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The Yellow House

A novel about Vincent van Gogh
by Jeroen Blokhuis

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The Yellow House paints a fictional picture of Vincent van Gogh's life between August 1888 and December 1889 when he lived in Arles in Southern France and where he created many of his masterpieces.

Jeroen Blokhuis tells the story from van Gogh's point of view, from inside his mind, providing a fresh and revealing look at how this intriguing painter worked.

At this point, Van Gogh has fled from the dark sombre Netherlands of his youth, from Paris, and even from his best friend and beloved brother Theo, in search of the light, the sun of the South. The yellow house in Place Lamartine becomes his refuge but what about his hope of setting up an atelier with other painters, of making friends, and having a sense of belonging?

Praise for The Yellow House

'Blokhuis has written in such an engaging and open manner, that you can't help but feel as if you are there beside van Gogh.' - *A Bookish Way of Life*

'An elegantly written, convincing novel that's as layered and multi-dimensional as a Van Gogh painting.' - Emma Lee

It's a story that will stay with you and enable you to see old favourite paintings in a new light.' – Catherine Edmunds in *Gold Dust*

Jeroen Blokhuis

Jeroen Blokhuis is a Dutch author and a Communications Advisor.

He has published short stories in literary magazines including *Passionate* and *KortVerhaal*.

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His debut novel, *Place Lamartine* was published in Dutch in September 2015.



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