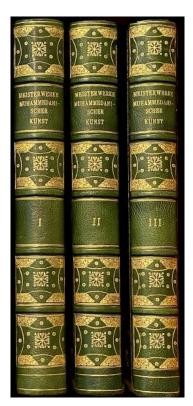
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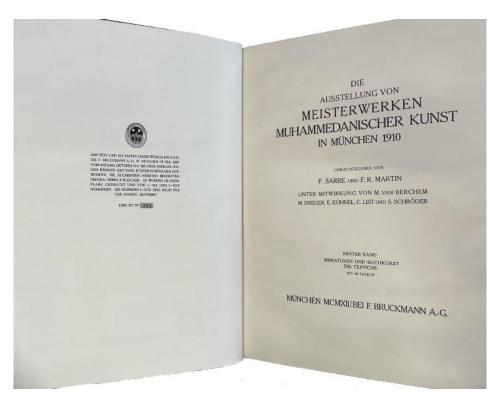
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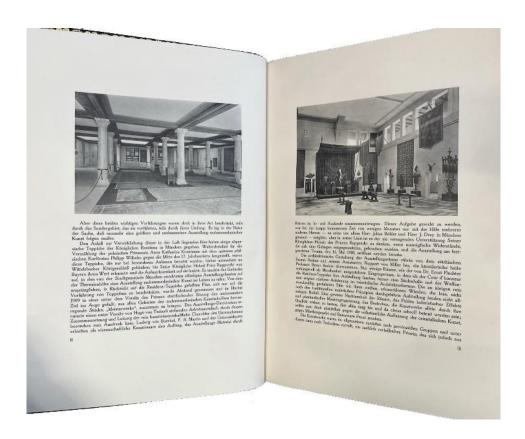
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This catalogue was produced two years after the show. In it, the objects are classified by technique and material and illustrated with 257 plates. Sarre and Fredrik R. Martin's introductory essays established a canon for the history of Islamic art and for its study and appreciation in the West.

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