

It has bothered me all my life that I  
don't paint like everybody else.

HENRI MATISSE

The metaphor is probably the most  
fertile power possessed by man.

JOSÉ ORTEGA Y GASSET



Jazz is democracy in music.

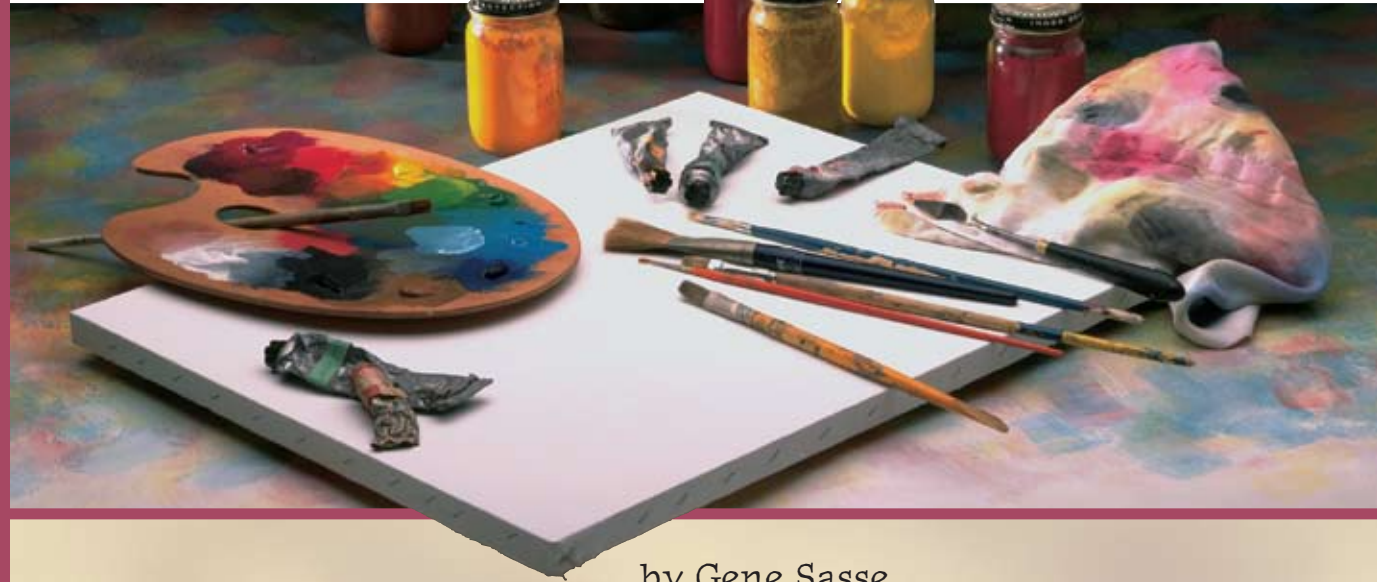
