



# Edvard Munch: The Scream

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- For the first time in book form, experience all *Scream* works together with numerous versions of the motif, from merchandise, memes, pastiches from film and TV, emojis in addition to three essays
- Richly illustrated
- Includes the stories behind the scream motif

Ever since Munch first came up with the *Scream* motif at the end of the 19th century, countless artists, including Andy Warhol and Marina Abramović, have modified it within their own work. In addition, the open-mouthed figure has cropped up in popular cultural productions such as Wes Craven's *Scream* film franchise, the poster for the kids' movie *Home Alone*, and in scores of satirical cartoons – on everything from Brexit to Donald Trump's presidency and tax rises – as well as on innumerable political banners and placards, most recently in protests about the climate emergency. In recent years, the *Scream* image has also taken a prominent place on digital screens in the form of its own emoji and as the basis of countless memes. At the same time, the quantity of souvenirs and other objects decorated with or shaped like Munch's figure of desperation has increased immeasurably. In short: these days *The Scream* haunts pretty much every layer of culture. It is without doubt one of the most frequently reproduced images in the history of art, equalled only perhaps by Leonardo da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*, and is the originator of a constantly expanding network of analogue and digital mutations. Via these three texts, and a rich selection of illustrations – including all known *Scream* images ever made by the artist himself, a selection of his *Scream* texts and countless so-called *Scream* mutations – this book embraces Munch's best-known image as a cultural phenomenon.

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