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A relatively unknown medium, watercolor pencils are a portable, versatile alternative to the traditional watercolor kit. Generally made of pure pigment in a water-soluble wax base enclosed in a wooden pencil, they are used dry for sketching but when moistened easily create washes and multiple layers of color. Johnson is a prolific author and artist with 25 books to her credit, including *Sketching and Drawing*. Here, she introduces this unique medium with simple mini-demos on the basics and fully developed compositions of landscapes, flowers, bridges, and buildings. Large collections will want to add this, though small libraries may want a more general book that includes a section on watercolor pencils, such as Janie Gildow and Barbara Newton's *Colored Pencil Solution Book*.

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About the Author

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