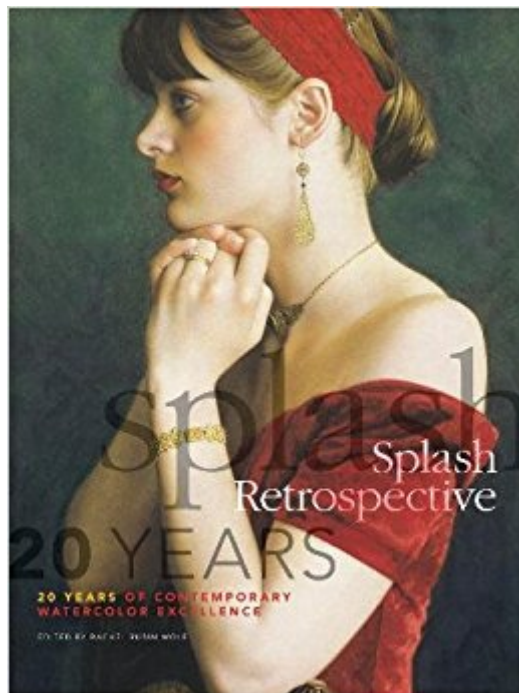




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# Splash Retrospective: 20 Years Of Contemporary Watercolor Excellence (Splash: The Best Of Watercolor)



## Synopsis

The best of the best--20 years of watercolor brilliance!Over the past 20+ years, Splash has built a reputation as the premier showcase of contemporary watercolor...a gathering place for the best work and freshest ideas from today's top artists. Page by page, the series' 14 editions have painted a masterful portrait of the current state of the medium. Now, Splash Retrospective celebrates the best of the best in one big, breathtaking compilation!Inside you'll find everything you've come to expect from this series: big art (in concept, execution and reproduction value), innovative techniques, and firsthand insight on what fueled the artist. Plus, for the first time, series editor Rachel Rubin Wolf shares her expert perspective on what it is about these paintings that made her stop and take notice. What made them "come alive" and stand out from the thousands that crossed her desk? More than mere technical mastery, she cites such elements as originality, unusual subjects and poses, moments of whimsy...and always, the artist's love and respect for their subject, be it sunflower divas, and exotic locale, a beloved family member, or a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.It's an exceptional collection for artists striving to create memorable work, and a simply stunning book to grace the coffee table of any lover of the medium.230+ brilliantly reproduced watercolor paintings.More than 200 artists represented.A diversity of styles, presented in subject-themed chapters--still lifes, portraits, landscapes, animals and more.Revealing commentary from the artists and editor.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Rachel Rubin Wolf is a freelance editor and artist, and has edited 30+ North Light Books, including

the Splash series and the Strokes of Genius series. She's a former employee of F+W Media and continues to freelance with the company. She also writes for Plein Air magazine.

Excellent collection of truly inspiring watercolors with comments by both artist and the editor / reviewer of the work. I have purchased older annual editions after going through this retrospective. So many idea producing images. If you use watercolors to paint or just enjoy the absolute beauty of well done watercolor paintings, you will want this volume.

To see how the inside of the book looks like: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKyNVHkoF8Q>  
The Splash series has been around since 1990. Wow, that's a really long history. For all those of you who've never heard of the series; Splash is an international watercolour competition by North Light Books. The winners for each year's competition will have their works published in a Splash book. Splash Retrospective is a book with a compilation of the best of the best from the past winners. I think that was what drew me to buy it. The works are gorgeous and varied, and I enjoyed reading the little captions that were paired beside most of the paintings. The book itself felt sturdy, and the pages were well designed and well printed. It was an utter joy flipping through this book.

Great picture book. You can get a lot out of this book if you look at it from the point of view of "What has been done and how does it apply to me?" It is not any kind of instruction book. Beginners can benefit from this as well as experts.

wonderful collection. I am very pleased.

Wow, wow, wow. The artistry is amazing. I very much appreciated the artists' words, whether they be about technique or inspiration. I also enjoyed reading about why Rachel chose to include specific paintings in the collection.

I love all the "Splash" series of watercolor books.

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