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Review

Magical Secrets is the small embodiment of a huge effort. Once engaged, you may have a major revelation, or you may just solve a nagging mystery. ----The Journal of the Mid America Print Council

This book affords a rare glimpse into the creative thought processes of artists such as Chuck Close, John Cage, Peter Doig and Brown herself. The magical secrets of the title comprise 13 tips on how to think and work creatively. In each case, at least one artist is chosen to illustrate the point. The rich variety of tone and colour of the selected artworks help to dispel the myth that etchings can only ever be scratchy black line drawings on white paper. Various intaglio techniques are described and there is an ample glossary. The accompanying DVD is a useful supplementary aid. ----Alan Smith, Printmaking Today 2006

About the Author

Kathan Brown is an artist, writer, printer, and entrepreneur who founded Crown Point Press, publishers of artists' etchings, in the San Francisco Bay Area in 1962. Kathan Brown is the author of six books, the most recent of which is *Magical Secrets About Thinking Creatively: The Art of Etching and the Truth of Life* (Crown Point/Prestel 2006).

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