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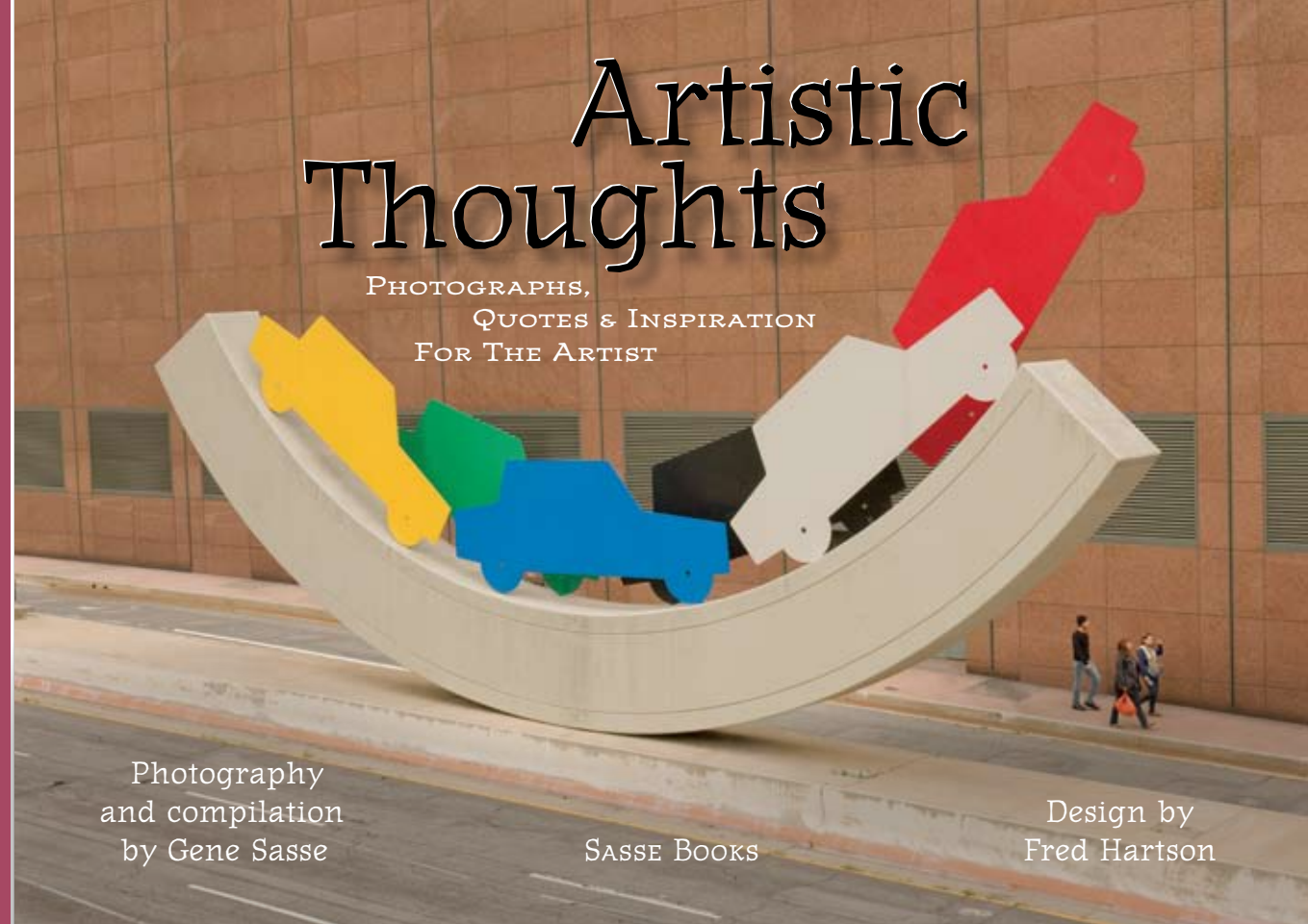
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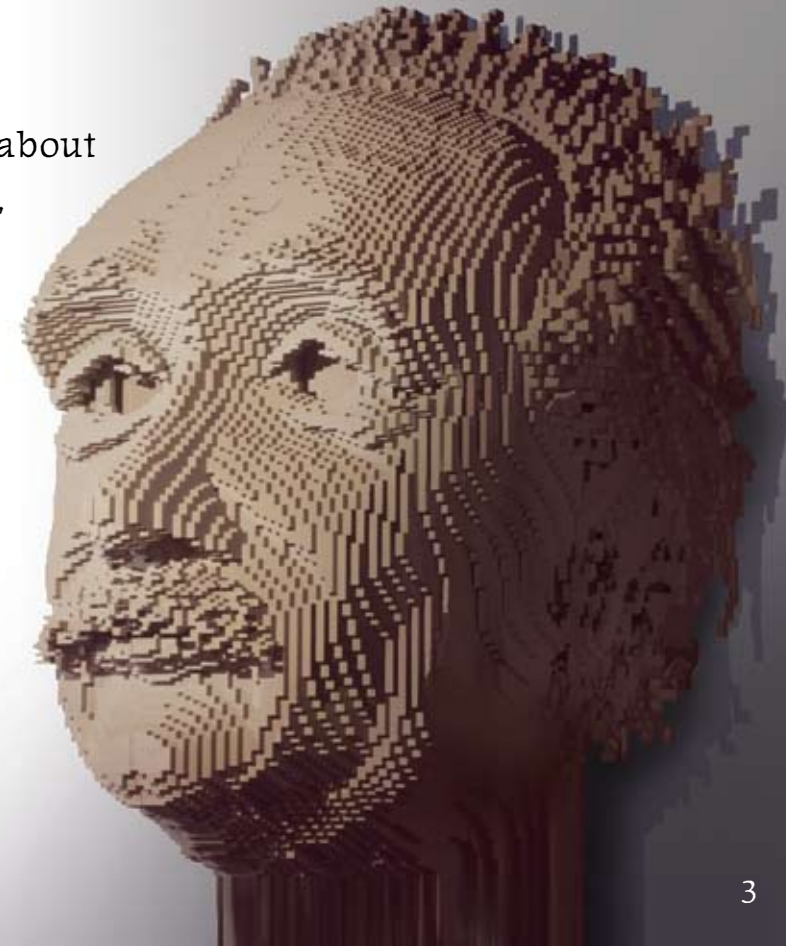
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Being creative is about  
opening your mind,  
taking risks and  
trying new  
things.

