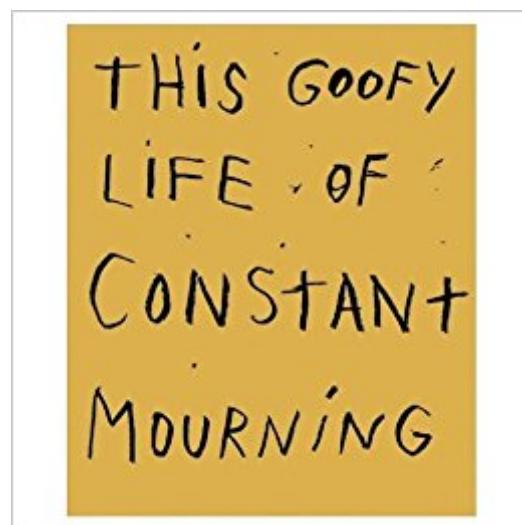


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# Jim Dine: This Goofy Life Of Constant Mourning



## Synopsis

This *Goofy Life of Constant Mourning* is the sincere title of a long visual poem by artist Jim Dine. The result of years of photographing poems after he has written them on walls and objects, it presents a symbiotic marriage of three very personal elements: his photographs, his handwriting and his words. While unique in and of itself, this particular body of work is in keeping with Dine's greater oeuvre, a multi-disciplinary enterprise in which the artist seeks to access his unconscious. Regardless of which media Dine is working in, he maintains a familiar but ever-expanding repertory of images: tools, hearts and a torso of Venus, plus the more recent iconography of crows, skulls, a Pinocchio doll and an odd-couple ape and cat. As with his paintings, sculptures and graphic work, for which he is better known, Dine seeks to record his physical and emotional presence concretely, not gesturally. The camera is but one of the many tools he has at his disposal for making such pictures. Though he has been making art for over four decades, producing paintings, sculptures, drawings and prints, as well as performance works, stage and book designs, poetry and even music, Dine has only been working with photography since 1996.

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Born in 1935 in Cincinnati, Ohio, Jim Dine completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts at the University of Ohio in 1957, and has since become one of the most profound and prolific contemporary artists. Dine's unparalleled career spans fifty years and his work is held in numerous private and public collections. His books at Steidl include *Birds* (2001), *The Photographs, so far* (2003) and *Hot Dream*

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