

Monet, Old Bookstore, Happiness

*I used to work on my side projects both Saturday and Sunday,
trying to learn more at my fastest speed.*

*This Saturday, I really don't want to work any more,
since from this Monday to Friday, I worked day and night in my full time job.
Friday after finishing my to-dos, all of a sudden, felt I had no energy to work any more.*

So, today I decided to travel out.

*My plan was to visit Monet first, since those paintings will only be there before Oct.1st
Then, I was planning to visit a book store, in order to find a book called,
Happiness
by Will Ferguson*

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Today's experience is definitely amazing!

Let my write down them all here.

Monet First

Many years ago, I saw Claude Monet's paintings through an Art History TV program.

In my memory, he's famous for waterlily and paintings in his garden. I love the light and the shadow in his paintings, especially those used bright and cheerful colors. His life story was not as lucky as Leonardo da Vinci, but not as crazy as Vincent van Gogh either. Just like many people in human history, make you wonder why there talent and creativity could not get enough appreciation during their life time.

Since waterlily has a special connection with me, and I really want to see those famous paintings in person.

Today, I decided to visit Monet.

Monet First

“Still haven’t show me the photos!?” , you may wonder

Be patient. I just don’t want to depict a perfect world here.

So many people there in the art gallery today.

Long time waiting in a queue just in order to get a ticket.

There is no window inside, and it became pretty hot there.

*Plus some people have very bad smell,
the whole air has been polluted with unpleasant scent.*

That was the beginning of today’s visit. Life can never be as perfect as my imagination.

But after I started to find rooms with less people first,

*instead of visiting the rooms in order,
everything became more and more pleasant.*

Monet First

Love his early time paintings most, full of taste of life.



I often think it's pretty cool for mom and daughter wear the same clothes! Amazing!



And men used to use umbrella in sunny day too!

Monet First



*People say Monet started Impressionism.
I guess maybe it started from how he's fascinated
about smoke and fog.*



*He's even the first person
painted the smoke of trains.*



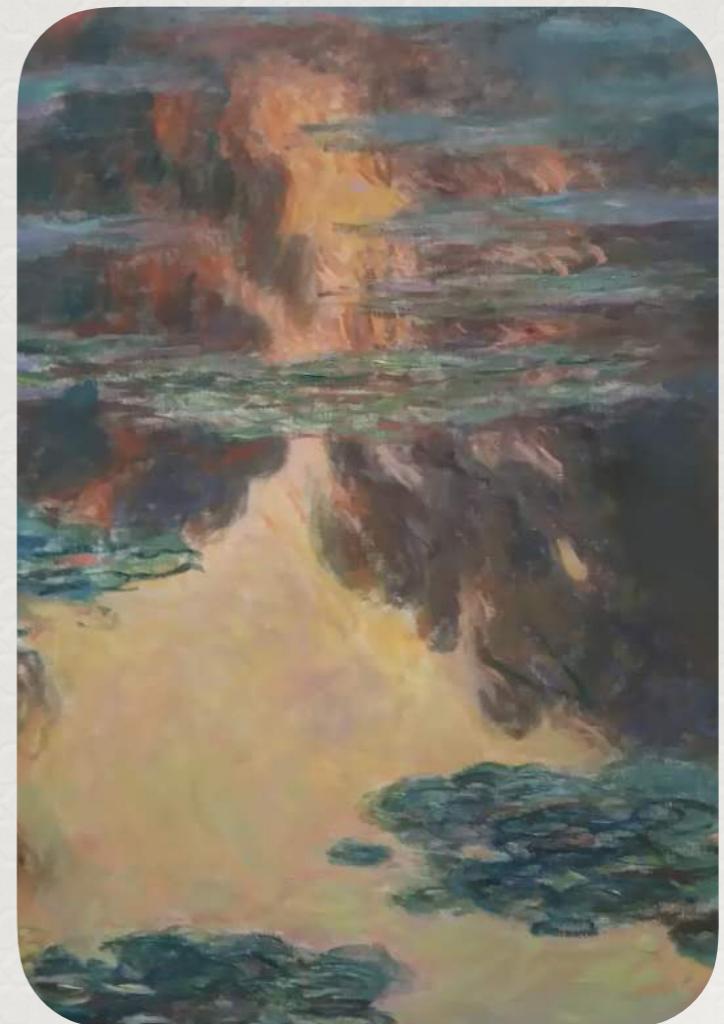
Monet First



I love the light in this painting.

