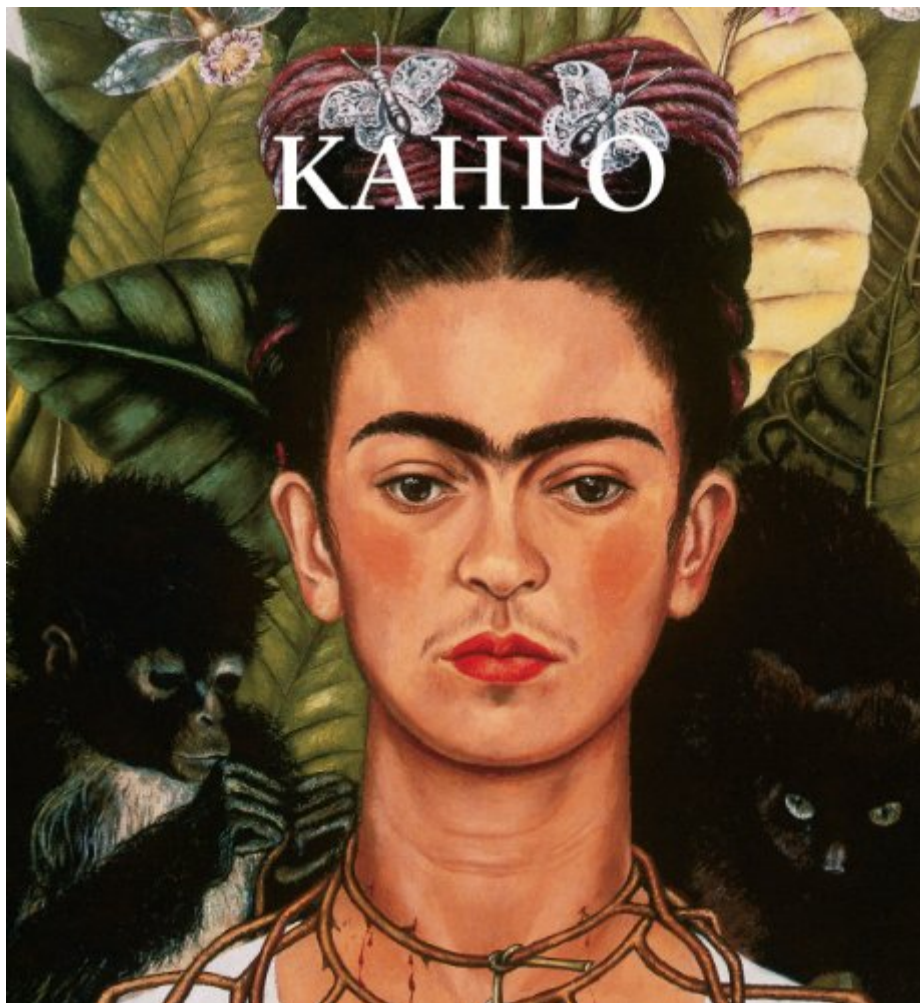


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Kahlo



Synopsis

Behind Frida Kahlo's portraits, lies the story of both her life and work. It is precisely this combination that draws the reader in. Frida's work is a record of her life, and rarely can we learn so much about an artist from what she records inside the picture frame. Frida Kahlo truly is Mexico's gift to the history of art. She was just eighteen years old when a terrible bus accident changed her life forever, leaving her handicapped and burdened with constant physical pain. But her explosive character, raw determination and hard work helped to shape her artistic talent. And although he was an obsessive womanizer, the great painter Diego Rivera was by her side. She won him over with her charm, talent and intelligence, and Kahlo learnt to lean on the success of her companion in order to explore the world, thus creating her own legacy whilst finding herself surrounded by a close-knit group of friends. Her personal life was turbulent, as she frequently left her relationship with Diego to one side whilst she cultivated her own bisexual relationships. Despite this, Frida and Diego managed to save their frayed relationship. The story and the paintings that Frida left us display a courageous account of a woman constantly on a search of self discovery.

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Customer Reviews

Informative text regarding the events of Kahlo's life and the art work that steamed from her experiences. Although the biography is brief and relatively lyrics a quick read it gave much more historically relevant info than a quick Google search. Her hardships, physical pain and life stress was intense which gives more insight and perspective into her art work. I understand quite a bit more now than I did months ago about Frida ...even the relationship with Diego AND her Fridos!

Hyperbolic language (refers to the amputation of her leg as it being "hacked off") and also some factual inaccuracies makes me rate this book quite low. I was quite disappointed because I wanted a short-ish overview of Frida Kahlo since I was studying her for a class but I realized that I knew more than the author.

I gave this book 5 stars because it fulfilled all my requirements: affordable price, Kahlo's artwork and a minimalist biography that showed compassion for the artist. I have read wordier library biographies with large pictures but this is a perfect edition to keep inside my Kindle along with the complete works of Shakespeare, Virginia Woolf and my own modest literary contributions!

I do not like the size of the book. This book is small but thick. It contains a lot of paintings from Frida all in color.

Text was too brief and without the art was disappointed with this book. I would recommend a better biography with more detail.

I liked the story but I think there was much more to Frida Kahlo's emotional and mental issues than are addressed here

A short and to the point book serving as an excellent introduction to the art and life of one of the most important artists of the last century.

Cursory review of Frida's life. Had hoped for more detail.

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