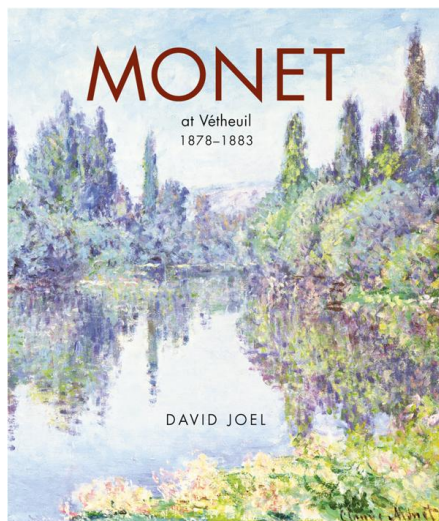


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- Provides a new insight into the life of Claude Monet; this period of the artist's life has never before been focused on in detail
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Monet's time at Vétheuil was a key period in his life but one that has not previously been addressed in much detail.

Vétheuil, on the banks of the Seine, is where Monet lived with his wife Camille and their two young children, sharing a small rented house with the Hoschedé family - Ernest, Alice and their six children.

This was a time of great hardship and personal distress for Monet, and while he was painting some of his best-known works, selling them at times for as little as fifty francs, his dying wife was being nursed by Alice Hoschedé, who also cared for both families. By the time the two families left Vétheuil, Monet's work was starting to sell well and his financial problems were at an end.

David Joel has made many visits to Vétheuil and the Normandy coast, researching and photographing the places Monet painted, from a boat on the river, the land and the coast. 130 Monet paintings are illustrated in colour as well as David Joel's own photographs of the area as it is today. Prepared with the co-operation and encouragement of the Monet/Hoschedé family, now living in Giverny, the author has been granted access to the family's own archives and photographs. His research provides an important new insight into the life and work of the young Claude Monet.

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