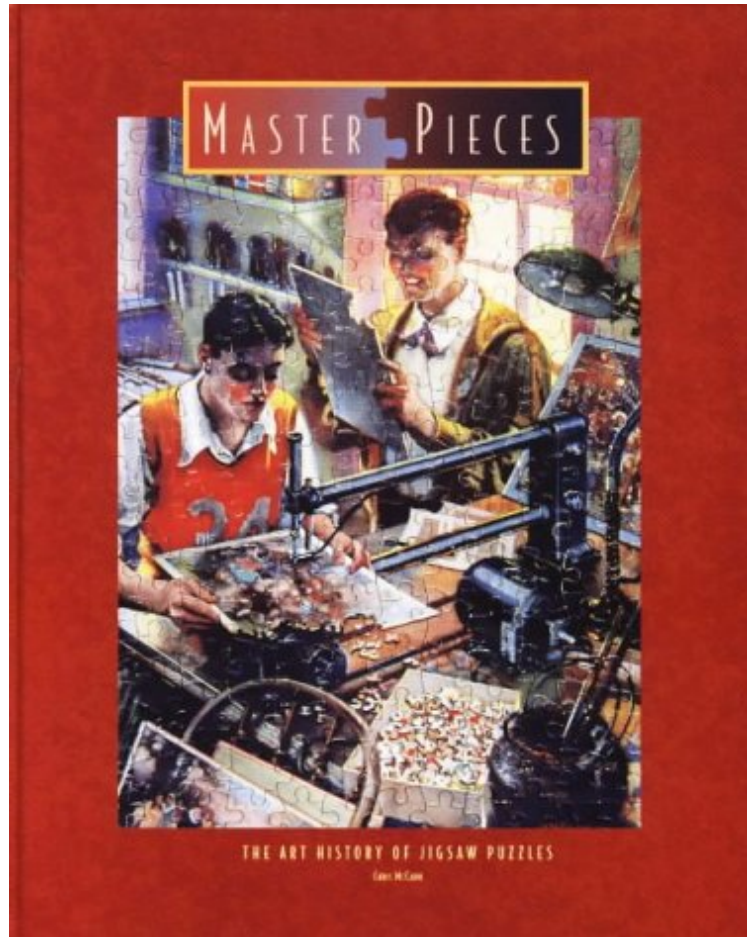


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A unique look at cultural and art history. Master Pieces chronicles the link between popular illustration and jigsaw puzzles. This book shows the beginnings of this beloved pastime and follows the related changes in puzzles and culture that led steadily toward "The Great Puzzle Panic" of the 1930s and the vast expansion of the puzzle market thereafter. International in scope Master Pieces includes many of the Old Masters and records the evolution of commercial illustration worldwide. The book includes condensed biographies of the artists as well as a valuable reference guide that gives estimates of what these puzzles are worth today.

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