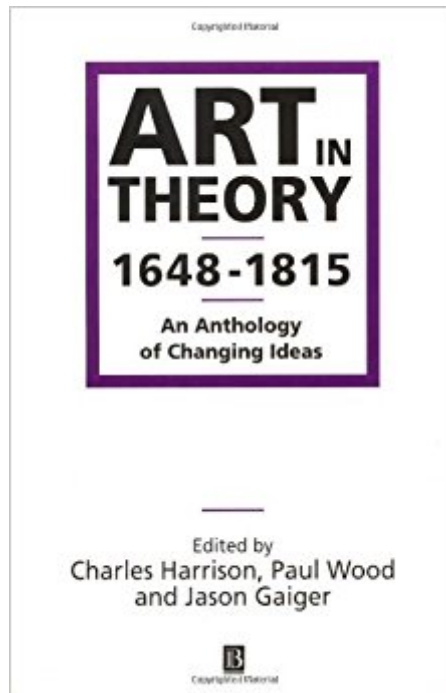




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# Art In Theory 1648-1815: An Anthology Of Changing Ideas



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