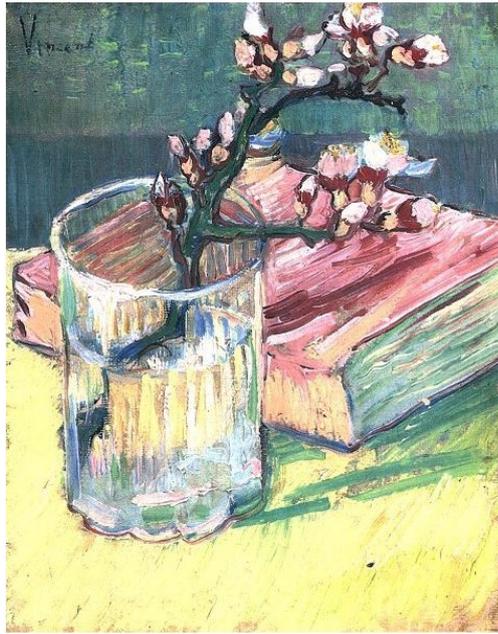


## A True Blossom



Art piece painted by artist Van Gogh

The brush of the artist dabs and wipes its ideas onto the page with the subtle additions of pink onto the plant in its tranquil resemblance of life. Life in plants, the works of newly grown seeds blossoming into a bigger, more important figure of themselves. The act of such a small, insignificant seed that grows into an extravagant, colourful plant that resembles the product of life when fully blossomed.

*Blossom.*

The branches of the plant reach out on top of the book as a mother would reach to comfort her child or as a tree to a man that seeks shade beneath it after a day of much work and haste. The book is the man, leaning against the tree for support just as friends do. The man rests, reminiscing his life, filled with stories to tell just as a book would. This plant and book signify the undying force of friendship and reliance.

*Friendship.*

The darkness that shrouds the room is the resemblance of emptiness and the room's yearning of fulfilment. It is the sign that reminds us that where there is light there will always be darkness or when there is benefit there will always be harm. This darkness that encompasses the background of the painting is our test of perspective for we must always remember that even though there is always darkness where there is light there is also light in places where all seems dark.

*Perspective.*

The gentle details of the water signify the source of all life and is the aura of sustenance for the plant that quietly listens to the stories of the book. Stories of old and new, fiction and reality, they all are treasured by the eagerness of the plant and it's friendship with the book. The painting shows a slight physicality of the friendship between the book and plant by having small details of shining that come from the plant and book as if their friendship is so strong that it provides an aura between them.

*Aura.*

It is all of these factors that create a truly beautiful scene that an artist draws and the viewer absorbs everything from it. The delicate but strong, emanating aura of friendship that becomes our firing drive that when our physical body fails, it becomes the engine that keeps shoving it forward. The way we look at life and when everything is going down we still must keep looking up forwards and moving on. When we are hurt or beaten down into the dust, we still stand up again and remember the good things that occurred in our life. We keep the best perspective. And when all of these factors come together then this is when we see extravagant true life. This is when we experience a true blossom.