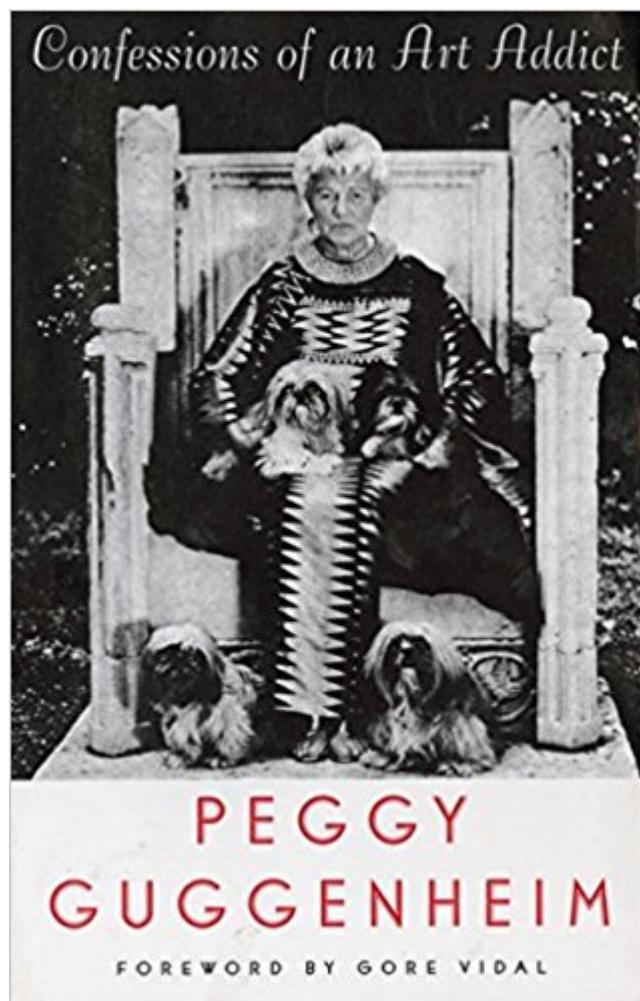


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Synopsis

A patron of art since the 1930s, Peggy Guggenheim, in a candid self-portrait, provides an insider's view of the early days of modern art, with revealing accounts of her eccentric wealthy family, her personal and professional relationships, and often surprising portrayals of the artists themselves. Here is a book that captures a valuable chapter in the history of modern art, as well as the spirit of one of its greatest advocates.

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Customer Reviews

I really wanted the unedited version. I enjoyed this book but half way through realized there was hardly any sex mentioned. Peggy edited it out at some point and this is that post-edit version. That makes it a bit dull, especially for a beach read which is all this book is good for, it's very light. I want the dirt!

I bought this book because it was cheap and because we were just about to visit the Guggenheim Bilbao. It was a great surprise. Very easy to read and packed with interesting art gossip of the time, Peggy really makes it work and brings to life many of the artists of her time. The palazzo in Venice that holds her collection, is not small at all as opposed to what she says in the book, but we knew that.

Enjoyed this book as an artist and art world lover. She lead an interesting life in an interesting time

for the development of American art. A well written reflection capturing the colorful times and world in which Peggy Guggenheim lived.

It is fun to learn about Peggy's life. Well told about the people she knew, places she lived and all she did to support artists. A good look into her world. Very readable!

Peggy Guggenheim perceives herself much more calmly than some of her biographers, which is refreshing. Her flamboyant lifestyle and harsh business ways in collecting art depicted by other writers makes for exotic reading. Casual biography reading should give the subject a chance to present their perspective whenever possible. This is autobiography an easy read.

It's ok. I was interested in the artists and Ms. Guggenheims relationships with them. Good info, but written from a wealthy persons perspective on life. For example, she continually refers to WWII as the "fake war" and sort of whines about how she should have been credited with the rise of certain artists (like Pollack).

First-person account of an unconventional life. Thrusts the reader into the modern art era of the mid twentieth century. Fascinates while revealing the opportunities of an artistic life.

Certainly a more interesting character then an author, Guggenheim details the art world when it was a more genuine and quirky place. Lots of gossip and detail about the forties and fifties art world, and glimpses into a smaller, more intimate cultural scene. Definitely for those who care about modern art and will not focus on the prosaic writing.

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