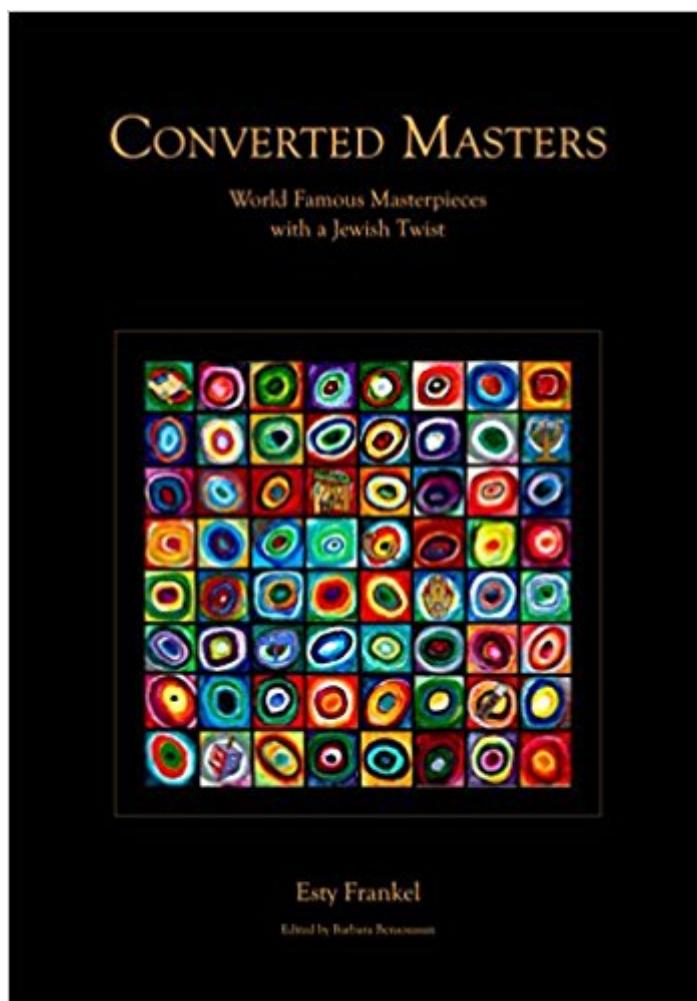


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Converted Masters: World Famous Masterpieces With A Jewish Twist



Synopsis

In this elegant coffee table book, author Esty Frankel-Fersel 'converts' classic art masterpieces into Jewish counterparts. Imagine Vermeer's zoftig milkmaid kneading challah or Moses bringing down the tablets amid a Georgia O'Keefe desert landscape. A vibrant Kandinsky color plate, gold foil stamp and glossy black background are featured on the book's cover. Inside, each traditional masterpiece is shown opposite its converted version, allowing the reader to search for the sometimes obvious, sometimes more subtle differences. The works of art reproduced span from early 16th century classical Renaissance works to modern day pop art. Every 'converted' painting is an original work by the author, most created with oil and acrylic on canvas in glowing color. Explanations of the Jewish content are provided alongside each reproduction for readers not familiar with Jewish observances. A special section of popular Yiddish expressions matched to famous works of art is sure to draw chuckles. Converted Masters is an excellent conversation piece and a terrific gift for anyone Jewish. But it's also great for those with an interest in Jewish tradition, or anyone who simply enjoys a laugh!

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Esty Frankel-Fersel was born in Crown Heights, Brooklyn NY. She attended Bais Yacov through high school with a year of seminary in Israel. As a young adolescent, Esty joined a local art school where, for the next 15 years, she took instructional classes, learning the skills of copying and reproducing works of art with oil on canvas. She attended Brooklyn College and Wurzweiler School of Social Work earning an MSW. While dealing with daily responsibility and stressors, Esty always

found comfort in drawing and painting. In 2006, Esty came up with the idea of adding an image of a family performing the Tashlich ceremony to Monet's famous Bridge over a Pond of Water Lillies. This led to more converted paintings and to her ultimate accumulation of over 60 works of art with Jewish twists and Yiddish expressions through the arts and to the publication of Converted Masters. Esty currently divides her time, residing in both Bala Cynwyd, Philadelphia and West Orange, NJ.

Amazingly original!

This is makes a great gift! I gave it to my parents. Every time they have guests over, everybody is impressed with artwork, enjoys the Jewish interpretations and laughs about the Yiddish sayings. It's more than a coffee table book, it's a conversation starter.

Very unique and fascinating

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