

## Alexander Calder and His Magic Mobiles



? In 95 illustrations Calder's mobiles are presented not just as studies of motion, but as vehicles for the artist's great playfulness and humor. Includes a guide to many of the Calder works that can be seen in museums and public spaces around the world. Alexander Calder is surely the most beloved artist of the twentieth century, as well as a major figure in the history of modern sculpture. Calder invented the mobile and the stabile; he was endlessly creative at making drawings, jewelry, toys, and household objects; his miniature circus, at the Whitney Museum of American Art, is treasured by children of all ages. Calder has been appreciated as much for his witty and playful personality as for his artistic achievement. Aspects of both the man and the work are captured in this beautifully produced book created to be especially accessible for young readers. Alexander Calder and His Magical Mobiles tells the story of Calder's life and career, and relates, often in the artist's own words, his working methods and his own feelings about his art. The publication presents a treasury of favorite works by Calder, as well as fascinating photographs of the artist in his studio. There is also a sequence of photographs that can be flipped to show a mobile in motion. Jean Lipman, was the editor of Art in America magazine for thirty years, then Editor of Publications at the Whitney Museum of American Art.

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