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Behind Frida Kahlo's portraits, lies the story of both her life and work. It is precisely this combination that draws the reader in. Frida's work is a record of her life, and rarely can we learn so much about an artist from what she records inside the picture frame. Frida Kahlo truly is Mexico's gift to the history of art. She was just eighteen years old when a terrible bus accident changed her life forever, leaving her handicapped and burdened with constant physical pain. But her explosive character, raw determination and hard work helped to shape her artistic talent. And although he was an obsessive womanizer, the great painter Diego Rivera was by her side. She won him over with her charm, talent and intelligence, and Kahlo learnt to lean on the success of her companion in order to explore the world, thus creating her own legacy whilst finding herself surrounded by a close-knit group of friends. Her personal life was turbulent, as she frequently left her relationship with Diego to one side whilst she cultivated her own bisexual relationships. Despite this, Frida and Diego managed to save their frayed relationship. The story and the paintings that Frida left us display a courageous account of a woman constantly on a search of self discovery.

## **Kahlo Details**

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## From Reader Review Kahlo for online ebook

### Cavan?ir Gadimov says

Frida Kahlo popüler kültür ikonlar?ndan biridir. Ancak ya?am?n? ve eserlerini pek bilmezdim. Bu kitap özellikle ya?am?n? ö?renmem aç?s?ndan faydal? oldu. Çekti?i ac?lar, evlili?i ve ili?kileri olmak üzere çok al???lm??n d???ndan bir ya?am? olan ve surrealist resimleri ile de dikkat çeken bir ressam ve kad?n. Ayr?nt?lar: <http://kitapokurum.blogspot.com/2018/...>

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### Mallory says

I decided to look up Frida for my thesis, and I ended up enjoying her paintings. Hope she becomes my new art hero. :)

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### Bev says

Souter paints a timeline picture of Frida's life as depicted in her paintings, and does it well.

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### Zoila says

This was a great introduction to Frida's works and the book did a good job on having people look about a specific paintings other than the most famous ones.

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### Tricia says

Such a sad and lonely life. I just pulled this off the library shelf one day as I was looking for books with pictures since reading is a challenge. it is a short book but took me a while to get through. I gave it 4 stars primarily for the type of book it is. The story is the biography of the artist with a painting of hers on each page. If this was a style of all books about artists I would know a lot more about them.

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### jo-booksy says

Jag läste Läsförlagets översättning (utgiven av Sirrocco UK, 2005) som kom ut 2006. Bra sammanfattning av Frida Kahlos liv och gärning (bortsett från slarviga stavfel). Hade önskat en annan struktur med tydligare hänvisning till målningar som nämns i texten. Rekommenderas!

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### **Yesenia says**

Cuando vi que era un compendio de obras de Frida, por alguna razón pensé que sería una interpretación de cada pintura, pero en realidad es su biografía, pero siento que le faltó algo.

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### **Marnie says**

I enjoyed the book. I knew more of her history than the book had to offer, so I was left wanting more. She was an amazing woman and I don't believe most people know that. I only gave three stars because of lack of content.

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### **Melissa says**

I saw her exhibit at the art museum in Fort Lauderdale. Wish I would have read this first. She's interesting to me so I will read her actual diary next...and see if I can find the movie.

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### **Maria says**

It was an excellent recompilation of her art work, next to a clear biography.

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### **Clarissa Simmens says**

I gave this book 5 stars because it fulfilled all my requirements: affordable price, Kahlo's artwork and a minimalist biography that showed compassion for the artist. I have read wordier library biographies with large pictures but this is a perfect edition to keep inside my Kindle along with the complete works of Shakespeare, Virginia Woolf and my own modest literary contributions!

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### **Kun Zhang says**

A good collection of Frida's work just for reference. I like the precise choice of words that articulates both her masterpieces and her chaotic lifestyle.

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### **miakowsky says**

what a amazing book!

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## **Francisco says**

Biografía interesante y entretenida sobre la vida de Frida Kahlo.

Lo único que realmente no me gustó fue que el escritor describiera ciertos cuadros pintados por Frida y que enseguida colocara imágenes de pinturas que nada tenían que ver con la descripción dada anteriormente (aunque esas imágenes si estuvieran en el libro, decenas de páginas después).

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## **Sascha says**

This book left me in tears when I finished it. What an extraordinary woman Frida Kahlo was. What a future she had ahead of her; I couldn't help but wonder how she would have turned out if she didn't experience the accident. Would her art be just as striking? All I know for sure is that my respect for this incredibly ingenious woman has grown more and more. When you keep the backstory in mind, the paintings reveal a much deeper meaning. Wow.

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