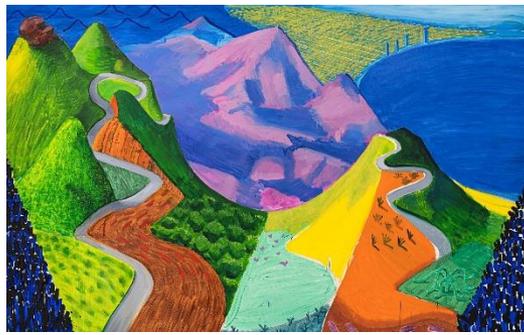


A-Level Art and Design Reading List

Why do you need a reading list?

A reading list is a valuable resource and not as worthless as you may at first think. A reading list gives you a wider knowledge on your chosen subject but it does not mean you have to read every book.



Excellent YouTube Channel!

'Great Art Explained' - The videos focus on one great artwork in-depth per video. This is superb for helping with annotations.

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Podcasts worth listening to!

'Talk Art' - This series is hosted by two likeable buddies and self-proclaimed art nerds. Actor Russell Tovey and musician/gallerist Robert Diament sit down for chats with interesting figures in the contemporary art world to discuss their relationships with art.

'Art Curious' - This series goes a step beyond what you typically learn in art history to get to the juicy bits. Many of the names are familiar – Leonardo, Caravaggio, Van Gogh – but she's exploring their stories through interesting themes.

Suggested books:

'How to write about Contemporary Art' - **Gilda Williams**

'Why your five year old could not have done that' – **Susie Hodge**

'Isms . . . Understanding Modern Art' – **Sam Phillips**

'Ways of Seeing' – **John Berger**

'Thinking About Art: A Thematic Guide to Art History' – **Penny Huntsman**

'Interview with Francis Bacon' – **David Sylveser**

'Drawing on the Rightside of the brain' – **Betty Edwards**

'The Art Spirit' – **Robert Henri**

'The Art Book' - **Phaidon**

An exhibition worth visiting!

'David Hockney: The Arrival of Spring, Normandy, 2020' at the Royal Academy of Arts – **Until 26th September**

As lockdown began in 2020, **David Hockney** started to capture the spring landscape in the garden and countryside surrounding his new home in Normandy. Using his iPad, the British artist created 116 different works of art.

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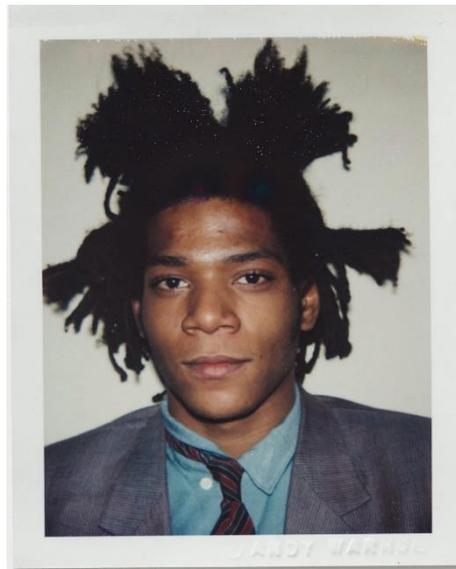
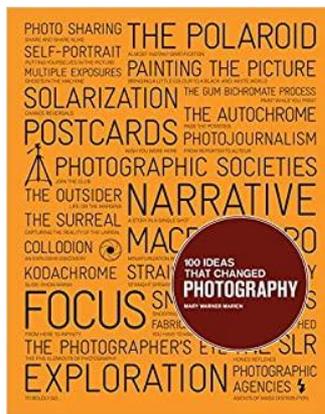
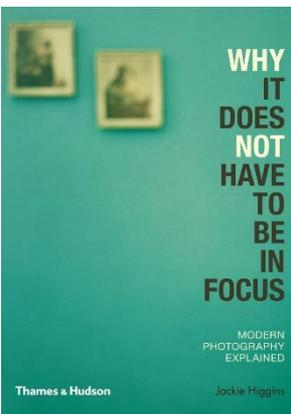
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A-Level Photography Reading List

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Excellent YouTube Channel!

'FroKnowsPhoto'

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Jared Polin is a multi-hyphenate: Photographer, YouTuber, influencer, personality, and content creator. Jared is probably best known for his FroKnowsPhoto YouTube channel, where he consistently posts content related to photography & the photography business, including equipment reviews, tips, and his opinions & critiques.

Podcast worth listening to!

'Classic Camera Revival' - This Toronto-based podcast is tailored to lovers of film photography. It focuses on discussions about cameras, lenses, film, film processing, and more. New episodes come out twice a month and cover topics including gear reviews, interviews with photographers, and tips on the best techniques.

Suggested books:

'Why does it have to be in focus' – Jackie Higgins

'150 Photographic Projects for Art Students' – John Easterby

'100 ideas that changed photography' – Mary Warner Marien

'On Photography' – Susan Sontag

'Photographers on Photography: How the Masters See, Think and Shoot' – Henry Carroll

'Read This if You Want to Take Great Photographs' – Henry Carroll

Exhibition worth visiting!

'Insight Investment Astronomy Photographer of the Year' at the National Maritime Museum – Until Aug 8th

Gaze at out-of-this-world imagery from space photographers, as the **Insight Investment Astronomy Photographer of the Year** exhibition comes back into orbit at the **National Maritime Museum**. This stellar display features more than 100 of the best entries to this annual competition, including images of the Milky Way and aurorae.