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Synopsis

Examines the life and work of this French impressionist painter and sculptor whose work reflects his joy in life.

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This book was VERY helpful for my daughter as she worked on her 6th grade research paper on Renoir. Lots of useful information.

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