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A Treasury of Modern Drawing: The Joan and Lester Avnet Collection. By William S. Lieberman. 120 pages; 84 illustrations. \$6.75 paperbound. Published by The Museum of Modern Art, New York.

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## A TREASURY OF MODERN DRAWING

The Museum of Modern Art will publish A Treasury of Modern Drawing: The Joan and Lester Avnet Collection by William S. Lieberman in conjunction with the opening of its major spring exhibition of the same name.

## THE JOAN AND LESTER AVNET COLLECTION

APRIL 28 TO JULY 4, 1978

The publication documents the complete Avnet collection which consists of 180 drawings by 100 American and European artists and is the largest and one of the most important bequests ever received by the Museum.

A Treasury of Modern Drawing includes a selection of 84 illustrations accompanied by a running text by William Lieberman, director of the exhibition and Director of the Department of Drawings. The 120-page text illuminates the intent of the artists, the circumstances of the works, and places the images in context in the art of this century. Dine, Dubuffet, Feininger, Léger, Lipchitz, Modigliani, and Picabia are among the artists covered.

The Joan and Lester Avnet Collection spans the first seven decades of this century, ranging from turn-of-the-century Symbolist drawings by Kupka and Delville to works by American, Australian, and British artists working in the late 1960s. The largest representation is from the School of Paris, beginning with five drawings by Picasso.

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