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Chihuly: Through The Looking Glass



Synopsis

Arguably the most famous glass artist since Louis Comfort Tiffany, Dale Chihuly has been credited with elevating blown glass from delicate decorative object to groundbreaking fine art. Chihuly's "Blanket Cylinders," "Seaforms," "Persians" and chandeliers are exhibited and collected throughout the world, and many volumes have been devoted to his bold, complex, fiercely colorful work. Little documented, however, though crucial to an understanding of his art, is the role played by physical space in his overall aesthetic--installation spaces, work spaces, but also spaces for living and for housing his extensive personal collections. *Chihuly: Through the Looking Glass* focuses on the artist's pieces and installations in relation to the spaces that generate, shape and surround them. The text, a mix of critical exegesis and Chihuly's own commentary (much of it solicited specifically for this book), provides a new entrée into the work, mind, and creative process of one of America's most critically and popularly acclaimed artists. One of the few contemporary artists who is truly a household name, Dale Chihuly (born 1941) studied interior design and architecture before beginning to experiment with glassblowing. After receiving degrees in sculpture and ceramics, Chihuly worked with master glass craftsmen in Murano, Venice. On returning to the United States, Chihuly established the glass program at the Rhode Island School of Design in 1968 and cofounded the Pilchuck Glass School in 1971. In 1979, after losing an eye, Chihuly ceased to blow glass himself, though he maintains a firm hold on the artistic direction of his studio.

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I saw the Dale Chihuly installation at the Dallas Arboretum and it changed my life. Always a lover of

glass and color, to see his nature-inspired works was fun and moving. I immediately came home and ordered 2 of his books from . This one is beautifully done, excellent quality photos, and background on the artist. Buy this if you love art, color, glass and inspiration.

I've been a fan of Dale Chihuly's work for a number of years. I've seen his work in Oklahoma City, Portland, OR, the Seattle Aquarium and the Museum of Glass in Tacoma, WA. This book shows his work as it has been installed in numerous locations around the world. The pictures are clear, full of color and are simply wonderful. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and would recommend it to anyone who is a fan of the art of glass making.

I bought this book for a family member for Christmas. It was a great price and was in absolutely perfect condition. I was worried because of a review I had read that a book fell apart at the spine that someone else had ordered, but I had no such problem at all. I will definitely order from this seller again. I received the book very quickly and it was packaged very well so it wouldn't get damaged in the mail.

Book is a beautiful coffee table book- just what I wanted! It is next to my piece of Chihuly looking glass.

My son and I are fans of the artists' work, so it's great to see the many works in this book! The book is a Christmas gift for my son.

Nice pictures of his glass, but you've really got to see it in person to appreciate it.

This was a beautiful book of the works of Chihuly

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