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\$22,000 USD Book Features Extremely Accurate Photos of the Sistine Chapel

A three-volume set featuring Michelangelo's renowned frescoes.



Callaway Arts and Entertainment, in partnership with [Vatican Museums](#), will soon release a new English edition of *The Sistine Chapel* — a three-volume set of books that features extremely accurate images of [Michelangelo's](#) renowned frescoes. Each tome in the edition measures two feet in height and bound in silk and white calf with a costly price tag of \$22,000 USD.

"You're seeing it at the same size, at arm's length, as a viewer as if you were a bird sitting on Michelangelo's shoulder," said Nicholas Callaway in a statement. "If you put it in the realm of unique things, or if you put it in the context of the art market, \$22,000 is not an expensive work of art."

To develop the images in the book, a team worked over the course of 67 consecutive nights to snap images of the Renaissance artworks using the latest technology in gigapixel photography. They captured a total of 270,000 images that were pieced together in post-production and then printed as masterful digital proofs. The photos are roughly 99.4 percent precise when it comes to color. On some fold-out pages of the books, portions of the frescoes were reproduced at 1:1 scale so readers can view every brush stroke.

Callaway Arts and Entertainment will release *The Sistine Chapel* volumes on November 1 on its [website](#) with preorders available now. The sets are limited to 1,999 copies, and only 600 are available in English. By agreement with the Vatican, the work will never be reprinted.

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