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Pure Color: The Best Of Pastel



Synopsis

Pure Color is pure inspiration for all artists. It celebrates the limitless possibilities of pastel through a showcase of more than 125 glowing works from the top pastel artists working today. Artists will find: A diverse range of contemporary styles and subjects Insightful commentary from the artists themselves on their creative processes and techniques Oversized pages that reveal the rich colour and striking detail of every piece

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Customer Reviews

Maureen Bloomfield is editor to some of the most popular artists' magazines and journals. James A. Markle is Executive Editor for Fine Art and Decorative Painting for North Light Books.

This book is full of photos, which are beautifully printed. Each painting has some verbiage by the artist about their painting. There is a nice selection of painting styles, as well as subject types. I am enjoying it very much, and as a pastel artist, I find it pertinent to see the work of other, more accomplished, artists.

Every painting in the book is a jewel and this book is a treasure. It is divided into four chapters: 1. still lifes, 2. figures and faces, 3. landscapes, 4. lights, reflections and shadows. Information about contributors is very helpful. This is not an art instruction book, but it can certainly teach you a lot about the medium, color, composition, etc. by example.

This edition of Pastel Paintings is outstanding for the quality of the artwork. It goes beyond the usual

predictable landscapes and still lifes. There is a variety of painting styles, many loose and free. The inclusion of a beautiful figure drawing among several portrait and figure paintings is refreshing. This is a wonderful book to add to your collection of pastel art. The color and style of these works are supremely exciting.

I began collecting books this past year on successful pastel paintings. This particular collection is my latest and as someone who's always loved the medium of pastels, I think Pure Color is truly the finest and most inspirational book of its kind...makes me feel like happier than a kid in a candy shop! I also appreciate being able to have access to the artists' contact information located at the end of the book; going to their web sites is like having an extension of the hardcover version of the book and makes the experience of reading the book exponentially better.

I was looking for a book that would show other artists' work AND also give me some insight into how they chose the colors they did and a little about how they composed the piece, at least if I want the book to keep in my own library. This is a beautiful book, but doesn't teach me anything about working with pastel colors or about composition. For that, look at "All About Pastels" and for hands-on practice, I loved the book "Pastel Workbook," which is coming out in paperback soon. I did enjoy looking at this book from the library, but don't see a need to own it.

This one is the most comprehensive book on pastel art I've seen. Beautifully presented, it's the ideal companion to my other art books. Carefully chosen artists show their work and describe the process involved in creating each masterpiece.

I was challenged to buy book based on the cover review. Upon receiving the book, I was somewhat disappointed in the content within. I expected a higher caliber of colorists than illustrated. Jim Gola, SecNW Oil Painters Guild[...]

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