The Changing World Religion Map Painting Culture tells the complex story of how, over the past three decades, the acrylic "dot" paintings of central Australia were transformed into a massive social movement. The book explains how, away from the dot art, eagerly sought by upmarket galleries and collectors. Since the early 1970s, Fred Myers has studied—often as a participant-observer—the Pintupi, one of several Aboriginal groups who paint the famous acrylic works. Describing their paintings and the complicated cultural issues they raise, Myers looks at how the paintings represent Aboriginal people and their culture and how their translation is exchanged into transcultural values. He tracks the way these paintings become high art as they move away from the communities of the world of dealers, museums, and art critics. At the same time, he shows how the change in the status of the acrylic paintings is directly related to the initiative of the painters themselves and their hopes for greater levels of recognition. Painting Culture describes in detail the actual practice of painting, including how such a focus is necessary to engage directly with the role of the art in the lives of contemporary Aboriginals. The book includes a unique local art history, a study of the complete corpus of two painters over a two-year period. It also explores the awkward local issues around the valuation and sale of the acrylic paintings, traces the shifting approaches of the Australian government and key organizations such as the Aboriginal Arts Board to the promotion of the work, and describes the early and subsequent phases of the works' inclusion in major Australian and international exhibitions. Myers provides an account of some of the events related to these exhibits, not least the notable Australia's 1988 "Down Under" show in New York, which was so pivotal in bringing the work to North American notice. He also traces the approaches and concerns of dealers, ranging from semi-tourist outlets in Alice Springs to more prestigious venues in Sydney and Melbourne. With its innovative approach to the transnational circulation of culture, this book will appeal to art historians, as well as those in cultural anthropology, cultural studies, museum studies, and performance studies.

Iceland, Defrosted Can we see into the future to tell if we are going to be happy or rich? What does fate have in store for us? These are the kinds of questions that come up when most people think of divination, making it seem like more fortune-telling than plain superstition. However, divination provides insight and guidance to help a person create the future. It is a way of contacting part of the human mind that resides in the unconscious, providing greater perspective and access to psychic abilities. Astrology and Divination is an overview of the history and forms of divination that have existed in human culture around the world since prehistoric times. Through divination and psychical science, including Tarot, astrology, palmistry, and other body readings, the I-Ching, and other oracular methods. Chapters: Confronting the Divine, Omens, Astrology, Divination Games and The Tarot.

Mystical Origins of the Tarot St. Peter grants Michelangelo a vacation request, allowing him to travel to the twentieth century to view art. Not only does Michelangelo want to see what artists have been creating after his death but he also desires confirmation that his own work is remembered. As Michelangelo roams about New York City he meets a variety of people who attempt to help him make sense of modern sculpture, painting and architecture. Michelangelo compares everything he sees to specific works he created throughout his career. When he finally meets Vinnie, a tough city boy, who agrees to help with his journey. Trying to convince contemporary society what 'real art' is becoming infuriating for Michelangelo as he holds amusing discussions about enlarged, abstract geometric shapes, gigantic statues rising out of the river, graffiti, tattoos, and more which he vehemently contends cannot be art. His conversations reflect his historical interactions with political figures who commissioned art, his family and other noteworthy artists. Time is running out as St. Peter has allowed Michelangelo to spend only three weeks in the twentieth century. Michelangelo's frustration mounts as he struggles to comprehend the modern world and educate people on the art of the past.

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