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From first to last, Picasso's prime subject was the human figure and portraiture remained a favourite genre. His earliest portraits were done from life and reveal a precocious ability to catch likeness and suggest character and state of mind. By 1900 Picasso was producing portraits of astonishing variety and thereafter they reflected the full range of his innovative styles – symbolist, cubist, neoclassical, surrealist, expressionist. But however extreme his departure from representational conventions, Picasso never wholly abandoned drawing from the sitter or ceased producing portraits of classic beauty and naturalism. For all his radical originality, Picasso remained in constant dialogue with the art of the past and his portraits often alluded to canonical masterpieces, chosen for their appropriateness to the looks and personality of his subject. Treating favourite Old Masters as indecorously as his intimate friends, he enjoyed caricaturing them and indulging in fantasies about their sex lives that mirrored his own obsession with the interaction of eroticism and creativity. His late suites of free 'variations' after Velázquez's Las Meninas and Rembrandt's The Prodigal Son, both of which involve self-portraiture, allowed him to ruminate on the complex psychological relationship of artist and sitter, and continuities between past and present. When Picasso depicted people in his intimate circle, the nature of his bond with them inevitably influenced his interpretation. The focus of this book is not, however, Picasso's life story but his creative process, and, although following a broadly chronological path, its chapters are structured thematically. Issues addressed in depth include Picasso's exploitation of familiar poses and formats, his sources of inspiration and identification with favourite Old Masters, the role of caricature in his expressive conception of portraiture, the relationship between observation, memory and fantasy, critical differences between his portrayal of men and women, and the motivation behind his defiance of decorum and the extreme transformation of his sitter's appearance.

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Review

in showing Picasso's works of other people, we actually get one of the clearest images of Picasso himself through his choices of subjects, artistic obsessions, and some of his best-ever works.--Samuel Spencer "Blouin Art Info"

how Picasso as a god of forms vitalised portraiture after photography, unpacking the expressive potential of cubist fragmentation through miracles of deformation to proclaim that painterly distortion is truth --Jackie Wullschlager "Financial Times "

Picasso's many portraits of friends, lovers and family are among the most vivid pieces of his fantastically prolific and experimental career. --Rachel Campbell-Johnston "The Times "

Whatever the claims of Johnny Come Latelys such as Damien Hirst and Jeff Koons, Pablo Picasso remains the most controversial artist of all time, a man seen for much of his long career as intent on destroying the established categories of art. Yet it's become apparent over recent decades how much of Picasso's phenomenal energies were devoted not only to reinventing, but also paying homage to traditional genres most notably the portrait. --Mark Hudson "The Telegraph " About the Author **Elizabeth Cowling** is Emeritus Professor of the History of Art at the University of Edinburgh. Her publications include *Picasso: Style and Meaning* (2002) and Visiting Picasso: The Notebooks and Letters of Roland Penrose (2006). She has co-curated several exhibitions, including *Picasso Sculptor/Painter* (1994), *Matisse Picasso* (2002), and *Picasso Looks at Degas* (2010). Download and Read Online Picasso. Portraits From Fundació Museu Picasso De Barcelona #LO3QRI9G0XH Leer Picasso. Portraits by From Fundació Museu Picasso De Barcelona para ebook en líneaPicasso. Portraits by From Fundació Museu Picasso De Barcelona Descarga gratuita de PDF, libros de audio, libros para leer, buenos libros para leer, libros baratos, libros buenos, libros en línea, libros en línea, reseñas de libros epub, leer libros en línea, libros para leer en línea, biblioteca en línea, greatbooks para leer, PDF Mejores libros para leer, libros superiores para leer libros Picasso. Portraits by From Fundació Museu Picasso De Barcelona para leer en línea.Online Picasso. Portraits by From Fundació Museu Picasso De Barcelona ebook PDF descargarPicasso. Portraits by From Fundació Museu Picasso. Portraits by From Fundació Museu Picasso De Barcelona EPub

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