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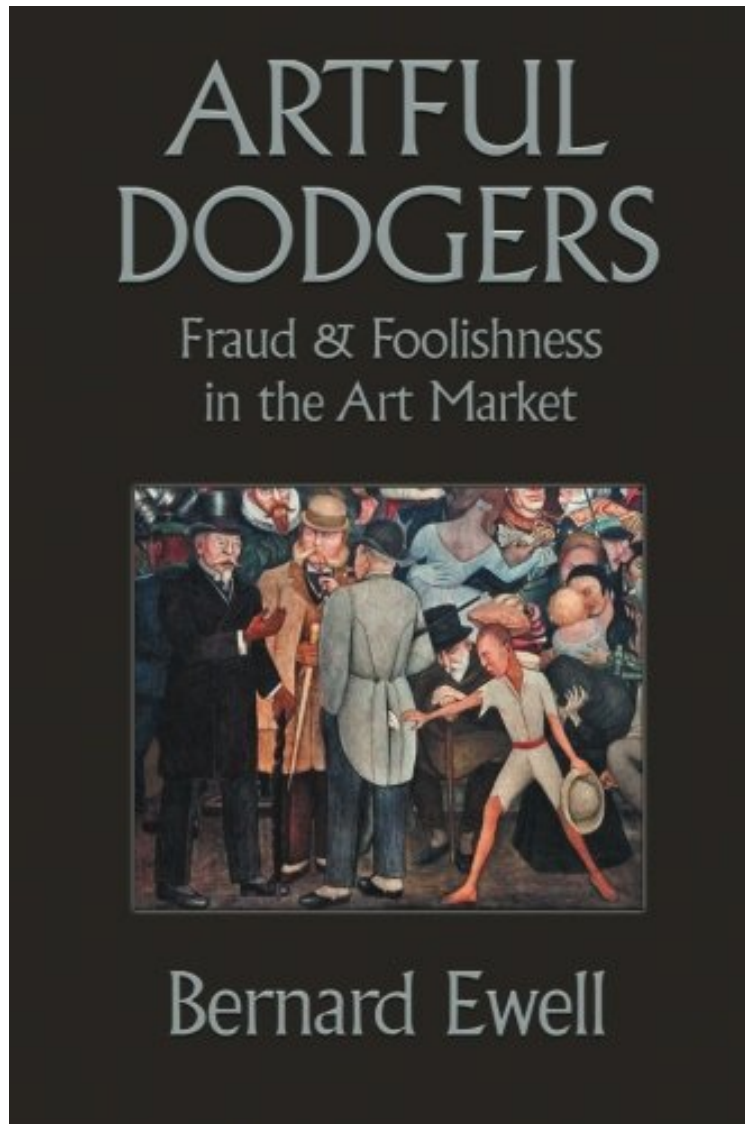
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About the AuthorSenior Appraiser of Fine Arts with over 42 years of experience, Bernard Ewell is known as the international Salvador Dali expert, art columnist and blogger, lecturer and professor of Valuation Law. A famous art detective, he has been expert witness for law enforcement and regulatory agencies in federal and state courts.