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Description

In his new book, writer Matthew Collings turns his attention to the New York art scene, and applies the same keen, unpretentious intelligence and perceptive wit that made *Blimey!* such a resounding success. Here, at last, is an art critic who neither inflates his language nor “dumbs down” his observations – Collings has created a new, immensely readable but no less thoughtful way to write about art and art makers. From Warhol himself to the critics, artists, and dealers in the sixties, to super-brats of the eighties like Koons and Schnabel, and right up to the young players of the nineties – all of them come to vivid life on the page, and are as believable, human, vulnerable and monstrous (often all of these at the same time) as the characters in a first-rate novel.

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Matthew Collings was born in 1955. He attended the Byam Shaw School of Art from 1974 - 1978. He edited *Artscribe International* from 1983 to 1987. He was a presenter/producer on the BBC's *Late Show* from 1988 to 1996 (including features on Donald Judd, Georgia O'Keefe, Willem de Kooning, Saatchi's art collection). He is the author of *Blimey!* and the presenter/writer of Channel 4's 1999 flagship art series, “This is Modern Art” to be broadcast from June 1999. He is the presenter/writer of Channel 4's Turner Prize programme.

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Selling Points

- A sequel to the much-acclaimed Blimey! From Bohemia to Britpop: The London Artworld from Francis Bacon to Damien Hirst
- Writes in an offhand, laconic way, includes anecdote as well as serious and well-informed art criticism, wants to bring people closer to art by deliberately avoiding high-brow academic writing. Makes the book accessible and good fun to read - both very unusual in art writing. Will therefore have a broad appeal
- Lavishly illustrated with works of art and specially commissioned photographs by Ian MacMillan of NY's main players