

***The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession* by Michael Finkel**

Many people enjoy visiting museums and taking in the beauty of the pieces of art found within. Some may even dream of owning these one-of-a-kind treasures. Very few, however, cross the line and act on that dream. Stéphane Breitwieser was not like most people.

Breitwieser was obsessed with art - so much so that he began stealing from museums at a rate which truly boggles the mind. With the help of his girlfriend, who acted as his lookout, Breitwieser stole over 200 pieces of art over a ten year period. Traveling around Europe, the two stayed ahead of the authorities by evading cameras, stealthily working around guards, locked cases, and other museum patrons.

Unlike other art thieves, Breitwieser did not do it for money. He never sold the items he stole. So why did he do it? And what finally brought his unbelievable stealing spree to an end?