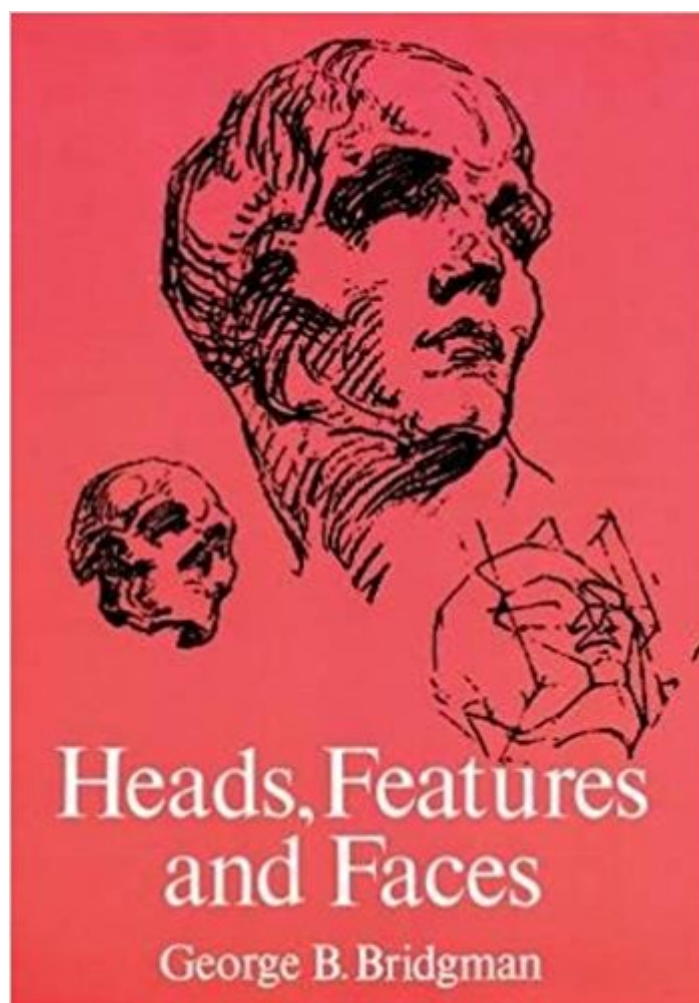


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## Synopsis

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Canadian artist George Brandt Bridgman (1865–1943) studied at the *École des Beaux Arts* in Paris and taught at New York City's Art Students League. Generations of students have learned the principles of anatomy and figure drawing from his books, which rank among Dover's most popular art instruction texts.

Great book for getting better at sketching and understanding structure. It is a constant reference.

This book is just like a professor's lecture put to print. There is very little context to work with which I find surprising because most of the Dover for Artist Series book are quite good.

One of the classics.. excellent.. forever relevant and helpful for the new and seasoned artist.

I recommend the book if you like very detailed anatomy drawings.

For the price of this book, it is definitely worth it. I personally learned a lot from the book and became better at not only drawing but understanding the human head. I would recommend this book to anyone looking to become a better artist.

This was a bit of a disappointment, the detail in the images is let down by the printing quality. Perhaps there are better editions out there.

Plenty of examples and the text is understandable.

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