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For centuries, great artists have been drawn together in friendship and in love. In *Artists in Love*, curator and writer Veronica Kavass delves into the passionate and creative underpinnings of the art world's most provocative romances. From Picasso and Francoise Gilot to Lee Miler and Man Ray to Saul Steinberg and Hedda Sterne, Kavass' graceful and daring text provides a generous glimpse into the inspiring and sometimes tempestuous relationships between celebrated artists throughout the 20th and 21st centuries.

From poetic beginnings to shocking endings (and vice-versa), the various dimensions of the artist couple archetypes are ceaselessly explored. Some are enduring and collaborative, yielding astonishing parallel bodies of work, as with Robert and Sonia Delaunay and Christo and Jeanne-Claude. Others are adoring and explosive, such as Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera and Robert Rauschenberg and Jasper Johns. Essays revealing what compelled these dynamic artists to partner, how their pairing influenced their work, and why their love may have faltered, are accompanied by lush illustrations of their art and documentary photographs of the couple.

The first visual book to explore this subject in such epic scope, *Artists in Love* is a revelatory and riveting journey into the hearts and minds of artists in love.

Artists featured include:

Wassily Kandinsky & Gabriele Münter

Robert & Sonia Delaunay

Alfred Stieglitz & Georgia O'Keeffe

Jean Arp & Sophie Taeuber-Arp

Anni & Josef Albers

Frida Kahlo & Diego Rivera

Lee Miller & Man Ray

Jacob Lawrence and Gwendolyn Knight

Barbara Hepworth & Ben Nicholson

Elaine & Willem de Kooning

Pablo Picasso & Françoise Gilot

Jackson Pollock & Lee Krasner

Dorothea Tanning & Max Ernst

Nancy Spero & Leon Golub

Jasper Johns & Robert Rauschenberg

Robert Motherwell & Helen Frankenthaler

Christo & Jeanne-Claude

Bernd & Hilla Becher

Eva Hesse & Tom Doyle

Charles and Ray Eames

Kay Sage and Yves Tanguy Saul Steinberg and Hedda Sterne Robert Smithson & Nancy Holt Niki de Saint Phalle & Jean Tinguely Marina Abramovi? & Ulay Claes Oldenburg & Coosje van Bruggen Bruce Nauman & Susan Rothenberg David McDermott and Peter McGough



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