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Moving Toward the Light: Joseph Raffael (Hardback)

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ACC Art Books, United Kingdom, 2020. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 273 x 273 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Extraordinary in scale, infinitesimal in detail, and sumptuous in colour, the paintings of master watercolourist Joseph Raffael plumb the depths of nature's beauty. Eighty-eight works of deep reflection, awe, and joy selected for this volume were created in his home and garden in Cap D Antibes, France, overlooking the sparkling Mediterranean Sea. Raffael's radiant vision of the natural world, including flowers, fish and water, has garnered critical praise throughout his long career. Despite their iconic serenity when seen from a distance, wrote art critic Robert Hughes, Raffael's paintings disclose a bejewelled profusion of incident close up, concluding that the artist's colour-drenched canvases display a tender virtuosity without parallel in other American figurative painting today. It might be said that water, a symbol of life and constant change, is both Raffael's muse and teacher. The artist becomes its conduit as his colour-saturated brush glides along the surface of the white paper. Watercolours have a mind of their own. I just need to show up and be present, he tells Betsy Dillard Stroud in her interview with the...



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