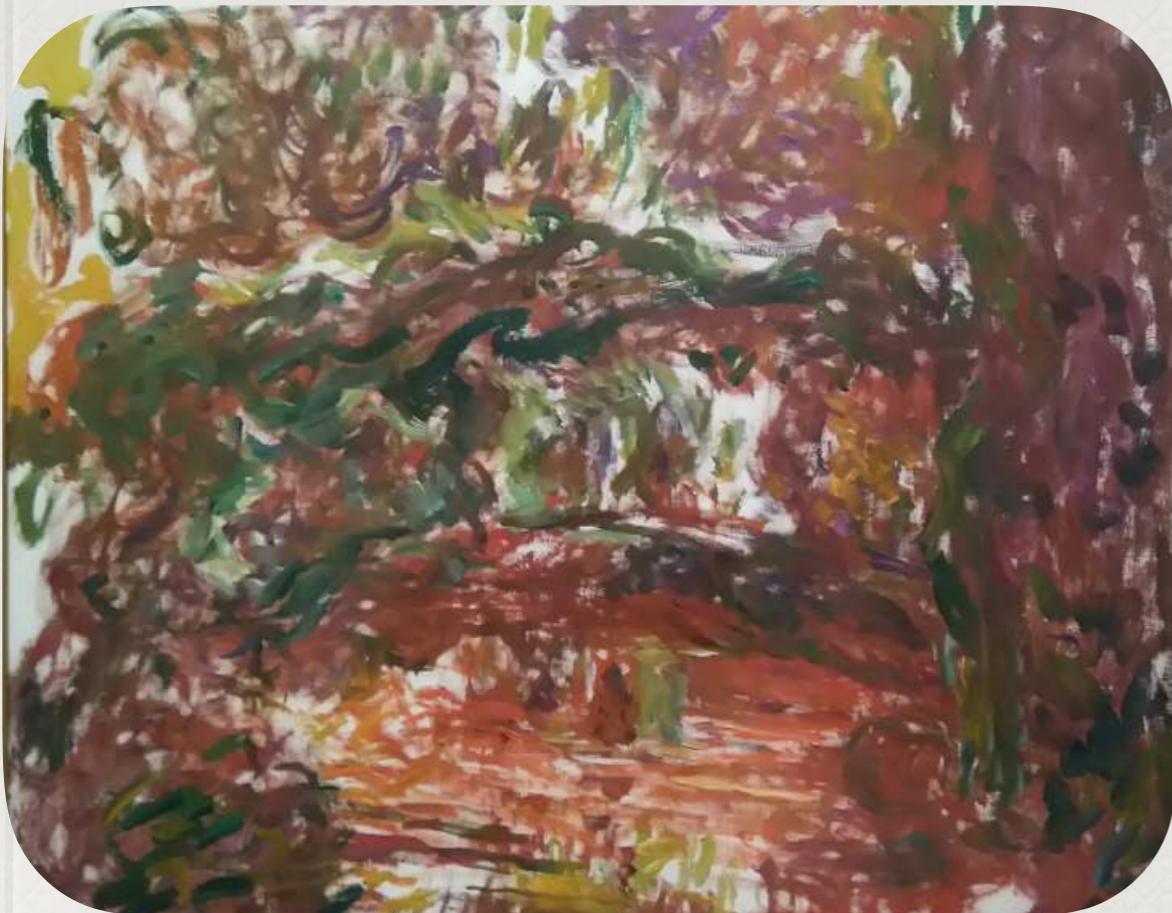
*The light on the surface of the water,
the light fly though the cloud.*

