Chihuly: 365 Days by Dale Chihuly

Hoorah For Chihuly!

Dale Chihuly is renowned as the most prolific living artist working in glass, with hugely popular exhibitions in major museums around the world. Chihuly: 365 Days is a richly illustrated photo survey of his entire four-decade career, with more than 500 pictures showing all facets of his work—from intimate smaller pieces to the tremendous outdoor installations that have thrilled millions of visitors. There are also personal photos of the artist; of “Team chihuly” at the Boathouse, his studio in Seattle, Washington; and of his marvelous drawings—all selected by the artist himself. Most of the photographs have never before been published.

Quotations from and about Chihuly, as well as descriptions of his various types of works and short texts on his most prominent series pieces, accompany the images. The captions also act as a chronology of his life and work.

My Personal Review:
For those who wish to know the thinking of how an artist thinks and works, then this novel book will reveal serveral hints. The book is nicely illustrated with his current work and thinking. Colleagues from the field also contribute to their knowledge of Chihuly as an artist and glass blower. Although his accident, resulting in the loss of an eye, impacted his ability to personally blow glass, he has replaced it with his "Team Glass Blowing" from his European contacts. Along with his two dimensional investigative drawing/painting, it has allowed him to take the art of glass to the new heights. The book layout, with comments on the opposite page of the glass illustration keeps the information immediate to the images. The illustrations are rich and the color accurate. Excuse the pun, but the book will "blow you away"!

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