



The Book of Blokes

By (artist) William Nicholson

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- Thirty crayon drawings of men's faces, often with hats, drawn with wit and personality
- A great classic of British book illustration, unavailable for decades

William Nicholson's most eccentric book, **The Book of Blokes** consists of 30 crayon drawings of men's faces, often with hats. There is no text, but the virtuosity of the drawing and the wit and economy with which Nicholson imbues each face with unmistakable personality, remain compelling after many readings. It was a favourite book of Nicholson's, who often gave copies to his friends. Originally published in 1929, this is the first time it has ever been reprinted. Published simultaneously with two other classic books of illustration by Nicholson, *An Alphabet* and *The Square Book of Animals*.

Sir William Newzam Prior Nicholson (1872–1949) was one of the most talented and versatile painters ever to work in Britain. A creator of astonishingly precise and delicate still lives, and of some of the most penetrating portraits of the century, he also pioneered a vigorous style of woodcut illustration that remains unequalled for its strength and subtlety. His son was the painter Ben Nicholson.

