

Jennifer Bartlett Rhapsody

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Roberta Smith : Jennifer Bartlett Rhapsody before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Jennifer Bartlett Rhapsody:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Puff from the DragonBy Hj BottThe usual puff by Smith for one of her coterie, as though she were the only one that could see and write. Gawd but she is pretentious. At least in book-form Smith is not scathing, destroying some artist that did not bow and scrape to her most powerful stature. How many Bartlett works do you figure her family and friends own? Great reproductions of a much over-rated work, though it is a very fine serial effort.

Shows and provides closeup glimpses of a work of art painted on seven rows of one hundred and forty-two enameled steel plates, and discusses its creation

From Library Journal ``Rhapsody" is Bartlett's multi-part, multi-theme epic, a statement of the coming of age of an artist. A portable mural extended over 987 one-foot steel plates requiring 153 running feet of wall space, it is an enormous and infrequently mastered challenge to install and exhibit. In 1985-86, however, it will be on view in Minneapolis, Kansas City, Brooklyn, La Jolla, and Pittsburgh, and well worth a trip. In book form it becomes more available, with Smith's guided tour through sections, with Bartlett's notes giving conceptual coherence, and the opportunity to move from close-up to long view by turning a page. ``Rhapsody" and this book afford a glimpse of a mind and art in action, a discovering and ordering process, an exciting demonstration of ways of growing and

expressing the self and the world. Highly recommended. Paula Frosch, Metropolitan Museum of Art Lib., New York
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