

Darger Resources: The Definitive Guide to the Life and Art of Henry Darger



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Henry Darger was one of the most unique and enigmatic artists of the 20th century. His vast body of work, which includes thousands of paintings, drawings, and collages, is a testament to his vivid imagination and outsider perspective.

Darger was born in 1892 in Chicago, Illinois. He was the youngest of seven children, and his family was very poor. Darger's father died when he was four years old, and his mother remarried a few years later. Darger's stepfather was abusive, and Darger often ran away from home to escape the violence.

In 1908, Darger was committed to the Illinois Asylum for Feeble-Minded Children. He was diagnosed with dementia praecox, a form of schizophrenia, and spent the next 15 years in the asylum.

While at the asylum, Darger began to develop his own unique artistic style. He used a variety of materials, including paper, cardboard, and fabric, to create his works. Darger's paintings and drawings are often filled with vibrant colors and intricate details. He also created a series of collages, which he called "The Story of the Vivian Girls, in What is known as the Realms of the Unreal, of the Glandeco-Angelinnian War Storm, Caused by the Child Slave Rebellion." This work is a sprawling epic that tells the story of seven young girls who are kidnapped by a group of evil men. The Vivian Girls are rescued by a group of angels, and they eventually defeat the evil men.

Darger's work was not discovered until after his death in 1973. His landlord, Nathan Lerner, found Darger's artwork in his apartment and contacted art critic Phyllis Kind. Kind recognized the importance of Darger's work, and she helped to organize a posthumous exhibition of his art. Darger's work has since been exhibited in museums and galleries around the world. He is now considered one of the most important outsider artists of the 20th century.

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There are a number of resources available for those who want to learn more about Henry Darger and his work.

- *Darger Resources* by Michael Moon is the definitive guide to Darger's life and art. This book includes a biography of Darger, as well as a detailed analysis of his work.
- *The Henry Darger Collection at the International Museum of Folk Art* is a collection of Darger's artwork that is housed at the International

Museum of Folk Art in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The museum has a website that provides information about Darger and his work.

- *The Henry Darger Society* is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to promoting the study and appreciation of Darger's work. The society has a website that provides information about Darger and his work, as well as a forum where people can discuss Darger's art.

Henry Darger was a unique and enigmatic artist who created a vast body of work that is both fascinating and disturbing. His work is a testament to his vivid imagination and outsider perspective. Darger's work is now recognized as one of the most important examples of outsider art in the 20th century.



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