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Portrait painting is inherently difficult and requires a unique understanding of and sensitivity to the sitter. This practical book considers the historical context of portrait painting and its contemporary practice. Written by a professional portrait painter, it describes the intricacies of making a portrait not just for the technically minded but also for those who are interested in a painter's perspective on the role and importance of portraiture. Step-by-step demonstrations of portraits and self-portraits. Techniques that use colour to introduce subtleties and presence. Advice on catching a likeness and overcoming difficulties. Discussion about the significance of copying and photography. Insights into the artistic process of the portrait painter. Work of contemporary and distinguished painters. 'What fascinates me most, much much more than anything else in painting, is the portrait, the modern portrait.' Vincent van Gogh. A practical guide that considers the historical context of portrait painting and its contemporary practice. Aimed at beginners and more experienced; untutored groups and individual artists of portrait painters. Gives step-by-step demonstrations of portraits and self-portraits. Covers use of colour to introduce subtleties and presence. Superbly illustrated with 180 colour illustrations. Anthony Connolly is a professional portrait painter and won the prestigious Prince of Wales Award for Portrait Drawing in 2004.

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