

## Beyond Words: Author Portraits by Carl Köhler

Carl Köhler's fusion art and literature demonstrates the brilliant execution required by any blend of genre or medium. His portraiture of famous American and European intellectuals currently exhibited at the University of Chicago features neo-modernist paintings, inkings, drawings, and carvings of writers as diverse as James Joyce and Günter Grass. Köhler's portraits use the facial anatomy of each writer to reflect his literary style so that the portrait of Kafka is a mazelike labyrinth and Joyce's is sketched in loose-flowing ink that looks like a visual representation of a stream of consciousness. Köhler's beautiful visual guides to a few of the world's greatest thinkers are perfectly at home in the Joseph Regenstein Library, where they help to make a building that houses over 4.5 million books a little less intimidating. The Joseph Regenstein Library 1<sup>st</sup> floor. 1100 E. 57<sup>th</sup> Street. Through December 11. Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-7pm; Friday, 8:30am-5pm; Saturday, 9am-1pm (Bonnie Fan)

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