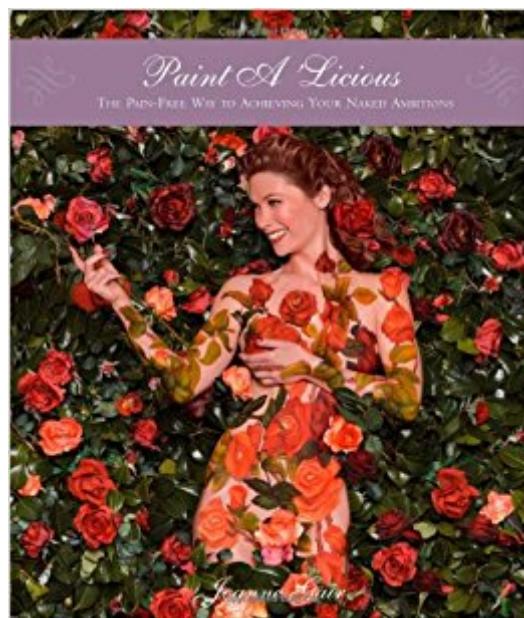


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# Paint A 'Licious: The Pain-Free Way To Achieving Your Naked Ambitions



## **Synopsis**

Welcome to the "Paint A'Licious Salon", where "dreams and fantasies come true with the simplicity of a brushstroke". Nothing is as it seems when renowned artist and photographer Joanne Gair embellishes, conceals, and camouflages her human subjects with paint. "Paint A 'Licious" will have everyone talking this season. We're all familiar with trompe l'oeil painting, art that fools the eye. Renowned body painter and artist Joanne Gair takes the art of trompe l'oeil to an entirely new level with "Paint A 'Licious". But instead of disguising walls or canvas, Gair completely redecorates her human subjects. In the fictional "Paint A'Licious" Salon, Gair invites us to experience our wildest dreams through paint. Washboard abs are achieved without sit-ups, and an hourglass figure requires no liposuction at this specialty salon. By painstakingly painting her subjects - a process that takes many hours - Gair blends them (nearly imperceptibly) into the background scene. You'll be scratching your head in amazement at the fantastic optical illusions Gair creates. A painted child "disappears" under the Christmas tree, barely discernible from the wrapped gifts. A naughty nurse in a uniform made only of paint arrives to cheer up a patient. And are those plaid biker shorts or just a tartan paint job under that Scotsman's kilt? "Paint A 'Licious" is the book everyone will want on their coffee tables.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Celebrity body painter Gair turns her talents to comic ends with this book of trompe l'oeil photographs. Until now, Gair, who is best known for the "birthday suit" she painted on Demi Moore

for Vanity Fair's August 1992 cover, has dedicated her talents to helping other people realize their artistic visions. She's done body painting for music videos by Madonna and Nine Inch Nails, for ad campaigns by Versace and Pirelli and for photo features in Playboy and Vogue. For this volume, however, Gair not only painted the bodies, she also wielded the camera and conceived the scenes. The result is exquisite body painting set into scenes of bawdy, almost adolescent humor. The images are organized around the idea that body painting can help people realize their fantasies. "It's a Stretch but You've Still Got It," for example, shows an old woman in a pink tutu doing the splits on a golden stage, with the help of an assistant painted to blend into the curtains. "No Sweat" shows an overweight woman happily leading an aerobics class—her body painted so that she appears 30 pounds slimmer. If you think such scenes are funny, you'll love the book. (Oct. 11) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Joanne Gair is a pioneering artist and image maker whose instantly recognisable work has graced the covers of international magazines, fashion campaigns, music videos and motion pictures.

This delightful collection presents dozens of painted works, all painted on the models' skin and clothing. Although the collection as a whole has a hit-or-miss quality about it, there are plenty of charming and witty hits. For example, the back cover shows the back of a kilted bag-piper, with his kilt akilter in a gust of wind. Underneath his tartan, we see the same plaid painted across his thighs and rear - so that's what's under the kilt! A piece titled "Feel Free" shows a prison cell with the prisoner camo-painted to blend in with the wall. "Young at Heart" is just one in a recurring theme. Not only has a bathing suit been painted onto an unsuited figure, but the edges of her fleshy form have been made up to match the background leaving a slimmer, sleeker figure drawn across only part of the model's actual width. My favorite, though might be "Santa Trap." A small boy waits up on Christmas Eve to see Santa come down the chimney. His skin is painted over in patterns of gift wrap and Christmas tree greenery, making his stakeout very nearly invisible. Not all of these pieces work as well as the best, but the collection as a whole is very enjoyable. It's cute and clever, but not all of the pieces worked for me. Nudity-shy readers might or might not be put off. Many of models are topless or bottomless, but it takes a very close look to see that they're painted rather than clothed. I honestly can't say whether this counts as nudity or not, but it does contribute a sly edge to a number of photos. No matter, it's all good fun. -- wiredweird

Really dated book with mostly corny advertisements, nothing all that sexy or glamorous or as

intricate and mind blowing as what occasionally makes it's rounds in viral social media pages nowadays. Still Joanne is one of the pioneers of this type of art so the work deserves respect.

This book is quite different to what I was expecting, but that's not bad in this case. In case you are looking for a more "sexy" or "erotic but elegant" type of nude photography, this book is not what you are looking for. Some of its pictures are indeed somewhat sexy, but that is by far not the main purpose of the book. This collection focuses on the art itself of body painting, with some emphasis on those where the body paint allows the individual to mimic the background. Very good!

OK, the nudity part was what made this book intriguing, but it isn't lewd. GREAT paint jobs. Each photograph or series of photos tells a very short story. They are accompanied by quotations which enhance or explain the photographs. Give this book as a gift to someone who appreciates photography, art, humor and the human experience. The entire volume takes about 15 or 20 minutes to thoroughly enjoy, but you may want to repeat the process a couple of times. Some of the camouflage paint jobs are simply amazing!

Funny. The captions make you think. The artwork is impressive.

The idea and premise was good but it never left the ground. It also lacks cohesion and direction..it's just a collection of nice pictures. I wouldn't buy it again, I was not impressed...I would suggest you pass on this on...

Interesting photos. Very strange. Odd settings for what it is. I like other work of hers better, but still worth seeing.

I give the vendor five stars as the product arrived in fairly quickly in excellent shape and well packaged. I would not hesitate to purchase from this vendor again. I give the actual book two stars as it was more of a picture book than a how to do. This was not the fault of the vendor but mine from reading misleading reviews on the web.

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