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Gottfried Helnwein

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Helnwein is highly recommended even to those who do not have a predilection for morbid or grotesque art, for his intention is not merely to shock or titillate. Whereas many modern artists get lost in the artifice of excessive conceptualism, Gottfried Helnwein continues to produce challenging, thought-provoking work based on the weight of the subject matter, not the way in which it is presented. Having produced a wide range of imagery in a variety of mediums, Helnwein's development is fascinating to trace from conceptual beginnings to his current synthesis of pop and fine art. Granted, many people find his work too objectionable due to the implied violence against children, and those individuals have every reason to disregard this recommendation.