Making My Past

MICHEL BUYLEN

"A wizard with the brush, the virtuoso among our painters. If he paints a rolling wave on the canvas, you feel like diving into it." DE STANDAARD

Following the major retrospective in mudel ('Museum of Deinze and the Leie region), this book by Michel Buylen (b. 1953) brings together around a hundred works spanning his entire career, some of them never before published.

Michel Buylen is a versatile and idiosyncratic painter who continues to surprise with his startling virtuosity and his innovative perspective on centuries-old subjects such as the nude, the child, the landscape and the sea. Using acrylics, he succeeds in reinterpreting life in all its richness and nuances, and enriching it with his own vision. Each new work forms a window onto a reality made sublime, distant and alienating.

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