testament to the van Gogh's early studies in Realism. Vincent van Gogh produced his first drawings while staying at his parents' home in Etten, The Netherlands, schooled chiefly by books on anatomy, perspective and artistic technique. The artist restricted his first drawings to a black and white palette, believing mastery of this discipline to be essential before attempting works in color. In Nuenen, Van Gogh devoted himself to drawing, and he gave money to boys to bring him birds' nests for subject matter for paintings, and he made many sketches and paintings of weavers in their cottages. During his two-year stay in Nuenen, he completed numerous drawings and watercolors and nearly 200 oil paintings. His palette consisted mainly of somber earth tones, particularly dark brown, and he showed no sign of developing the vivid coloration that distinguishes his later, best-known work. 1, 2. Weaver Facing Right. Half-Figure 1884. The Old Tower at Nuenen with a Ploughman 1884. Wea