

Gauguin

The Other World

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**“Art is either revolution or plagiarism”
—Paul Gauguin**

1891. Leaving his wife and children behind in Copenhagen, the French painter Paul Gauguin headed to the Polynesian island of Tahiti. Not only was this escape from Europe a liberation from social conventions, it also offered a world of inspiration: a paradise full of colour and a culture steeped in mythology. Despite this being a prolific period in the painter’s life, his Tahitian work received little more than scorn back in France, where the Impressionists were dominating salon life. Nevertheless, he remained a fearless adventurer and outcast, passionately committed to his dreams – even if they could only be realised at the expense of everything else.

Fabrizio Dori vividly documents the last few years of the influential Post-Impressionist artist who paved the way for the likes of Picasso, Matisse and Miro. Dori confronts Gauguin’s all too human failings, while also capturing his extraordinary artistic energy. Using a colour palette that evokes the landscapes and figures of his iconic paintings, Dori brings to life the innate beauty and soul of Tahiti.

The book includes a series of short essays by Celine Delaveaux, art critic and author of *The Impossible Museum*, which contextualise Gauguin’s work.

This is the latest book in SelfMadeHero’s Art Masters series, which also includes *Dali*, *Munch*, *Pablo*, *Vincent* and *Rembrandt*.

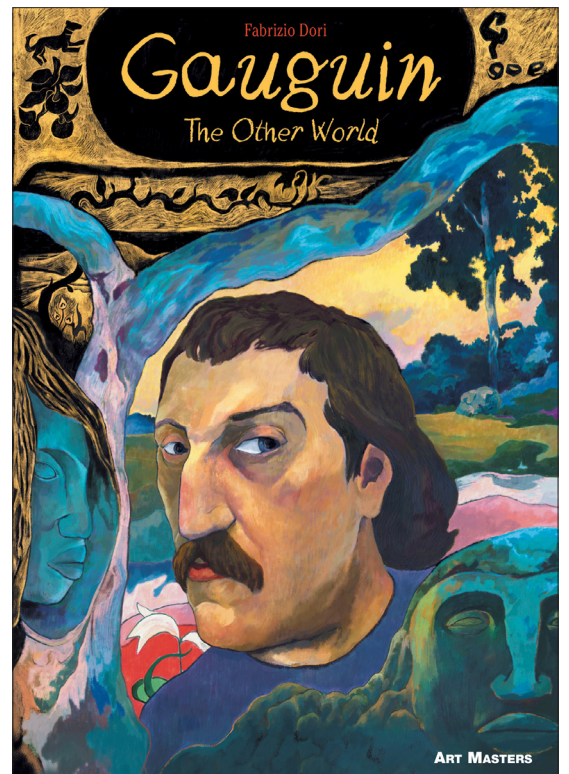


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