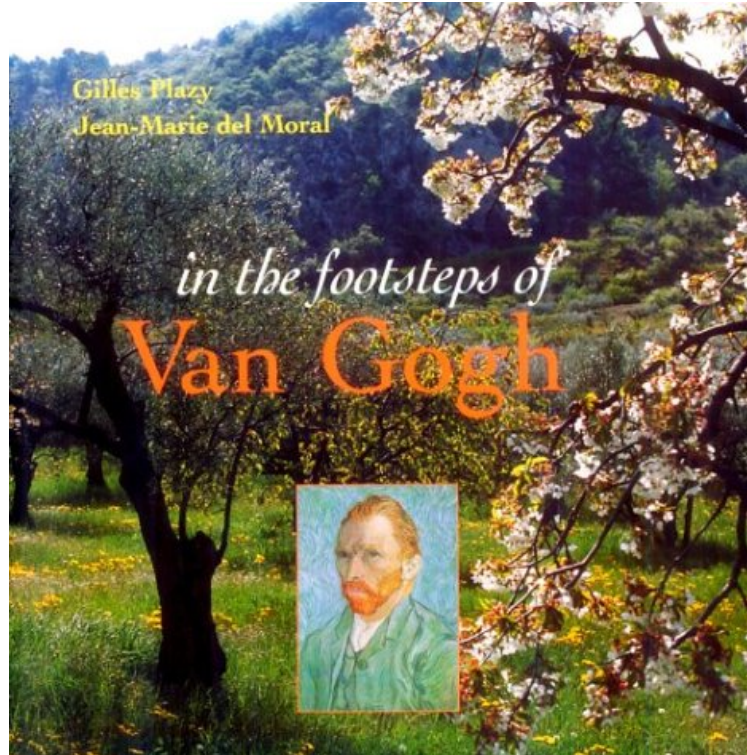


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Gilles Plazy : In the Footsteps of Van Gogh (Penguin Studio Books) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised In the Footsteps of Van Gogh (Penguin Studio Books):

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By Jessica Greene
I've always wanted to take a tour of the important places in Vincent Van Gogh's life and write a book about it. This book does that to some degree...it is written as a biography that highlights the locations where Van Gogh lived and worked and includes a short travel guide in the back. I would have preferred a travel guide/essay that focuses more on the places. For example, there's no map in this book! To me, that is a major oversight. The writing is not spectacular, and there are better biographies of Van Gogh out there, not to mention his letters. Still, I like the idea, and there are some nice photos and a few suggestions of places to go. I would have preferred a different structure to the book, with the travel information integrated into the book, and more emphasis on descriptions of specific places.
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This is a lovely book with a great deal of information about Van Gogh. I have been studying him and appreciate the context of this book.
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By L. Schultz
After owning the book for five years I find myself more and more wanting to retrace Van Gogh's footsteps and attempt to capture my own view of the world he saw. I don't even pretend to think I could evoke the same emotions that his work does. But this book has helped give me the inspiration.

People are captivated by Vincent van Gogh and his art--the intense colors and passionate brush strokes that characterize his paintings and the extreme emotions that controlled his life. Combining biography, art, and travel, *In the Footsteps of van Gogh* focuses on the landscapes and towns that were immortalized in the paintings of this remarkable artist. In addition to Provence, the book takes us to Holland where van Gogh was born and first began his artistic career, and to Paris, where he lived for a short time. This guided tour of the artist's life, travels, and art is wonderfully revealed in the 140 color illustrations that capture the spirit and scenery of these fascinating regions immortalized by van Gogh. Captions throughout include excerpts from the famous letters to Theo, van Gogh's brother. There are also names and addresses of hotels and restaurants in Provence, Holland, and Paris for those who wish to leave their armchairs and seek out the land that inspired this great artist's work. Here is the perfect book for van Gogh enthusiasts, art lovers, and those who love the beauty of Holland and France.

From *Library Journal* This combined biography/travelog chronicles the life and work of Vincent Van Gogh, "the most famous and best-loved of all painters," according to the author. Beautiful illustrations include color reproductions of some of the artist's paintings and photographs of buildings and scenery from his famous haunts such as Auvers-sur-Oise, Arles, and Paris. Many photographs are accompanied by passages from Van Gogh's letters, but it is irksome that the actual locations or subjects of some photographs are not more clearly identified. The travelog portion ("Small Tourist Guide") describes things to see, hotels, and restaurants in Auvers, Arles, Saint-Remy, Paris, Amsterdam, Borinage, The Hague, Nuenen, and Zundert. But colorful travel guides abound, and most readers will be better served, instead, by other biographies such as Bernard Denvir's *Vincent: A Complete Portrait* (Running Pr., 1994), or David Sweetman's *Van Gogh: His Life and His Art* (LJ 7/90). For browsing collections and gift shops. P. Steven Thomas, Central Michigan Univ. Lib., Mt. Pleasant Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. From *Kirkus sPlazy*, an art critic, and del Moral, a photographer, have quite laterally done what the title of their book suggests, retracing the movements of the restless, often tormented Vincent van Gogh. The description of his travels and of his fretful though productive life is terse and vivid. The photographs, of some of the French landscapes still in existence that van Gogh saw and painted, of the remnants of the past still to be found in the towns in which he lived, and of the remaining houses in which he or family members lived, are generally of unusual interest. There are also apt juxtapositions of (often less-well-known) paintings by van Gogh with relevant photographs. Those who find van Gogh's life and work particularly engrossing will find the book revealing and, given the tragedies surrounding the artist, rather moving. -- Copyright ©1998, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. Language Notes Text: English (translation) Original Language: French