KATIE WEEKS  
AMERICAN EDITOR







I have always been fascinated by what motivates artists to do what they do. What is it about creativity that drives each in a different direction? I can't imagine a world with only one type of art. With unique vision

and style each artist creates a string of stories by which we all share in metaphors of life.

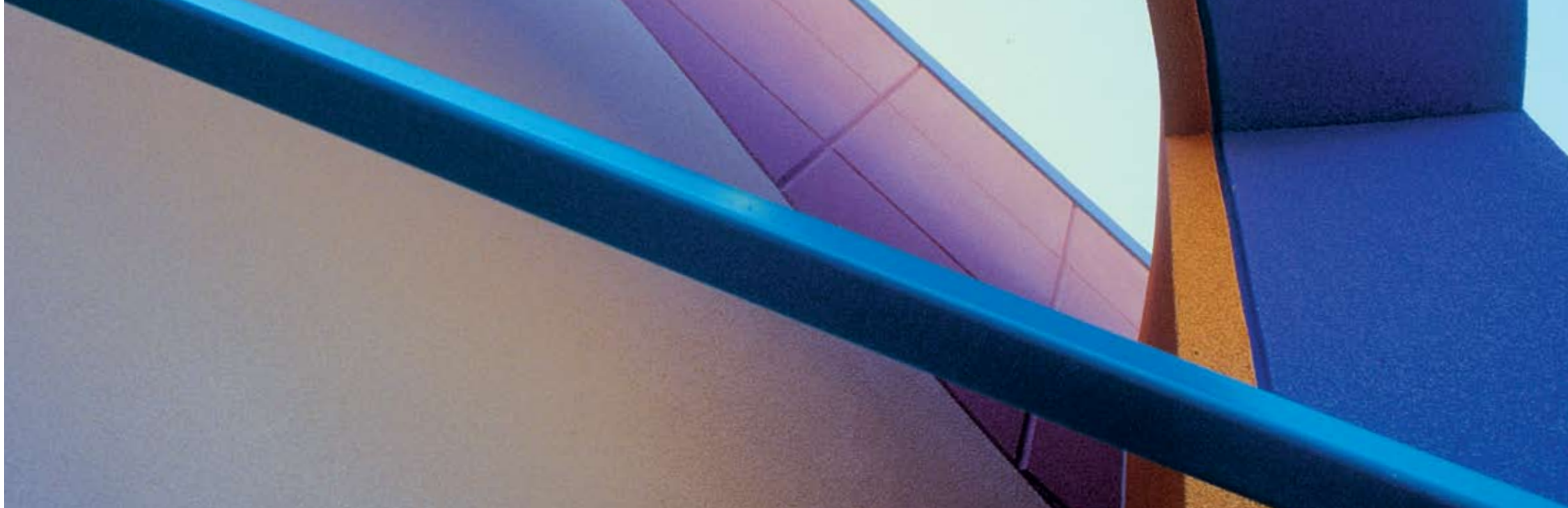
No two people see the same thing in the same way. Each of us witnesses the world from a different perspective, we each have unique thoughts and emotions, and we each build on a different set of experiences. A photograph can

expand our vision by making us think, making us wonder and by summoning our emotions. By looking at this collection of images you can explore the beauty that I have found and captured. With photography I compose stories, thoughts and ideas into a unique visual metaphor to show the wonder that surrounds us.

Sometimes a few words can say more than an entire story. The quotes found here are intended to inspire us to look at the images in a different light. Many artists try to replace words with pictures or pictures with words. I try to balance each to create a vision for us to explore life.

Gene Sasse

A line can not exist alone; it always brings a companion along.



*HENRI MATISSE*  
*FRENCH ARTIST*  
*1869-1954*



All words are pegs to hang ideas on.

*HENRY WARD BEECHER*  
*AMERICAN WRITER & ORATOR*  
*1813-1887*

Dance is the  
hidden language  
of the soul.

MARTHA GRAHAM  
AMERICAN DANCER & CHOREOGRAPHER  
1894-1991






Use your imagination not  
to scare yourself to death  
but to inspire yourself.

ADELER BROOKMAN  
PSYCHOTHERAPIST  
1958-





Art is a  
fruit that  
grows in  
man, like a  
fruit on a  
plant, or a  
child in its  
mother's  
womb.

*JEAN ARP*  
*FRENCH-GERMAN ARTIST*  
*1887-1948*

*M*an unites himself  
with the world in the process of creation.

*ERICH FROMM*  
*GERMAN-BORN AMERICAN*  
*PSYCHOANALYST & SOCIOLOGIST*  
*1900-1980*






The creative is  
the place where no one else has ever been. You have to leave

the city of your comfort and

go into the wilderness of your intuition.

