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**A NOVEL TELLING OF THE ARTIST'S LIFE—
A PAINTER'S LIFE, A NOVEL BY K. B. DIXON**

"Often books about painters don't ring true, but this one ... does."—Sharon Butler, artist and writer, *Two Coats of Paint*

Made up of biographical scraps, journal entries, review excerpts, and interviews, *A Painter's Life* is a life told in pieces. It is the life of artist Christopher Freeze and in the course of this "thoughtful and drily humorous" novel (Lydia Millet, for the Oregon Book Awards) we learn about his interests and obsessions, feel his struggles, and come to know those around him—his family and friends, his dealer and fellow artists, and his would-be monographer. Ultimately, the scattered pieces come together, revealing a complete portrait of a talented, sometimes troubled artist trying to make his way through the art world and through life. *A Painter's Life* is about one man's ceaseless struggle to make something beautiful.

Eric Hoffer Book Award Finalist 2010
Oregon Book Award Finalist 2011

"Beguiling ... a slyly funny and perceptive take on creativity and the artist's life ... In *A Painter's Life*, Ken Dixon got it right." —John Foyston, *The Oregonian*

This e-book edition of *A Painter's Life* also includes Dixon's biting and humorous how-to essay "How to Have Your Portrait Painted". An excerpt: "Show the picture to your mother when she comes to visit. She likes it. Mention this to the painter. He will be pleased. Mothers, he will say, are a tough audience."

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