Monet First

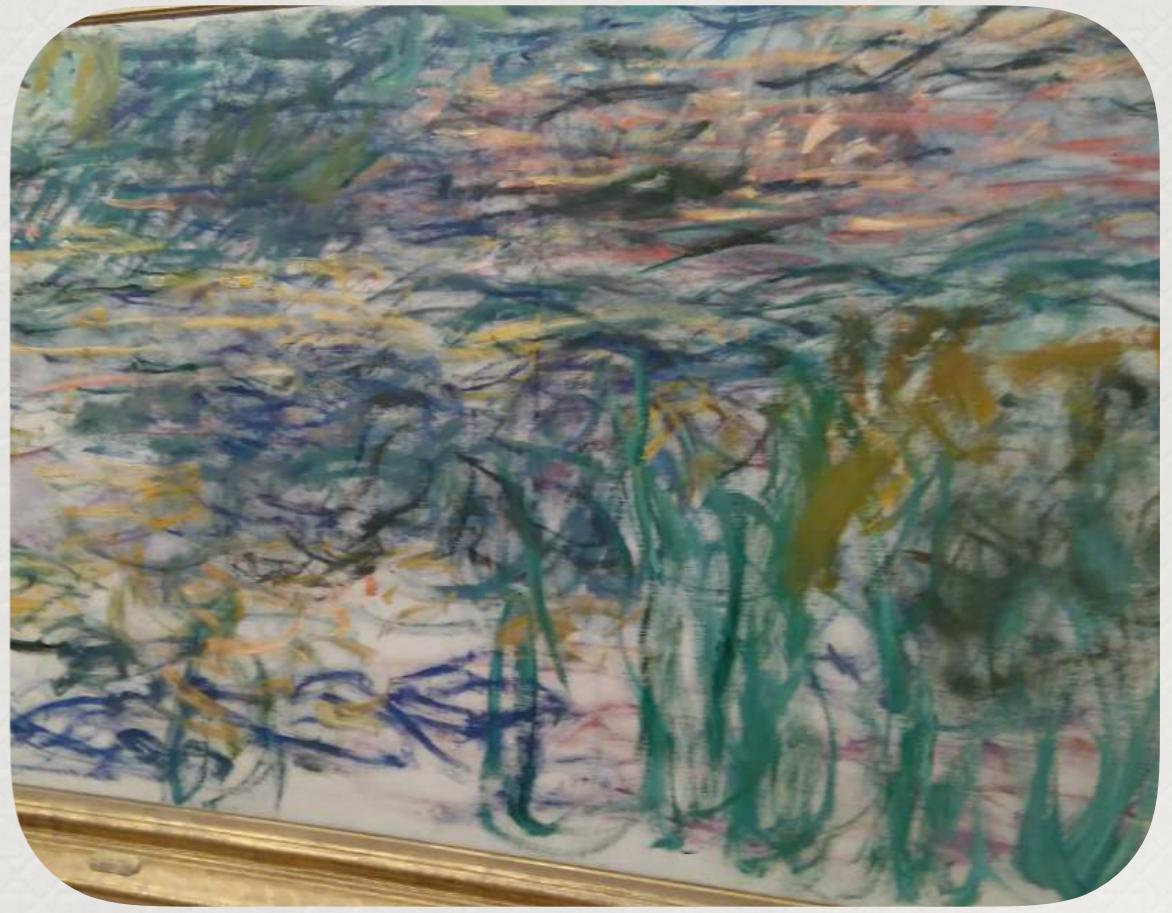


Monet First

I thought Monet's paintings were already easier to understand....

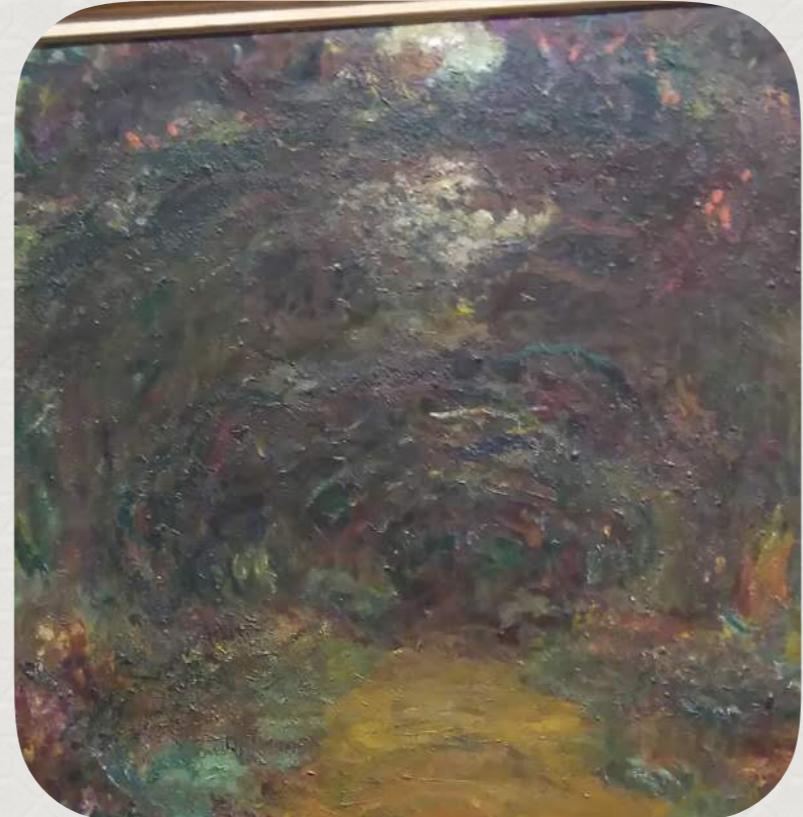


This is called Japanese Bridge



This is called Waterlily

Monet First



In his late years, World War I happened, and his son got recruited by the military. Rejected to move out from his garden, he was focusing on drawing his rose and weeping willow. And, he lost his sight....

