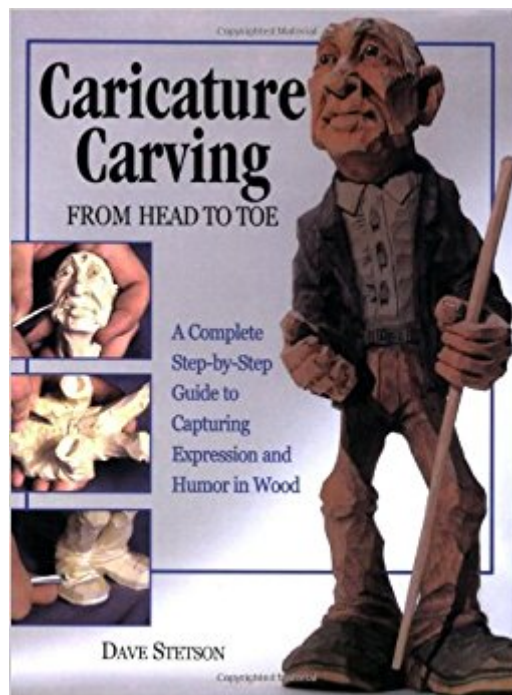


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Caricature Carving From Head To Toe: A Complete Step-by-Step Guide To Capturing Expression And Humor In Wood



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Dave presently resides in Scottsdale, Arizona, and has been a full-time woodcarving instructor, artist and show judge since 1996. He has won countless awards for his carvings across the country. He is available to teach seminars and has created a number of original design wood roughouts and casted study aids, which are available for sale.

When I decided to pick up a caricature carving book I was thrilled by the number of titles available.

This excitement soon turned to confusion as I tried to decide which books to add to my cart and which to leave on the .com shelf. A large part of the problem was that most of the books within the field of caricature carving seemed to carry a 4 or 5 star rating which prevented me from enacting Rule No.1 of my RULE OF PURCHASE which states: All things being equal, purchase the item with the highest customer rating. So with Rule No.1 nullified I found myself pouring over page after page of LOOK INSIDE in an attempt to narrow down my choices. Unfortunately, that wasn't much help either so I took the unprecedented step of just buying EVERY caricature carving book I could find that carried a 4 or 5 star rating. 10 days and 5 titles later I'm ready to offer you my feedback, based on a few essential criteria, in the hopes that I'll save you both the time and the money I invested. Before I get to my ratings, let me run down the criteria I used to make my assessments: 1) Larger books with good color photography trump smaller books with black & white photography. 2) Books that provide step-by-step instruction are far superior than photographic collections of finished projects. 3) Books that provide complete instruction, from wood selection to painting techniques, are better than books offering scant or piecemeal instruction. 4) Because individual carvers have unique styles, I found that the books that contained the works of numerous carvers were far more instructional than those containing the works of just one carver. With those 4 criteria in mind, my top 5 caricature carving books are: 1) Caricature Carving: Expert Techniques & 30 All-Time Favorite Projects ~ The BEST of the bunch. Wonderful photographs outlining the steps required to carve the works of numerous different artists. Instructions run from wood selection all the way to paint selection with everything in between including which tools to use. If you have a limited budget or you just want to own one caricature carving book then this is the one for you. 5 STARS 2) Caricature Carvers Showcase ~ Unlike the #1 selection, this title does not include ANY step-by-step instructions on carving so if you're looking for an instructional guide, this ISN'T it. So why do I rate it so highly? Because it contains wonderful color photographs of the work of 50 different carvers; and while it's a mystery HOW the artists created their work, you can't help but shake your head in amazement at the finished product. 4.5 STARS 3) Whittling Little Folk ~ A smaller text from a single artist. The work here is more basic than most caricature carvers which is not necessarily a bad thing for the novice carvers among us. Good step-by-step color photography. The first 2 projects are covered in detail from wood selection to final coat of paint. The final 15 or so projects are described in far less detail. Not as flashy as some of the other titles, but this one grew on me and was actually the source book for my very first carving effort. 4 STARS 4) Caricature Carving from Head to Toe ~ A decent text that contains thorough, step-by-step instructions and photographs leading to the creation of an elderly gentleman caricature. The book contains the work of just one

artist so you'll garner just one perspective which I think is a major limitation. A gallery of the artists work rounds out the text, and while his work is of the highest quality it's not as varied as that of a collection of artists. 3 STARS5) Carving the Little Guys ~ With just 31 pages this is more of a pamphlet than a book. The text is again the work of a single artist who's forte appears to be basic caricatures. Good photographs instruct the reader in the production of just a single, basic caricature (is the black thing under his nose a tongue or a moustache?). Overall, rather disappointing. 2 STARSSo there you have it, I hope that saves you the time I lost as well as the money I spent!

Is a good book for someone getting started in woodcarving. This author goes a lot into anatomy in the beginning which he says helps you with getting good looking carvings.

This book is fun to read and carving results are great. Use this book as a reference to carving good quality work.

Constantly in search of directions and new patterns, my husband really likes what he's found in this book. He especially likes carving unusual characters that look the part, and says he found plenty of these in the book I recently ordered for him. Each one produces a chuckle and yet they are realistic. The guides are explicit and he is able to follow them easily.Wandering in the Shadows of Time: An Ozarks Odyssey

Good book but detailed instruction on only one pattern. Several other detail patterns & full color carvings of them. There's better, more detailed books available

My husband love it! Fantastic customer service. Thank you so much!

Love the book. Very easy to follow instructions and pictures

Great book for woodcarvers of any level of experience.

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