At the time of publishing this book Gordon Crossley is 86 years young and still painting the great outdoors; especially wonderful skies from his studio and incredible trees at his beloved Hatfield Forest.

Gordon studied at Wimbledon College of Art; exhibited 16 times at the Royal Academy; was employed as an artist in the RAF; worked as Group Art Director in the advertising industry and taught art and graphics at Barking College in Essex.

Two of his paintings are exhibited at the Chelmsford & Essex Museum; and this book contains over 60 examples of his works spanning some 60 plus years. Gordon has four children and eight grandchildren; but sadly his wife Jo and very recently his son Matthew both died prematurely; and this book is dedicated to their memory.

Gordon met the author of this biography at High Roding Tea Rooms and they have formed a dear friendship ever since. The book is written as a testimony to how one artist has spent his life revealing God's creation in his work; and his love for his family and friends, church and community.

All proceeds from the book will go to help a disadvantaged youngster, with promise, to attend art college; to 'learn how to draw properly' Gordon would say!