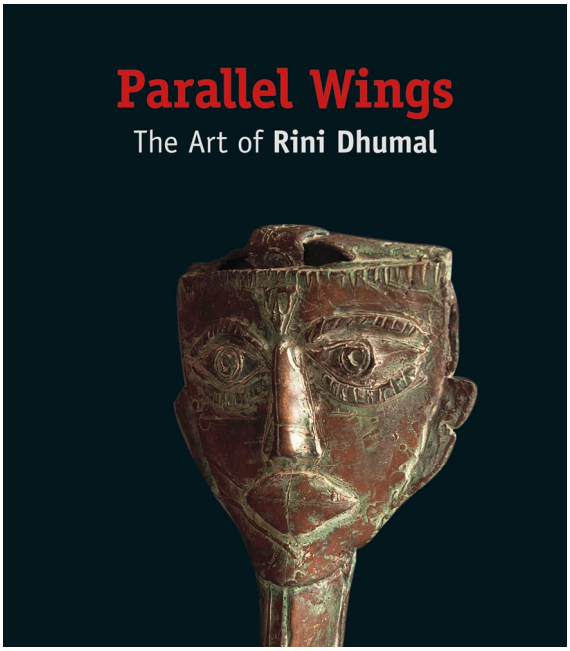
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- Features an extensive catalogue of many previously unseen works by the artist
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Spanning a wide spectrum of creative constructs emerging from varied ideations and genres, Rini Dhumal's art is rooted in India's culture and myth, coupled with her international exposure and imaginative spirit. A flexibility of approach adds an organic energy and innate beauty to Rini's art. With its focus on the inner feminine psyche, it explores the potential and challenges offered by different media, from two or three-dimensional work in clay or bronze, relief or graphic art. In a fine assimilation of abstraction, myth, landscape and conceptualization, her art is threaded with the face, form and figuration of the 'goddess' in various incarnations of Rini's own design. Her work also makes imaginative use of traditional Indian iconography – birds, animals and floral motifs all reminiscent of religious art, but re-purposed to create a new vocabulary of form and meaning.

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Contents: Foreword; Creative Constructs; Immersed in Tradition; Catalogue; Ceramics; Rugs-Tapestry-Glass; Paintings and Drawings; Bronze; Artist Biography

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