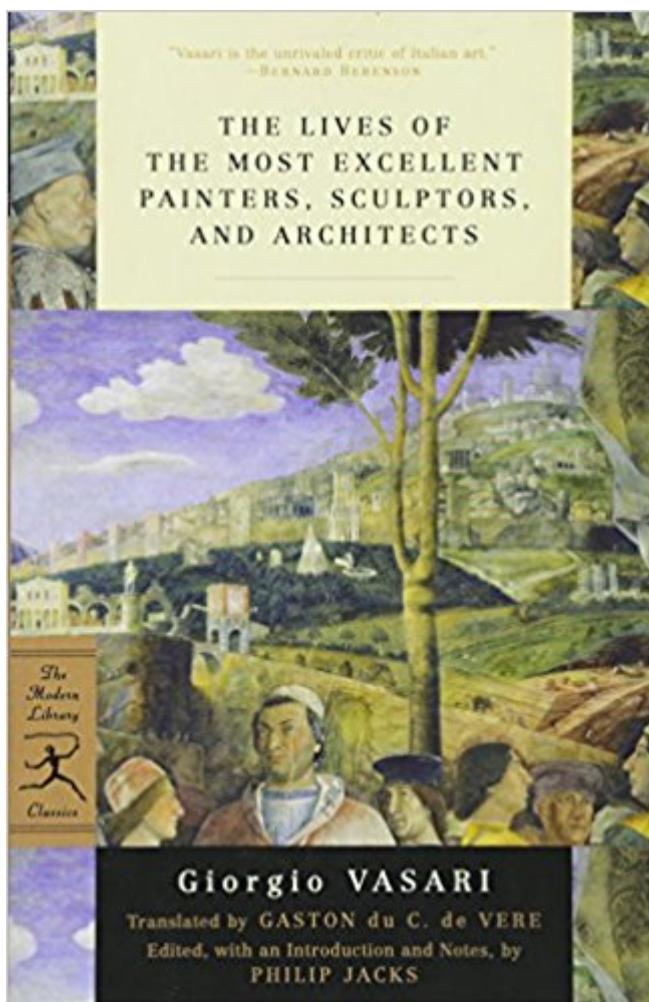


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Philip Jacks, a leading scholar of the Italian Renaissance, is Associate Professor of Fine Arts and Art History at George Washington University and the author of several books. He also edited Vasari's *Florence: Artists and Literati at the Medicean Court*.

This has to be one of the cutest books of all time, provided you love the Renaissance. I try to imagine Vasari speaking some of the lines sometimes and it makes me wonder when the man would have stopped to take a breath. He did take some liberties with some of his stories, as he did not know all of his subjects and got some of the stories second and third hand. But I think this little book is priceless. If you are a Renaissance nut like me, you will love it too.

Not for everybody but is actually a piece of history. Mine is an older book looking at the color of the pages but the condition was good. I am thrilled to have it in my library

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