But, could you still feel the power and confidence from his colors? Amazing!

Old Book Store

After that, I walked to a top ranked book store here in Vancouver.



The building is very old. Books there are gathered everywhere, on the floor, on the desk and filled in the bookshelves.

They don't use computer at all.

But when I asked the store owner, whether they have a book called Happiness, by Will Ferguson

He walked me to Will Ferguson's book immediately, after showing me a book signed by the author, he said, maybe he doesn't have Happiness. Then pointed me to another old book store nearby.

Old Book Store

The second bookstore is also that old.

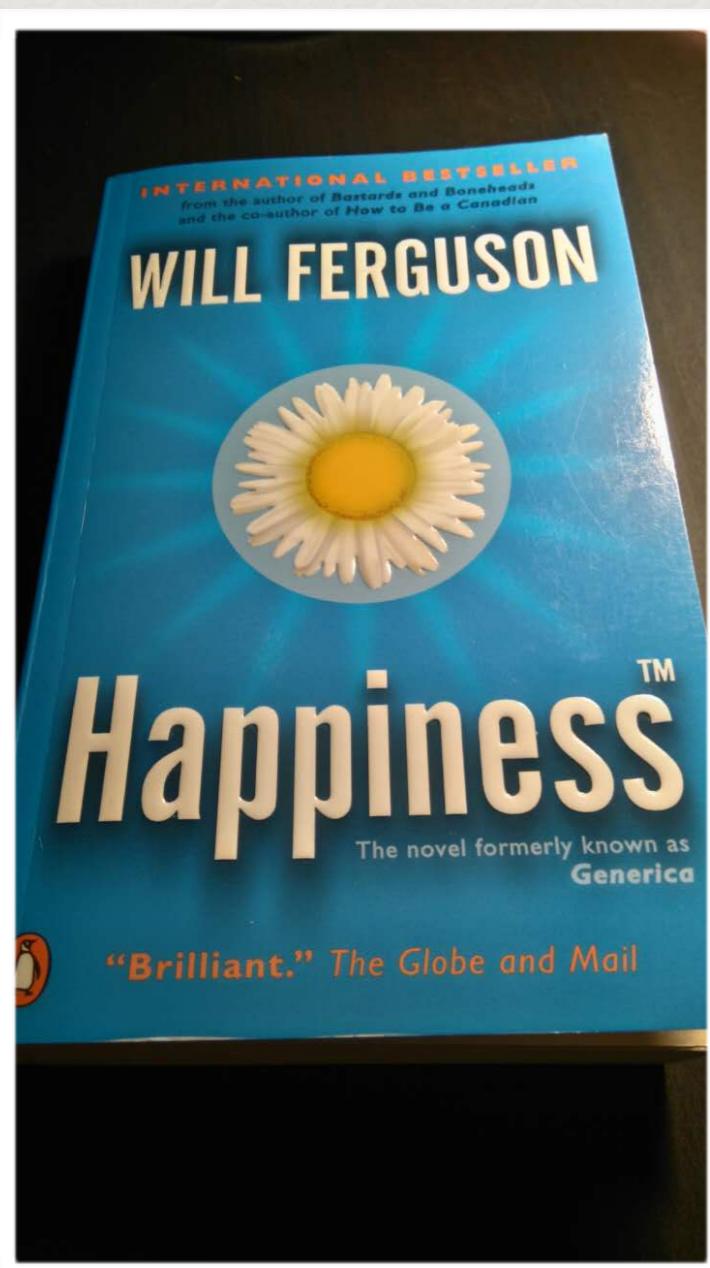
The store owner walked me directly to this small book Happiness directly, telling me it's a great book to read.



Amazing! They have so many books, not arranged in order, but the store owners remember all their books, some books are signed by the authors. And, the books are much cheaper! They don't need computer!

Old but alive in soul.

Old Book Store



*Now I got the book, with
Monet's magnet bookmark.*

Happiness