ALAN ALDA  
AMERICAN ACTOR  
1936-





Fertilization of the soul is the reason for the necessity of art.

*ALFRED NORTH WHITEHEAD*  
*ENGLISH PHILOSOPHER*  
*1861-1947*






You can tell a lot about  
a person by looking at his  
environment. It's as dangerous  
as telling someone your dreams.

*CHARLES ARNOLDI*  
*PAINTER & SCULPTOR*  
1946-



The symbols we choose are not important because we choose them, but because the things symbolized are important.

WINN BULLOCK  
PHOTOGRAPHER  
1902-1975

A painting by Salvador Dalí titled 'The Fish', depicting three fish rendered in a metallic, copper-like texture against a black background. The fish are shown in profile, with their scales and fins exhibiting a fine, woven pattern. The lighting creates highlights and shadows that emphasize the three-dimensional quality of the metal. One fish is in the upper left, another in the lower left, and a larger one on the right.

Those who do not want to imitate anything produce nothing.

SALVADOR DALÍ  
SPANISH ARTIST  
1904-1989





Art is everywhere,  
except it has to pass  
through a creative mind.

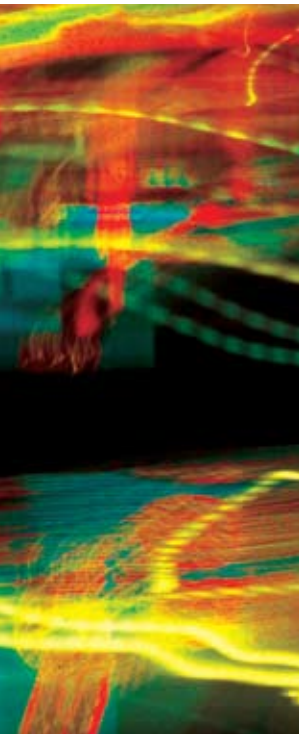
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SCULPTOR  
1900-1988





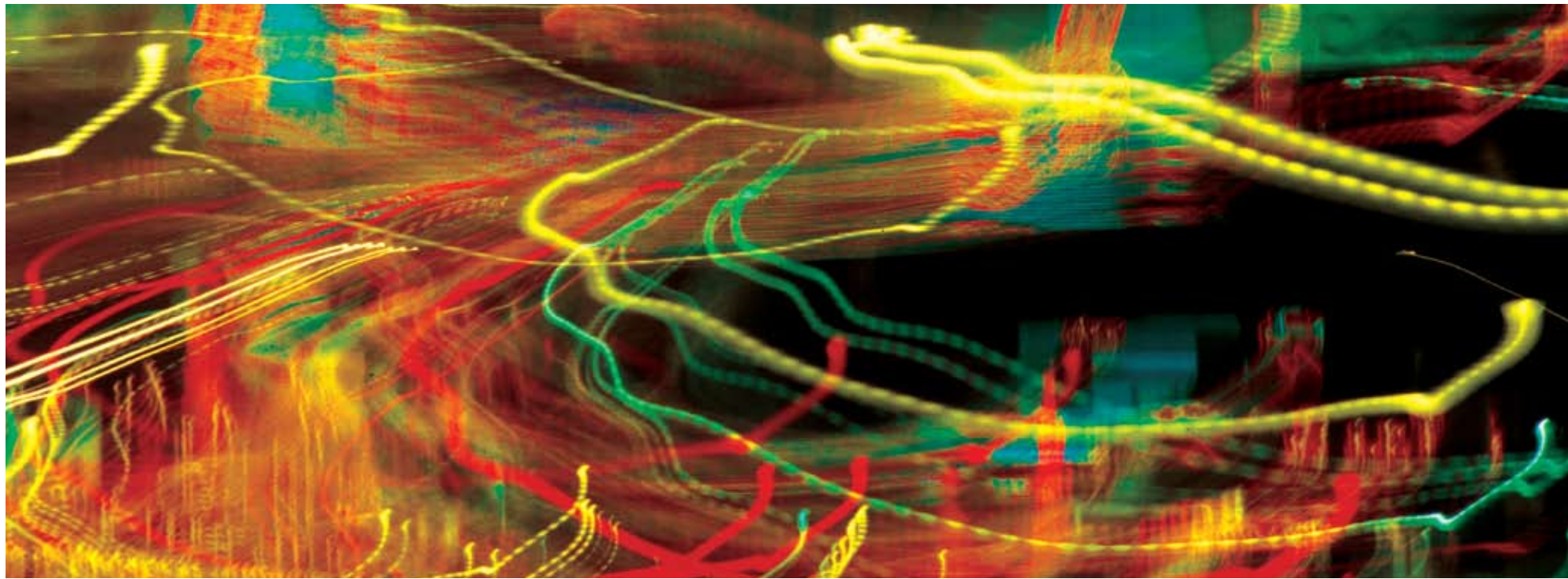
We shape our buildings. Thereafter they shape us.

