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David Hockney (b. 1937) is one of the most significant artists exploring and pushing the boundaries of figurative art today. Hockney has been engaged with portraiture since his teenage years, when he painted *Portrait of My Father* (1955), and his self-portraits and depictions of family, lovers, and friends represent an intimate visual diary of the artist's life.

This beautifully illustrated book examines Hockney's portraits in all media—painting, drawing, photography, and prints—and has been produced in close collaboration with the artist. Featured subjects include members of Hockney's family and private circle, as well as portraits of such artists and cultural figures as Lucian Freud, Francesco Clemente, R. B. Kitaj, Helmet Newton, Lawrence Weschler, and W. H. Auden. The authors reveal how Hockney's creative development and concerns about representation can be traced through his portrait work: from his battle with naturalism to his experimentation with and later rejection of photography, and from his recent camera lucida drawings to his return to painting from life. Featuring more than 250 works from the past fifty years, *David Hockney Portraits* illustrates not only the fascinating range of Hockney's creative practice but also the unique and cyclical nature of his artistic concerns.



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