



Amazing World of M.C. Escher

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- Rediscover M.C. Escher, a giant of twentieth-century art. This book illustrates c.100 prints and drawings, accompanied by short essays

The Dutch artist M.C. Escher (1898-1972) created some of the most celebrated and extraordinary images in twentieth-century art, yet he remains an elusive figure. In the 1960s, when his reputation sky-rocketed, he was championed on the one hand by leading mathematicians who admired his grasp of geometry, and on the other by hippies who claimed him as the godfather of psychedelic art. Rock stars and teenagers were equally amazed by Escher's ingenuity and imagination, yet the art world looked upon him – and still looks upon him – with reserved judgement; in short, his work is ripe for rediscovery and reappraisal.

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