*WINSTON CHURCHILL*  
*ENGLISH STATESMAN*  
*1874-1965*



Conversation in real life is full of half finished sentences and overlapping talk. Why shouldn't paintings be too?

EDGAR DEGAS  
FRENCH ARTIST  
1834-1917



Writing is a socially acceptable form of schizophrenia.

EDGAR L. DOCTOROW, AUTHOR, 1931-



**A**rt is not what you see, but  
what you make others see.

*EDGAR DEGAS  
FRENCH ARTIST  
1834-1917*







If I didn't start  
painting, I would have  
raised chickens.

*GRANDMA MOSES*  
*AMERICAN PAINTER*  
1860-1961



Once you had to be a genius to  
make works of art. Now you have  
to be a genius to understand them

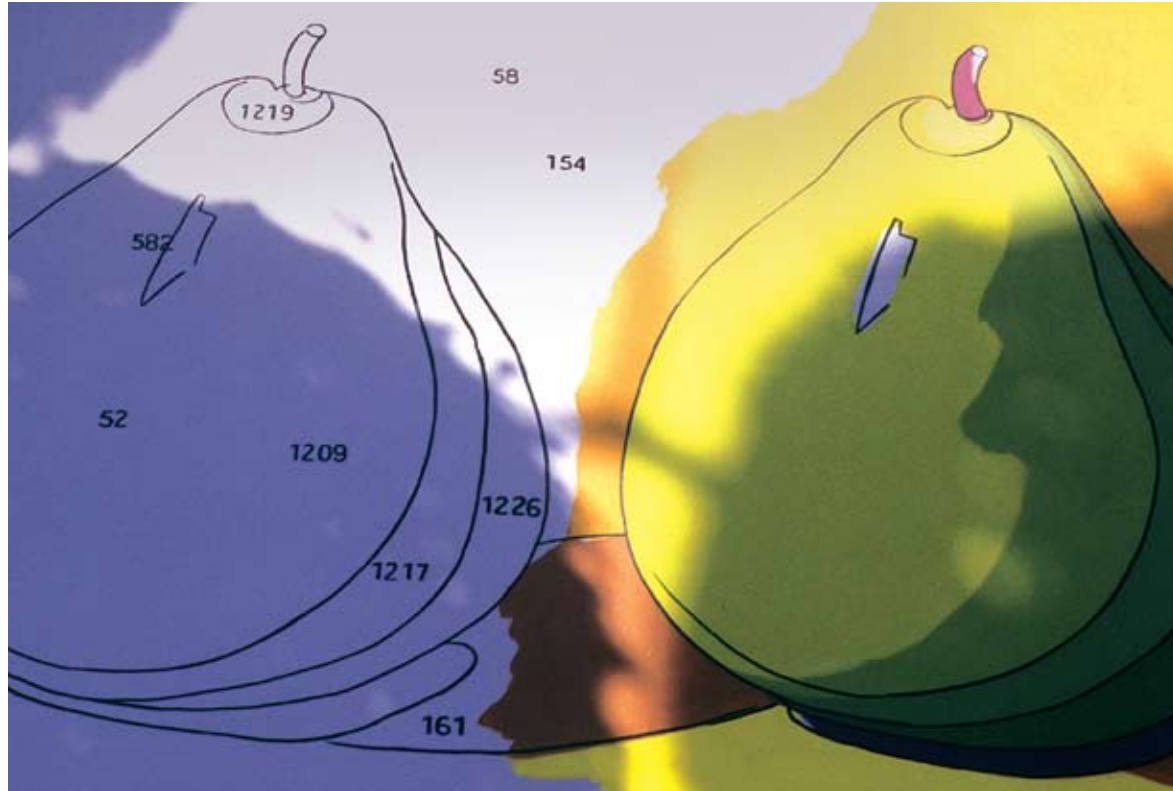
*Roy EMMINS*  
SCULPTOR  
1939-



I feel that art has  
something to do with the  
achievement of stillness  
in the midst of chaos.

*SAUL BELLOW  
AMERICAN NOVELIST &  
NOBEL PRIZE RECIPIENT  
1915-2005*





Live life to the fullest. You have to color outside the lines once in a while if you want to make your life a masterpiece. Laugh some everyday, keep growing, keep dreaming, keep following your heart. The important thing is not to stop questioning.

