

# The Umayyads: The Rise of Islamic Art in the Mediterranean

The Umayyads were a powerful Islamic dynasty that ruled over a vast empire that stretched from Spain to India. During their reign, the Umayyads commissioned some of the most impressive works of Islamic art ever created. These works of art reflect the Umayyads' wealth, power, and cultural sophistication.



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One of the most famous examples of Umayyad art is the Great Mosque of Damascus. This magnificent building was built in the 8th century AD and is considered to be one of the most important examples of Islamic architecture. The mosque is decorated with intricate mosaics, marble columns, and gold leaf. It is a truly awe-inspiring sight.

The Umayyads also commissioned many other impressive works of art, including palaces, baths, and fountains. These works of art were often decorated with geometric patterns, floral motifs, and calligraphic

inscriptions. The Umayyads also patronized the arts of poetry, music, and literature.

The Umayyads' patronage of the arts helped to create a flourishing cultural environment in the Mediterranean. Islamic art became a major influence on Western art, and many of the Umayyads' artistic innovations are still used today.

The Umayyads: The Rise of Islamic Art in the Mediterranean is a comprehensive and beautifully illustrated book that explores the development of Islamic art under the Umayyad dynasty. The book features over 200 images, including many that have never been published before, and provides a detailed overview of the Umayyads' architectural, artistic, and cultural achievements.

This book is a must-read for anyone interested in Islamic art, the Umayyads, or the history of the Mediterranean region.

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"The Umayyads: The Rise of Islamic Art in the Mediterranean is a groundbreaking work that sheds new light on the Umayyad dynasty and its contributions to the development of Islamic art. This book is a major contribution to the field of Islamic art history." - The Journal of the American Oriental Society



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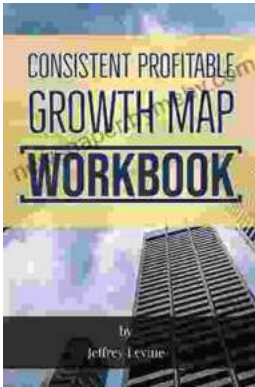
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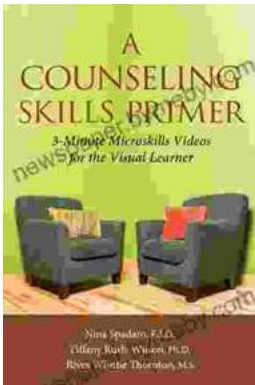
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