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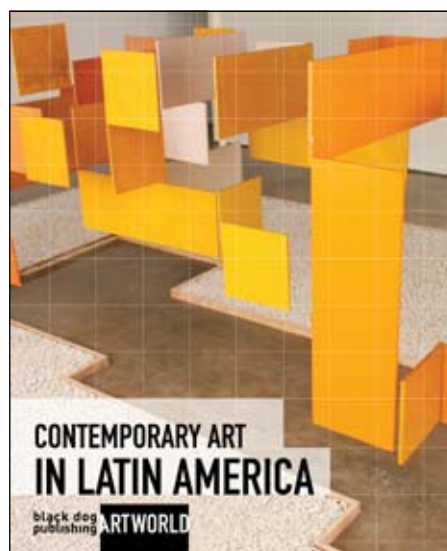
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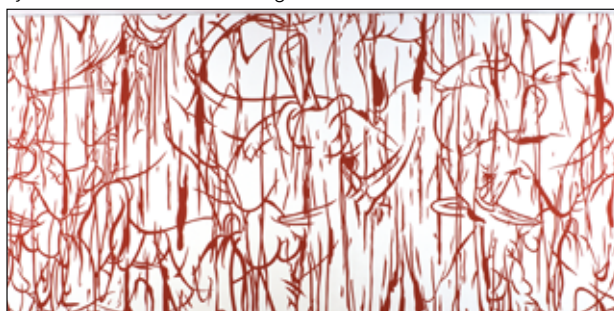
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- *Contemporary Art in Latin America*, the second book in Black Dog Publishing's ARTWORLD series, is a bold and rousing exploration of the most significant art being created by Latin American's today.
- The artists selected either currently live and work in Latin America or are originally from this region, and the work featured explores Latin American society and politics alongside the enormous diversity of artistic tradition originating from this area.
- Artists featured include Ana Mendieta, Doris Salcedo, Waltercio Caldas, Eugenio Dittborn, Arturo Herrera, Victor Grippo, Cildo Meireles, Lygia Clark, Hélio Oiticica, Jesús Rafael Soto, Lygia Pape, Gabriel Orozco, Guillermo Kuitca, Luis Camnitzer, Felix Gonzalez-Torres and Regina Vater.
- Emerging from complex cultural roots, Latin American art is extraordinarily diverse and original. This book covers a variety of contemporary art methods, looking at photography, installation art, sculpture, painting, textiles, and examines the styles, current perceptions and culture of this region.
- Beautifully illustrated and with an impressive list of contributors, this ambitious volume is the ultimate resource for anyone interested in the global art scene.



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DESCRIPTION

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Contemporary Art in Latin America is the second in Black Dog Publishing's new series — ARTWORLD — bringing to light innovative contemporary art from across the globe. Delving into the artistic work from specific major geographical regions, the series continues to showcase both established and unknown artists whose work connects with their roots. Major geographical regions for the series include Europe, Africa, and North America.

Beautifully presented, *Contemporary Art in Latin America* celebrates this intriguing region and its creative outputs, setting the vibrant artistic tradition within its historical and cultural contexts. The volume opens with a text section, including essays by valued figures in the contemporary art world, looking firstly at the historical origins of Latin American art and moving on to focus extensively on contemporary work being produced by artists from this region. This section of the book will also be supported by an artist interview, offering the reader a personal insight into the relationship between Latin America's art and its cultural past, present and future. The second half of the book comprises a plate section showcasing a broad variety of the art and themes discussed elsewhere in the book. *Contemporary Art in Latin America* encourages readers to reflect upon the art in this region and by these artists in relation to its historical and geographical context and encompasses a wide spectrum of critical debates, including politics and curatorial practice.

The artists featured include those considered the most influential to emerge from the region during the last 50 years, such as Brazilian conceptual artist Cildo Meireles, whose work is currently being exhibited at Tate Modern, London and Hélio Oiticica and Lygia Clark, who along with Ivan Serpa, founded the Neo-Concretist art movement. Doris Salcedo is also included, who caused a stir with her piece *Shibboleth* — creating a subterranean chasm that stretched the length of the Turbine Hall at the Tate Modern. The work of new and emerging talents is also featured, such as Miguel Calderon, labelled the "enfant terrible of contemporary art" and who has been described as having "a knack for pushing crass stereotypes and clichés to absurd and provocative extremes".

Encompassing the political and personal, *Contemporary Art in Latin America* is highly unique in its approach to exploring the artistic movements of this region, giving those with a genuine interest in art and culture an insight that is rich, engaging, shocking and inspiring.

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