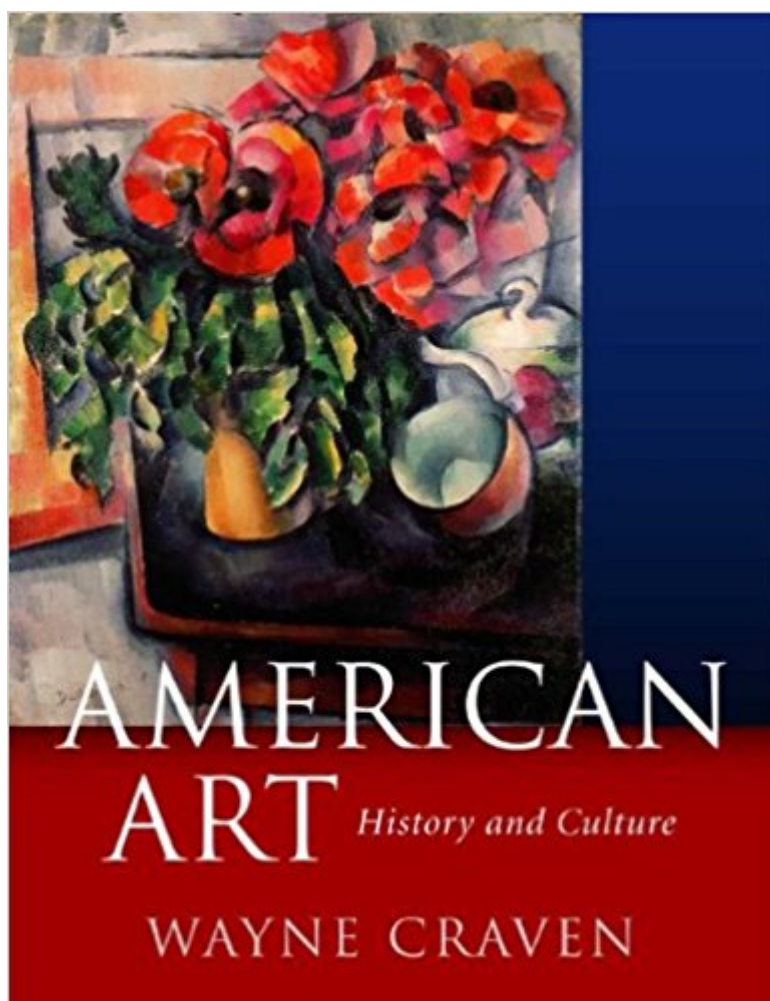


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# American Art: History And Culture, Revised First Edition



## Synopsis

American Art set the standard for American art survey courses for the last decade by providing a thorough and engaging chronology of American art, including painting, sculpture, architecture, decorative arts, photography, folk art, and graphic arts. Wayne Craven presents art and artists within the context of their times, including insights into the intellectual, spiritual, and political environment. Along the way, Craven charts the growth of a distinctly American art culture. The resulting book is as much a history of American culture as of American art.

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How often does one come across a textbook that attracts and holds the interest of audiences outside as well as inside the classroom? Craven here shares his considerable knowledge of and excitement over the subject, developed through decades-long participation in the strong American art history program at the University of Delaware. The result is a survey that art lovers, collectors, and students will all enjoy. Taking the approach that American art holds greater meaning when viewed in a cultural context, Craven has expanded the traditional scope of the topic, namely, art, sculpture, and architecture, to include photography and decorative arts as well. He divides the volume into six sections, beginning with the Native American and European material culture of New Spain and ending with Cindy Sherman and postmodern photography. The result is a visual feast of 785 photographs, 99 in color. Were all textbooks so glorious and inspiring! Highly recommended for academic and public libraries.- Kathleen Eagen Johnson, Historic Hudson Valley, Tarrytown,

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The book its self is very good. I'm really enjoying it for my Art History class. The reading is informative and interesting. The quality/condition of the book is something else. From the description of the book when I purchased it I believe I would received a book in an acceptable condition. Apparently my idea of acceptable and the sellers are quite different. The book arrived with the front cover barely attached and the back cover taped on but also beginning to fall off. I had to tape the entire spine back together and still need to be careful that it doesn't loose pages. This definitely isn't acceptable to me but I needed the book for my class so I had to keep up but I wouldn't purchase from this seller again.

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Craven is an expert and his book is a classic textbook used in university Art History courses. It is big, as are all Art History textbooks, and full of photographs of paintings and sculptures. It was the textbook my professor recommended for the class and I found it covered the basics of the course, academic and detailed but very readable.

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