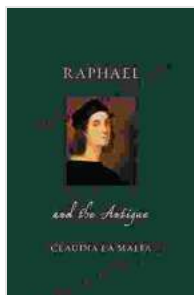


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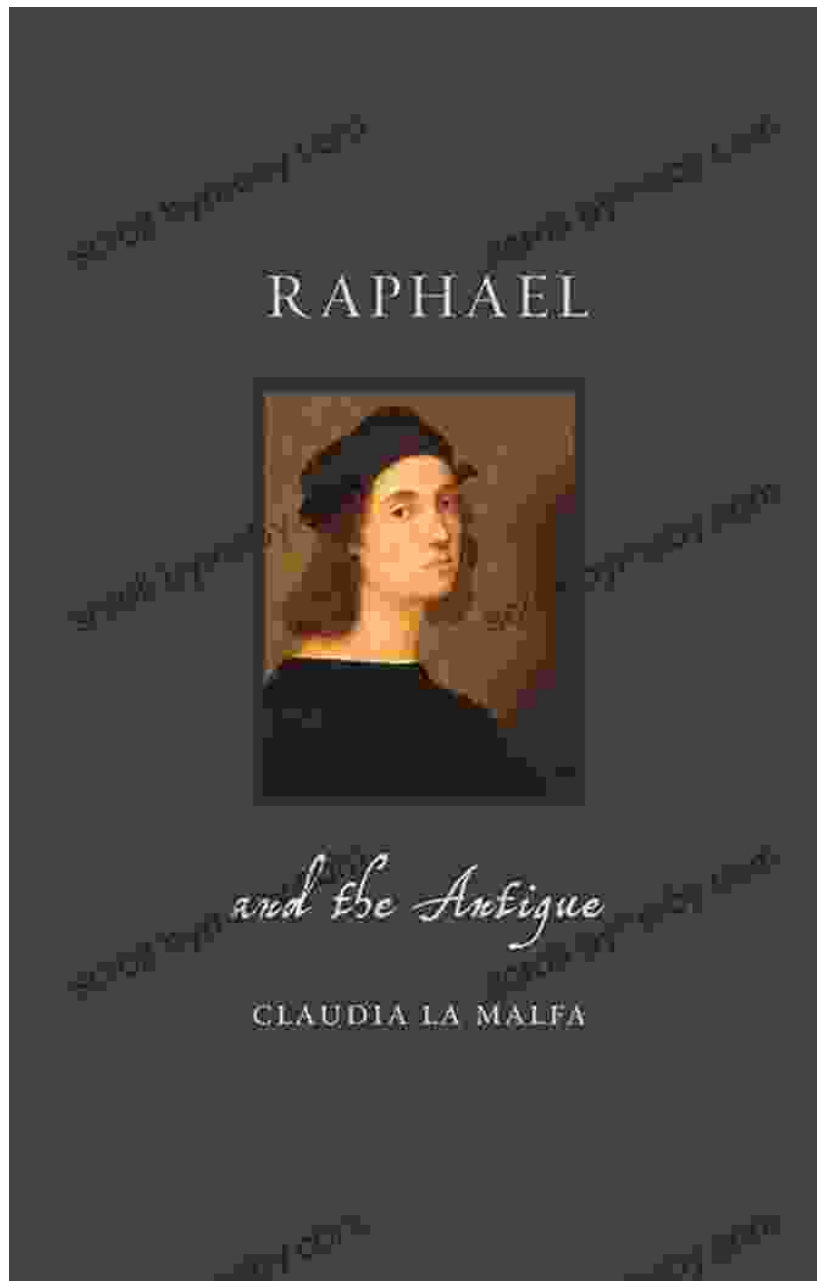
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Raphael, one of the most celebrated artists of the Italian Renaissance, was deeply influenced by the art of antiquity. His work is replete with references to ancient sculptures, paintings, and architecture, and he was known to have studied the works of classical authors such as Pliny and Vitruvius. In *Raphael and the Antique: Renaissance Lives*, leading scholars explore the profound impact that antiquity had on Raphael's art and career.

Raphael's Use of Drawing

Drawing was a central part of Raphael's artistic practice. He used it to study the human form, to explore different compositions, and to develop his ideas. His drawings are filled with studies of ancient sculptures and architectural details, demonstrating his deep knowledge of classical art.

One of the most famous examples of Raphael's use of drawing is his cartoon for *The School of Athens*, one of the most iconic frescoes in the Vatican. The cartoon shows Raphael's mastery of the human form and his ability to create complex and dynamic compositions. It also reveals his deep knowledge of ancient philosophy, as the fresco depicts many of the great philosophers of antiquity.

Raphael's Studio Practice

Raphael's studio was a bustling hub of activity, where he worked alongside a team of assistants. His studio practice was highly organized, and he used a variety of techniques to ensure the quality of his work. One of the most important aspects of his studio practice was the use of models. Raphael would often use live models to pose for his paintings and sculptures, and he would also make use of plaster casts of ancient sculptures.

Raphael's studio practice was also influenced by the art of antiquity. He was particularly interested in the use of perspective, and he used this technique to create the illusion of depth in his paintings. He also used a variety of colors and textures to create a sense of realism in his work.

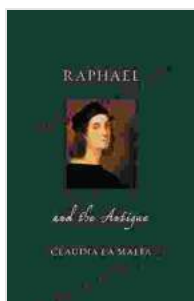
The Role of Prints in Raphael's Creative Process

Prints played an important role in Raphael's creative process. He collected prints by other artists, and he used them as a source of inspiration for his

own work. He also made use of prints to disseminate his own work, and he often collaborated with printmakers to produce high-quality reproductions of his paintings.

One of the most famous examples of Raphael's use of prints is his engraving of *The Entombment*. This engraving is a masterpiece of the printmaking art, and it demonstrates Raphael's mastery of line and composition. It also shows his deep understanding of the human form and his ability to express emotion through his art.

Raphael and the Antique: Renaissance Lives provides a comprehensive overview of the relationship between Raphael and the art of antiquity. It explores the different ways in which Raphael used ancient art to inspire his own work, and it sheds new light on his creative process. This book is an essential resource for anyone interested in Raphael, the Italian Renaissance, or the history of art.



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