

## THE PRIVATE SIDE OF THE ARTIST'S HAND

Joseph Knowles *Sketchbook*

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Many artists would claim that to understand them as human beings we need do no more than look long and hard at the art they create. Nevertheless, the thrill we derive from a glimpse at the artist's private expressions of self in sketches, letters and diaries is common to most who study art rather than create it. Comments on the morning light may be the first thought of the day in Thomas Sully's Journal, while the perfect catch of the day may be impeccably rendered by Joseph Knowles in his sketchbook made during his fishing trips to Maine. A look at Anton Mauve's sketchbook, on the other hand, gives us new insights on this artist of the Hague School of painters who so influenced the youthful works of Van Gogh.

To complement this original material in its collection, the Frick Art Reference Library has also acquired a variety of facsimile editions of sketchbooks that are held today in restricted collections and rarely seen by the public. These limited editions bear unique testimony to the private thoughts and activities of well-known artists, such as Pablo Picasso, Paul Gauguin, and Albert Marquet, just as the letters and sketches penned by artists whose reputations loom less large convey with exceptional candor a sense of time and place now lost.

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### CHECKLIST

#### FACSIMILES

##### FIRST FLOOR CASE

Paul Gauguin  
*"A ma fille Aline, ce cahier  
est dédié."*  
Denise Gazier, preface  
Bordeaux, William Blake  
& Co., Société des Amis de  
la Bibliothèque d'Art et  
d'Archéologie (1989)  
F 513 G23 Nm

Paul Cézanne  
*Carnet de dessins.*  
John Rewald, preface  
Paris, Quatre Chemins-  
Éditart (1951)  
F 513 C33r32c

Pablo Picasso  
*Carnet de Paris, 1900.*  
José L. Valdés, text  
Madrid, Editorial Casariego,  
1995  
F 813 P58 cp

Albert Marquet,  
*Venise, carnet de voyage;*  
*préface par Marcelle Marquet.*  
Paris, Quatre Chemins (1953)  
F 513 M34v

#### SKETCHBOOKS

##### THIRD FLOOR CASE

John Appleton Brown  
(1844-1902)  
*Sketchbook*  
F 113 B8134

William E. Clarke  
(op. 1878)  
*Sketchbook*  
F 113 C549

Joseph Knowles  
(c. 1869 - 1942)  
*Sketchbook*  
F 113 K762 v. 2

Moses B. Russell  
(c. 1810 - 1884)  
*Sketchbook (1853-1879?)*  
F 113 R915

Thomas Sully  
(c. 1783 - 1873)  
*Incidents in the life of  
Thomas Sully, chiefly of  
painting. Philadelphia  
1871*  
F 113 Su51

Anton Mauve  
(c. 1838 - 1888)  
*Sketchbook*  
F 313 M449

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