

Mughal Paintings, Art and Stories: The Cleveland Museum of Art

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The mighty Persian warrior Rustam; the Israelite prophets Joseph, Moses, and Elijah; the Christian Messiah; the Mughal emperors Babur, Humayun, and Akbar; and the women of the harem; Mughal paintings tell the stories of these figures from epic poetry, holy texts, and the real-life history of the Mughals, one of the greatest empires of the early modern period. Captured in this unique art form, Mughal paintings blend Persian and Indian themes and styles, along with Central Asian and European elements. The results are works of great beauty: intense, delicate, detailed, luxurious, and unique. This, the third volume in a series dedicated to the Cleveland Museum's light-sensitive treasures, casts new light on these stunning paintings—splendid works of wisdom and delight. The provenance, publication history, and technical information of each manuscript painting is also accompanied by full transcriptions of Persian and Arabic calligraphy.

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