*ALBERT EINSTEIN*  
*GERMAN-SWISS AMERICAN SCIENTIST*  
*1879-1955*



New artists must break a  
hole in the subconscious and  
go fishing there.

ROBERT BEVERLY HALE  
ARTIST & CURATOR  
1901-1985







It is with the oft reading books the same as with looking at pictures; one must, without doubt, without hesitations, with assurance, admire what is beautiful.

VINCENT VAN GOGH  
DUTCH PAINTER  
1853-1890

There is only one success –  
to be able to spend your own life in your own way.

CHRISTOPHER MORLEY  
AMERICAN JOURNALIST, NOVELIST, ESSAYIST AND POET  
1890-1957





Nothing is more public than an  
expression of a private feeling frozen for  
all time in a photograph.

*DR. ROBERT U. AKERET*  
*PSYCHOANALYST & AUTHOR*  
*1928-*







Music is nothing else but wild sounds civilized into time and tune.

*THOMAS FULLER, ENGLISH PHYSICIAN & WRITER, 1654-1734*





The function of art is to disturb. Science reassures.

*GEORGE BRAQUE  
FRENCH PAINTER  
1882-1963*



I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.

ALBERT EISTEIN  
GERMAN-SWISS AMERICAN SCIENTIST  
1879-1955





Every child is an artist.  
The problem is how to remain an artist  
once grown up.

*PABLO PICASSO*  
*SPANISH PAINTER & SCULPTOR*  
*1881-1973*





What garlic is to salad,  
insanity is to art.

*AUGUSTUS SAINT-GAUDENS  
AMERICAN SCULPTOR  
1882-1907*

**I**t is art that makes  
life, makes interest,  
makes importance  
...and I know of no  
substitute for the  
force and beauty of  
its process.

*HENRY JAMES  
AMERICAN AUTHOR  
1842-1910*







**I**t is chiefly through books  
that we enjoy intercourse with superior minds.

*ANTONIE DE SAINT-EXAPE'RY, FRENCH NOVELIST & ESSAYIST, 1900-1944*

A work of  
art is above all  
an adventure  
of the mind.

*EUGENE IONESCO  
ROMANIAN PLAYWRITE  
& NOVELIST  
1912-1994*



Creativity is  
allowing yourself  
to make mistakes.  
Art is knowing  
which ones to keep.

SCOTT ADAMS  
CARTOONIST  
1957-





*The hand is the cutting edge of the mind.*

JACOB BRONOWSKI  
ENGLISH SCIENTIST &  
MATHEMATICIAN  
1908-1974





The canvas upon which the artist  
paints is the spectator's mind.

*KAKUZO OKAKURA  
SCHOLAR & ART CRITIC  
1863-1919*

Nobody cares if you can't  
dance well, just **GET UP AND DANCE.**

*DAVE BARRY*  
*AMERICAN COLUMNIST*  
*1947-*





Life beats  
down and  
crushes the  
soul and art  
reminds you  
that you  
have one. Bliss.

STELLA ADLER  
ACTRESS  
1901-1992



Anyone who keeps the ability to see never grows old.

FRANZ KAFKA  
GERMAN NOVELIST &  
PLAYWRIGHT  
1884-1924





Life is a great big canvas,  
and you should throw all  
the paint on it you can.

*DANNY KAYE  
AMERICAN ACTOR  
1913-1987*





I hate flowers – I paint them because they're cheaper than models and they don't move.

*GEORGIA O'KEEFFE  
AMERICAN ARTIST  
1887-1986*



I perhaps owe having become a painter to flowers.

*CLAUDE MONET  
FRENCH PAINTER  
1840-1926*

Painting  
needs to be more  
than meets the eye, it  
needs to be a parable and  
layered with meaning.

*TRENT TATE*  
*AMERICAN PAINTER*  
*1969-*







When bankers get together  
for dinner, they discuss art.  
When artists get together for  
dinner they discuss money

OSCAR WILDE  
IRISH BORN-ENGLISH AUTHOR  
1854-1900



*Sex is more exciting on the screen and between the pages  
than between the sheets.*

ANDY WARHOL  
AMERICAN ARTIST  
1928-1987



In art, the hand can never  
execute anything higher than  
the heart can imagine.

*RALPH WALDO EMERSON*  
*AMERICAN ESSAYIST*  
*1803-1882*





**A**bstract is exciting, just like  
dreaming. It all depends on what  
kind of day it is or what kind of  
light comes through your studio.

DAVID JOHNS  
PAINTER





To me, art is not what an apple  
looks like but what it tastes like.

