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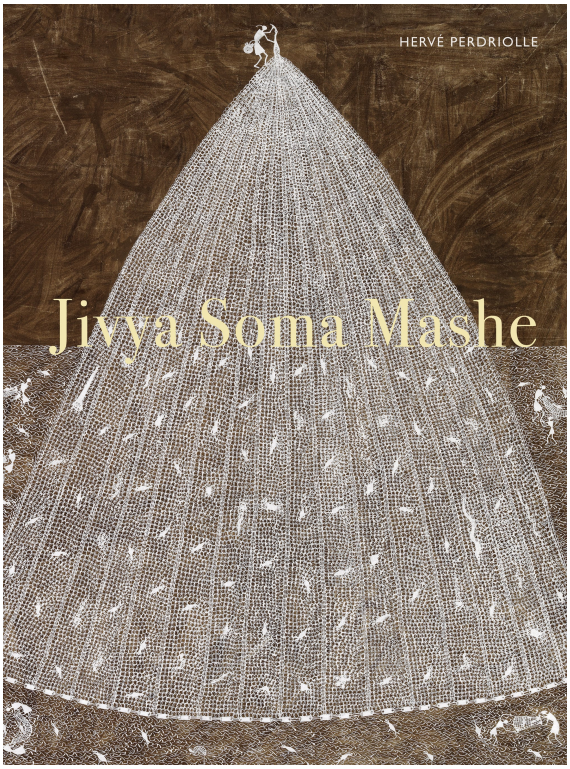

Jivya Soma Mashe

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- This is the only comprehensive book dedicated to the art of Jivya Soma Mashe, making it a unique and essential resource
- Mashe's work has been featured in prestigious exhibitions like *Magiciens de la terre* (Centre Pompidou) and a Cartier Foundation anniversary exhibition, highlighting his global recognition
- Mashe is compared to enigmatic artists like Bill Traylor and Frédéric Bruly Bouabré, positioning him within a respected lineage of self-taught artists
- The book offers a deep dive into the art of the Warli tribe, providing insight into their animist beliefs and traditions

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Jivya Soma Mashe (1934–2018) is a legendary figure among his people, the Warli, a tribe of around 300,000 inhabiting an area 150 km north of Mumbai (Maharashtra, India). Its members are animists and speak a language that has never developed a written form. To the best of human memory, it is Warli women who have always painted ritual and ephemeral paintings directly on the walls of their huts. The Warli have developed an extremely basic pictography based on circles, triangles, and squares to express their animist culture and represent their only deity, the mother goddess Palghatta, at the center of each painting.

After losing his mother at a young age, Jivya Soma Mashe took refuge in drawing, immersing himself in a personal style that first elicited the admiration of his peers and later that of regional, national, and international authorities. Jivya Soma Mashe received his first national award in 1976 – from Indira Gandhi herself. His works featured prominently in the *Magiciens de la terre* exhibition (Centre Pompidou, Paris 1989) and in the exhibition celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Cartier Foundation (Paris 2014).

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