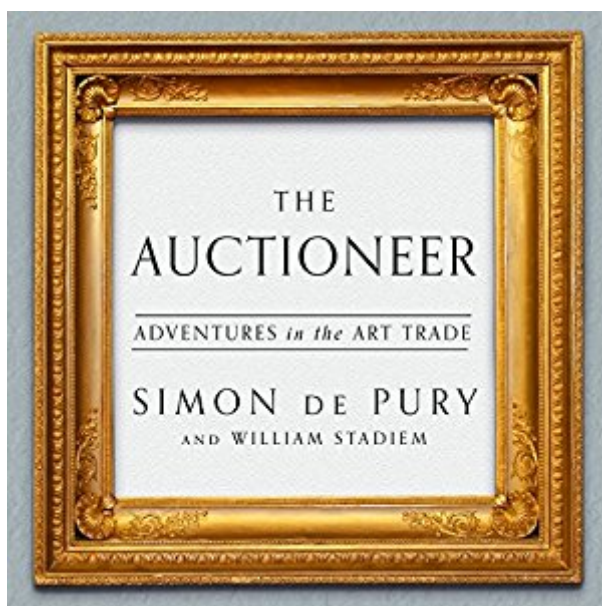


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# Auctioneer: Adventures In The Art Trade



## Synopsis

Just as William Goldman, the ultimate screenwriter, took us inside Hollywood, Simon de Pury, the ultimate art player, will take us inside an even more secretive business, whose staggering prices, famous collectors, and high crimes are front-page news almost every day. The former chairman of Sotheby's Europe, the former owner of Sotheby's rival Phillips de Pury, and currently a London-based dealer and advisor to great collectors around the world, Simon has one of the highest profiles of any nonartist in the art world. Even though he has an ancient title and the aura of an elegant Swiss banker, Simon is famous as an iconoclast and is known as "The Mick Jagger of Auctions" for his showmanship and exuberance. His whole life in art has been devoted to bringing art to the public and to the juxtaposition of high and low. Movie stars, musicians, and athletes compete with hedge funders and billionaires for the great art, and Simon is their pied piper; he wants to turn the world to art, and this book will be his message.

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I really enjoyed the book. What an eye opener Simon de Pury seems sincere and principled, although the mechanics of the buying and selling of artwork, and the vast sums made by the sellers seem very unfair to the artist who creates the work and sees no royalties from sales. Could you cough up 1% buddies? Otherwise, informative, entertaining (if somewhat depressing) look at the marketing of art.

The book is a wonderful story of the underbelly of the artworld and of the rich and famous we have

all been privy to read about throughout the years. Loved the wonderful way Simon de Pury allows the reader to learn about his private life as well. A very good read!

Yes like the detail and felt I learned a lot.

Interesting insight into the art auction world. Since I'm old, I recognize many of the names he inserts in his narrative.

A man who knows his craft telling his circuit in the art world as an auctioneer. Well written and informative.

Fascinating autobiography if you love art , interesting personalities and non-fiction.

Fascinating glimpse into a most interesting life.

Very informative re inside of the auction and art business

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