*DAN MCGAW*  
*AMERICAN PAINTER*  
*1942-*



You can look at a painting for a whole week and then never think about it again. You can also look at a painting for a second and think about it for the rest of your life.

*JOAN MIRÓ*  
*SPANISH PAINTER*  
*1893-1983*



It's a mystery to me what might  
jump off the end of a brush and  
exactly why.

*GLEN STROCK*  
*AMERICAN PAINTER*





Art is the sex of the imagination

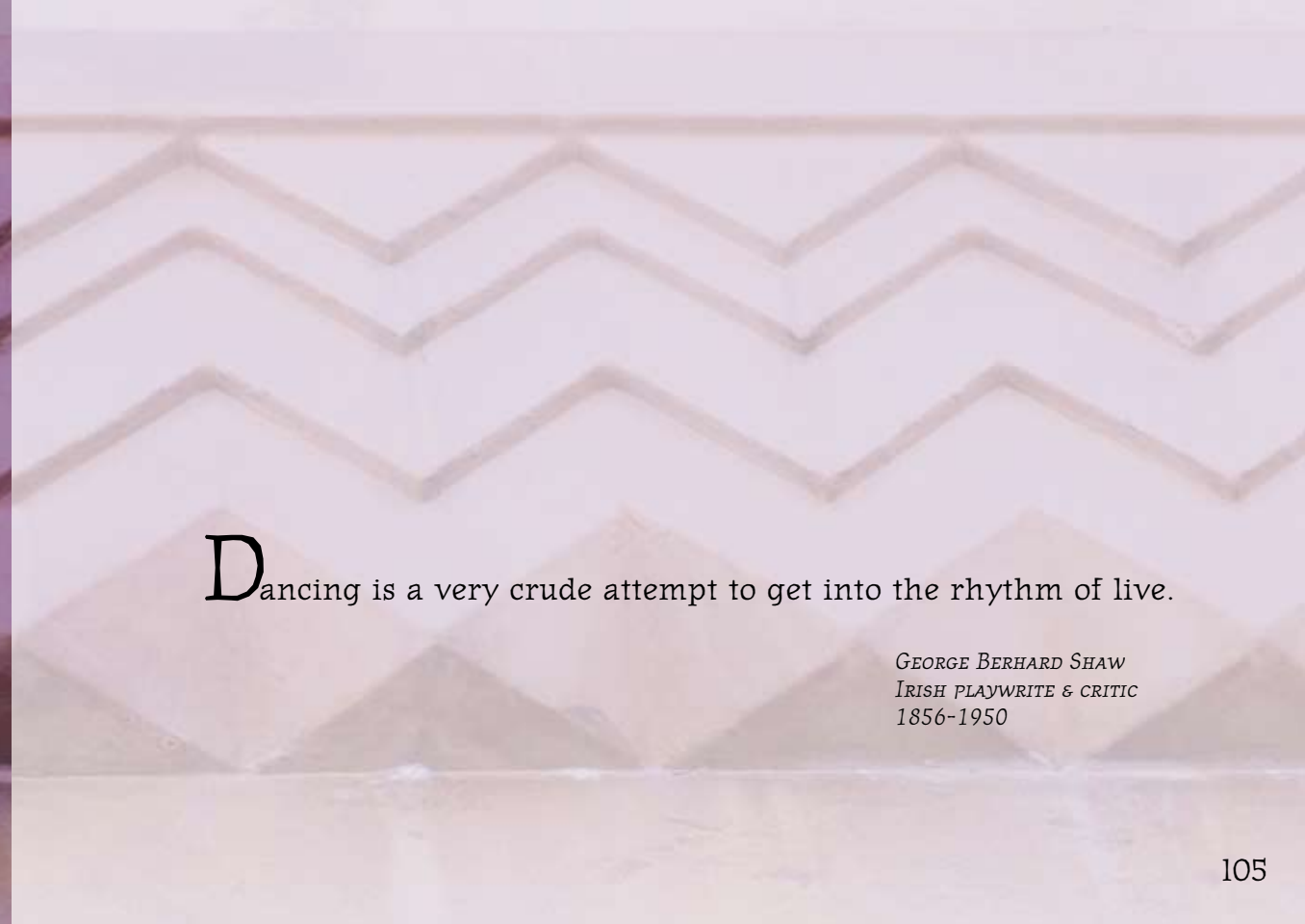
GEORGE JEAN NATHAN  
AMERICAN CRITIC  
1882-1958





The doctor can bury his mistakes,  
but an architect can only advise his  
client to plant vines.

*FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT*  
*AMERICAN ARCHITECT*  
1869-1959



Dancing is a very crude attempt to get into the rhythm of live.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW  
IRISH PLAYWRITE & CRITIC  
1856-1950





You don't take a photograph, you make it.

