



Edvard Munch: Infinite

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- Experience new insights and knowledge of Munch's works in condensed essays accompanied by the art work
- Featuring a wide selection of works, ranging from the world famous *The Scream* and *Vampire* to lesser-known works
- Includes texts by Munch experts from all around the world
- Munch explored his whole life in the form of paintings, graphics, drawing, photography, and sculpture—the tales of anxiety, death, love, and loneliness, which we all have in common

One sole truth about Edvard Munch's art does not exist. The answers depend on the questions we pose. Twenty-two Munch experts have written 150 texts about well-known and lesser-known works from Munchmuseet's collection. Through these multiple ways of seeing, Munch's lifework emerges as infinite. And this book, as an exercise in the art of seeing. The book invites the reader to explore the world of Edvard Munch — his ideas, processes, and the profoundly human topics that occupied him and that still affect us today. Through a wide selection from the museum's collection, you can experience the richness of Munch's artistic career and his unrelenting drive to experiment and innovate.

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