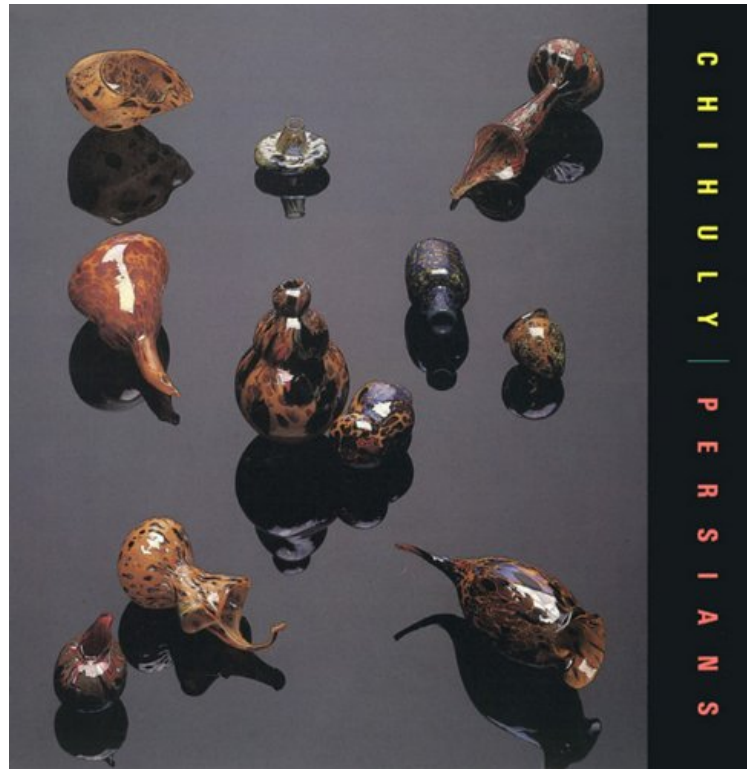


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0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Love ChihulyBy Cynthia JohnsonI love everything Chihuly9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Includes DVDBy Ursula K. RaphaelI am lucky enough to live very close to Frederick Meijer Gardens Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The past few months, I have visited the Gardens numerous times to view "Chihuly at Frederick Meijer Gardens Sculpture Park: A New Eden." After viewing Chihuly's breathtaking artwork, I wanted to know more about the artist.Dave Chihuly, a native of Tacoma, Washington, was born in 1941, and was first introduced in glass while studying interior design at the University of Washington. He continued his studies at the Rhode Island School of Design; he later established the glass program, which he taught for more than a decade. Chihuly went on to study in Venice, learning the team approach of glass blowing. When he returned to Washington State, he founded the Pilchuck Glass School. Chihuly has been awarded eight honorary doctorates and two fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts. For three decades, the artist has been exhibited in more than two hundred museum collections worldwide.I also discovered that Chihuly has an art book series available, featuring his unique collections. Thanks to Jamie Daniels at Portland Press, I was given three of the ten books to review: Chihuly Cylinders, Chihuly Persians, and Chihuly Mille Fiori. I was thrilled to see some of the same sculptures at the Meijer Gardens' exhibit featured in the books. The Persians (one of my favorite series) have tremendous color variations perfectly blended into the glass. Each volume begins with a history of the artist and the

specific glass sculpture series, including the creation and installation of these collections. The beautiful photographs show the exquisite details of these forms, as well as glimpses into the conception and design by the artist, and the formation of each by his team. There is a detailed timeline in the back of each book, and placed into the inside of the front cover of each is a 15-minute DVD that includes interviews with Dale Chihuly himself. The boxed set will be released in Fall 2010.

Dale Chihuly is arguably the best known glass artist in the world. Each title in the 'Chihuly Mini Book' series takes readers on a visual tour of Chihuly's work, exploring what makes each of his genres unique.