



Livre de Croquis de Gabriel de Saint-Aubin Peintre, 1760-1778

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- This is the first complete reproduction of Saint-Aubin's sketchbook
- A quasi-facsimile reproduction (same size) of beautiful drawings at an affordable price, accompanied by thorough commentaries
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Gabriel de Saint-Aubin (Paris, 1724-1780) was “never seen without a pencil in his hand, intent in sketching all that appeared in front of his eyes.” His *Livre de Croquis* (sketchbook) is a veritable chronicle of Parisian life in the 18th century. Compiled between 1760 and 1778 it contains views of the streets and monuments of the ville lumière, scenes at the theatre or of a grand ball, portraits of young workers writing, sewing or playing an instrument. Saint-Aubin's minute annotations are deciphered and explained in the commentary volume. The sketchbook, acquired from the heirs of Saint-Aubin, was guarded jealously in a private collection – and was, therefore, almost unknown – until 1941 when it was acquired by the Louvre. It has never before been reproduced in its entirety. Contents: Vol. 1: Reproduction (same size) of the Louvre's album containing the drawings; Vol. 2, Commentary: Introduction: Across Paris accompanied by Gabriel de Saint-Aubin; Description of the sketchbook; Bibliography. Text in French. Also available: *Eugène Delacroix Carnet “des Pyrénées”*, 1845 ISBN 97888987737858

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