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Authoritative yet highly approachable new monograph of the great German artist Albrecht Durer (1471-1528) Both a comprehensive introduction to and an insightful reappraisal of the life and works of the most famous North European Renaissance artist. Jeffrey Chipps Smith seeks to demystify Durer by considering his life and art within the context of his fascinating and tumultuous age, analysing the myths and explaining his artistic processes. All Durer's major works, from prestigious altarpieces to well-known prints and drawings, are illustrated generously and explored in depth. Richly illustrated with more than 200 colour reproductions, with glossary, biographies, chronology, maps and a further reading list supporting the text.

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