ANSEL ADAMS  
AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHER  
1902-1984

Time is meaningless in the face of creativity.

*BILL OWEN  
AMERICAN ARTIST  
1942-*







If art is the  
bridge between  
what you see  
in your mind  
and what the  
world sees,  
then skill is  
how you build  
that bridge

*TWYLA THARP*  
AMERICAN DANCER AND  
CHORIOGRAPHER  
1942-



A  
rock pile  
ceases to be  
a rock pile the  
moment a single  
man contemplates  
it, bearing with him  
the image of a cathedral.

*ANTONIE DE SAINT-EXAUPÉRY, FRENCH NOVELIST & ESSAYIST, 1900-1944*







When in doubt, make a fool of yourself. There is a microscopically thin line between being brilliantly creative and acting like the most gigantic idiot on earth. So what the hell, leap.

CYNTHIA HEIMEL  
AMERICAN AUTHOR





Just as our eyes need light in order to see,  
our minds need ideas in order to create.

*NICOLE MALEBRANCHE*



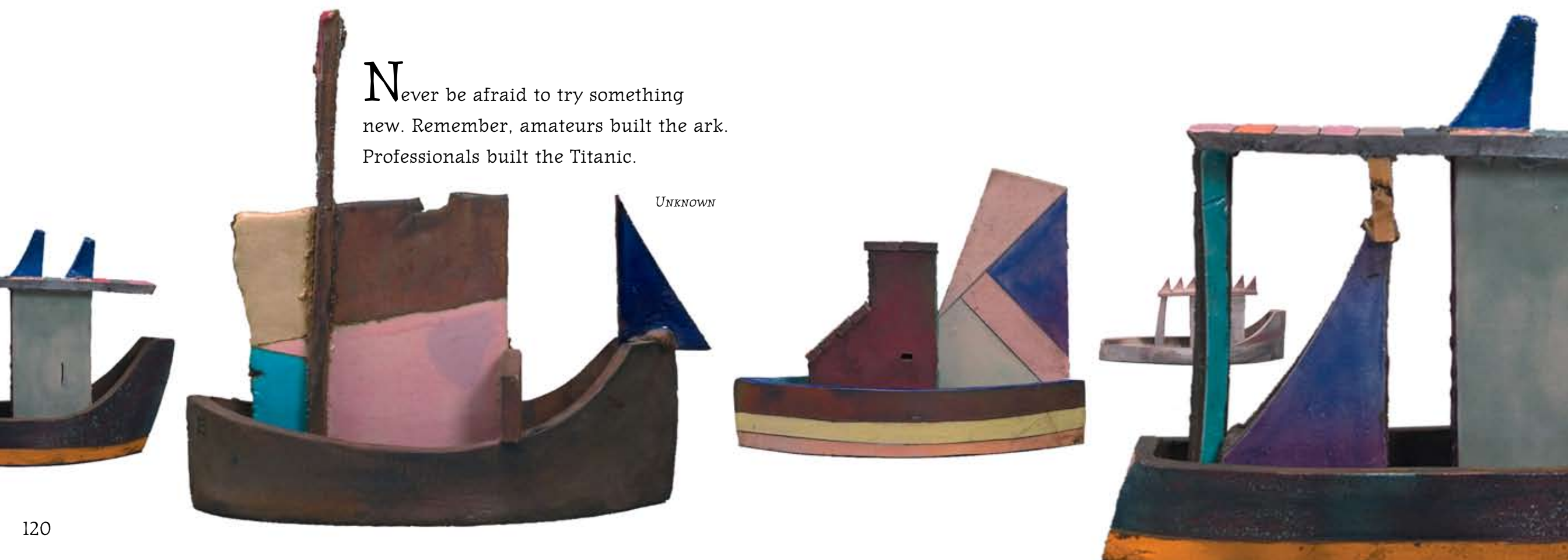
Without art,  
the crudeness of reality would  
make the world unbearable.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW, ENGLISH PLAYWRIGHT, 1856-1950



Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the ark. Professionals built the Titanic.

*UNKNOWN*



An artist is not paid for  
his labor but for his vision.

*JAMES McNEAL WHISTLER*  
ARTIST  
1834-1903





The creative act  
is a letting down of  
the net of human  
imagination into  
the ocean of chaos  
on which we are  
suspended, and the  
attempt to bring out  
of it ideas.

TERENCE MCKENNA  
WRITER  
1946-2000





For me  
photography is  
just another  
way of keeping  
a diary.

*GENE SASSE, PHOTOGRAPHER, 1951-*

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