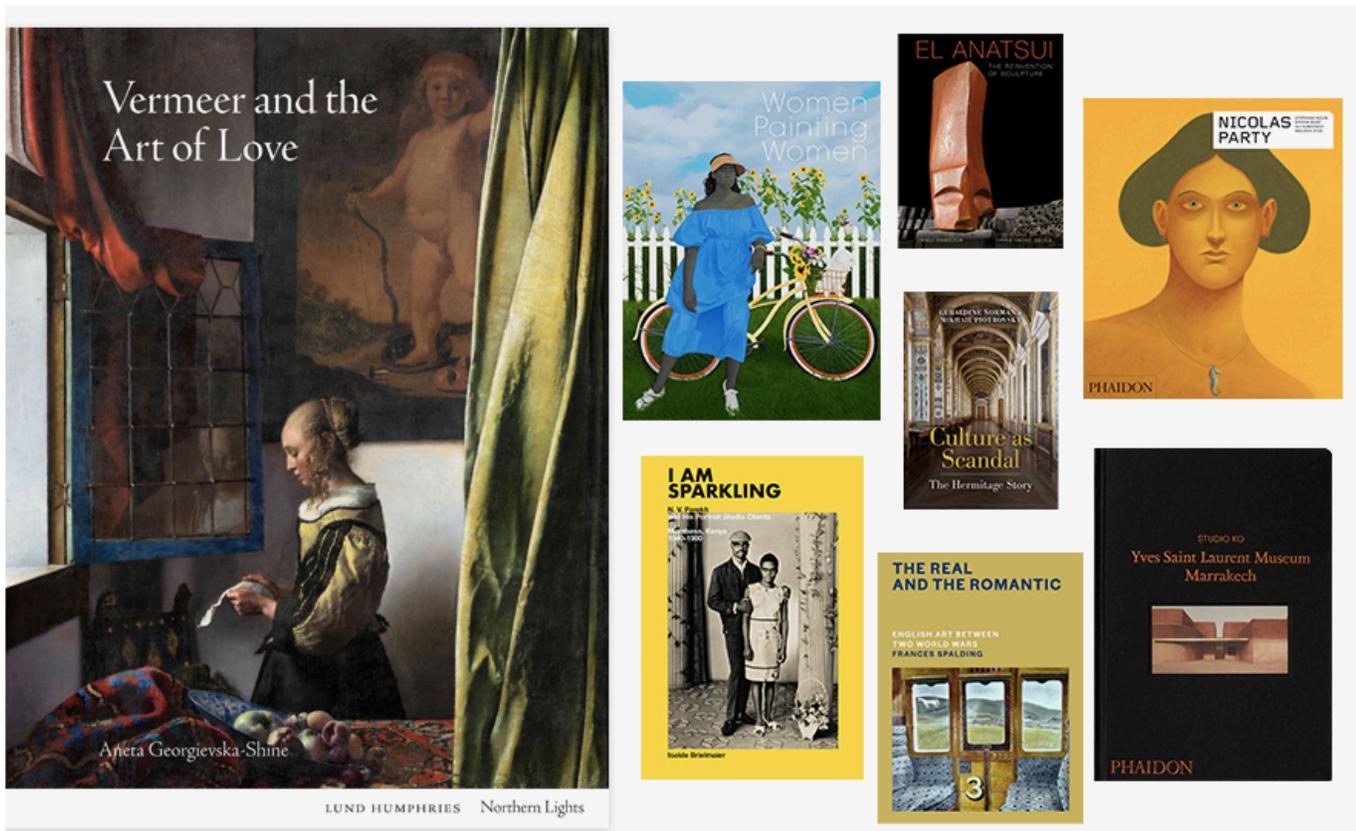


# What to read in 2022: the best new art books to look out for

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From Beeple to Vermeer, YSL to Van Gogh — our pick of the most compelling titles coming out this year

## Women Painting Women

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A book that punches well above its weight, *Women Painting Women* is a study of how some 50 female artists have depicted the female form over the past 60 years. While the reach is international, the geographical expanses are not wide enough to hide commonalities — all the artists are galvanised by feminism and body politics.



The book begins in the 1960s with the trailblazing African-American artists Faith Ringgold and the late Emma Amos — two artists who took on the white male patriarchy and created portraits that raised issues of race and gender. Also featured is Joan Semmel, a painter who swapped abstraction for figuration in the 1970s to challenge the way women are portrayed in the pornography industry.

Among the more recent artists to be included is the emerging French painter Apolonia Sokol, who has been vocal about her use of portraiture as a way of confronting marginalisation in society.

The book is published in association with the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, where an exhibition of the same name opens in May.