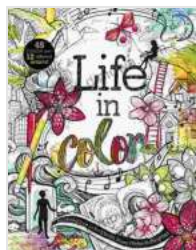


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Johann Joachim Winckelmann was a German art historian who is considered the father of art history. He was the first to develop a systematic approach to the study of art, and his work had a profound influence on the development of the discipline.

Winckelmann was born in Stendal, Prussia, in 1717. He studied theology at the University of Halle, but soon turned his attention to the study of art. In

1755, he published his first major work, *Gedanken über die Nachahmung der griechischen Werke in der Malerei und Bildhauerkunst* (Thoughts on the Imitation of Greek Works in Painting and Sculpture). In this work, Winckelmann argued that the art of the ancient Greeks was the highest form of art and that it should be imitated by modern artists.

Winckelmann's work was controversial at the time, but it eventually won widespread acceptance. He was appointed librarian to the Vatican Library in 1763, and he spent the rest of his life studying and writing about art. Winckelmann died in Trieste, Italy, in 1768.

Winckelmann's work had a profound influence on the development of art history. He was the first to develop a systematic approach to the study of art, and he established many of the basic concepts that are still used by art historians today. Winckelmann's work also helped to popularize the study of art, and he is credited with creating the modern museum.

Winckelmann's legacy is still felt today. He is considered one of the most important figures in the history of art, and his work continues to be studied and debated by scholars around the world.

Winckelmann's Life and Work

Johann Joachim Winckelmann was born in Stendal, Prussia, on December 9, 1717. His father was a shoemaker, and his mother was a midwife. Winckelmann's family was poor, but he was able to attend school, where he excelled in his studies.

In 1735, Winckelmann enrolled at the University of Halle to study theology. However, he soon turned his attention to the study of art. In 1738, he

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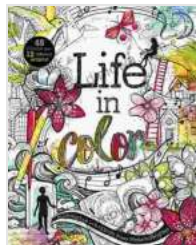
Winckelmann was a prolific writer, and he published a number of important works on art. His most famous work is *The History of Ancient Art*, which was published in 1764. In this work, Winckelmann presents a comprehensive overview of the art of the ancient Greeks and Romans. He also discusses the art of the Renaissance and the Baroque periods.

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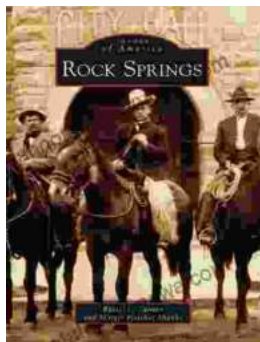
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