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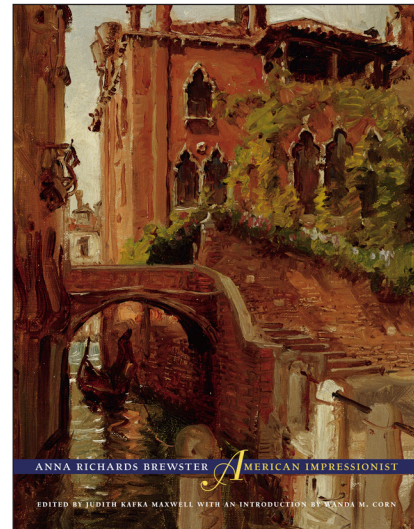
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Judith Kafka Maxwell is an independent curator and researcher and a contributor to *Celebrating Modern Art: The Anderson Collection* (San Francisco Museum of Modern Art/UC Press).



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