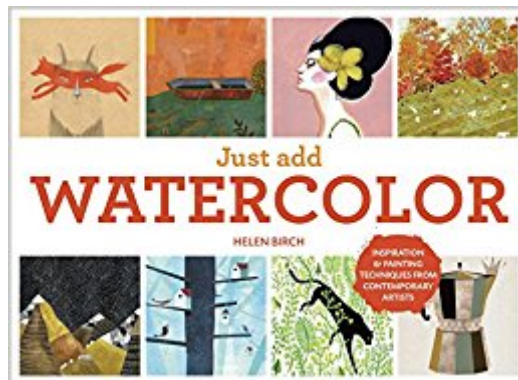




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Just Add Watercolor: Inspiration And Painting Techniques From Contemporary Artists



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Customer Reviews

HELEN BIRCH is a journalist and prolific artist based in the UK. She is also the author of the highly popular blog *DrawDrawDraw* reaching more than half a million readers. Birch teaches courses in art and design, fine art, and illustration at Bradford College, UK.

I received this book yesterday and I love it. A lot of the reviews say it's not good for beginners. I disagree, but if you thought you were getting an instructional book on how to paint watercolors, I understand where you're coming from. This little book is chock full of techniques that everyone can use. It's also full of styles of painting that beginners who haven't yet found their signature style can learn from. Don't just look at the pictures, read the page accompanying it. You'll learn a lot.

A book worth having even if you do not paint in watercolor. The book provides many inspirational ideas regarding style and technique. Not a how-to-book per se; more like a hint or idea book. The art presented is varied from many different artists. I brought the book with me on an art vacation and looked at every night just to get the creative juices flowing. Compact size makes it easy to carry a long. The unique table of contents layout makes quick work to find a particular painting.

Not as good as I had hoped, but still is good.

Great book!

Good little tip book.

An inspirational collection of watercolor styles and examples. I like to go through it for ideas or just for entertainment. Great size, clear pictures. This would be a great gift for any watercolorist.

This is not exactly what I thought it would be. It is more a novelty book. I was looking for new approaches to design and composition, but these examples left me still wanting. I guess I was expecting work of a more "finished" nature, while those all seemed pretty sketchy and rough, - more of a journal quality.

I find Helen's analytical approach clever and inspirational. It's like having a guided visit to a museum. Through her highlights things get more clear and make easily more sense.

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