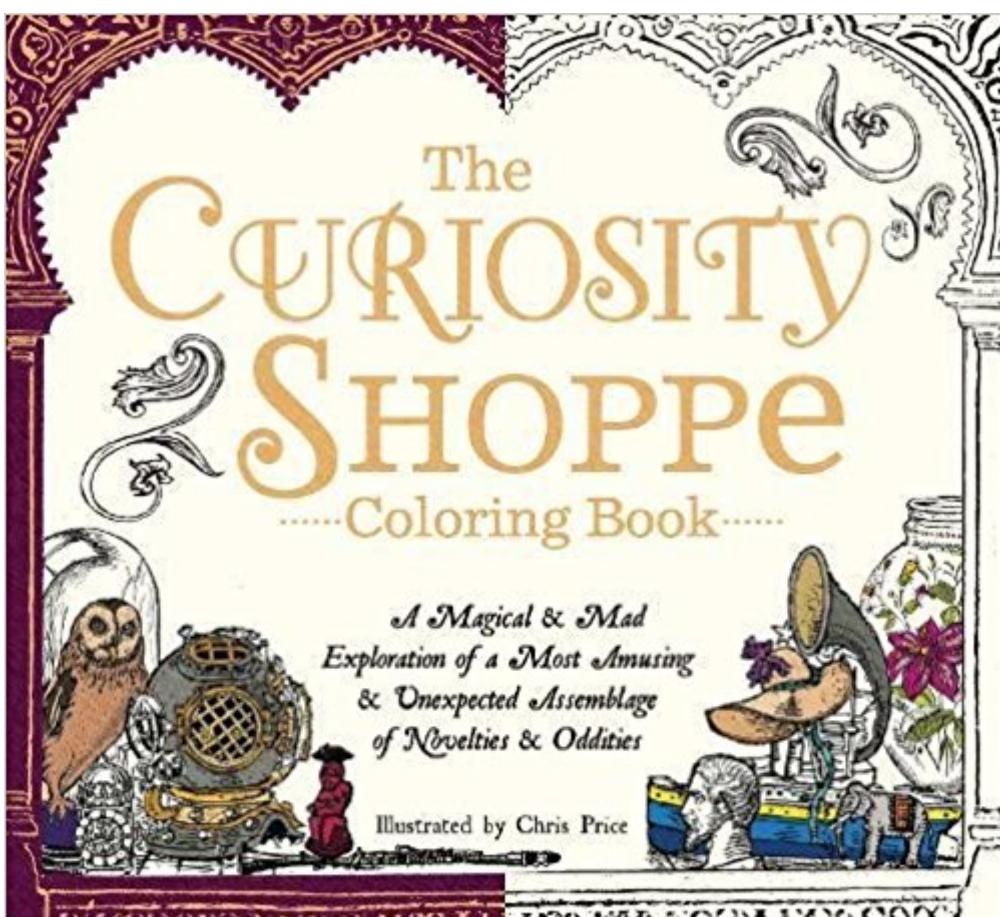


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# The Curiosity Shoppe Coloring Book: A Magical And Mad Exploration Of A Most Amusing And Unexpected Assemblage Of Novelties And Oddities



## Synopsis

Step inside the beguiling world of the Curiosity Shoppe! Welcome to the weird, wonderful world of the Curiosity Shoppe, where every drawer, shelf, and display offers a new discovery. It's unlike anything you've ever seen--let alone colored--as the pages provide an escape to a bygone era. In The Curiosity Shoppe Coloring Book, you can explore a bric-a-brac store and bring life to its many oddities through your color choices and combinations. The Curiosity Shoppe Coloring Book is a treat for your eyes and your imagination!

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## Customer Reviews

This book will appeal to anyone who likes the old woodcut-style of drawings reminiscent of advertisements gone by and who enjoys coloring collections of objects. The book is beautifully bound along the top so whether you are a leftie or a rightie, you don't have to worry about the spine fold on the side. Nice! The paper is creamy and thick and has a smoothness to it that makes markers glide and even colored pencils. On my colored example I used mostly colored pencils, but the large blue egg in the corner is markers and sparkle gels and there was minimal bleed through. There are 40 illustrations and all images stop before the spine. The pages are not perforated, but I think you could easily tear out a page or use an exacto blade to cut one out. The drawing style is fashioned after the old-style wood cuts and reminiscent, to me, of late 19th to early 20th century advertisements that take me back to the days of apothecary shops and cluttered museums and crotchety old professors who kept collections of bugs, wheels, shells, stones, whatever, in drawers and on walls and shelves. In effect, it is the ultimate curiosity shop! Now, much

as the quality of the book rates an excellent, I also give it a 'meh' because the drawings can be very cluttered with thick and fuzzy ink in places. The details get lost, and in some instances it's difficult to determine where a section ends and another begins. Very much as if you found an old, aging illustration from decades past and sat down to color it. So I'm sure that is exactly the look the illustrator was going for! I am a colorist who likes nice bold clean lines. I like to know where to put my colors. But this is only my opinion. Many will love the drawings, and especially if you are a shader and blender with colored pencils the images might really lend well to your medium. I did break out the Crayola Twistables for my egg picture and found it enjoyable to try my hand at shading, and the shading that is already on the drawing made my work look all the better.

“The Curiosity Shoppe” is my first coloring book by Chris Price and my first book published by Adams Media as well. I am very happy with the wide variety and style of the designs. I am also pleased, for the most part, with how the book was published. What is especially nice about the book is that the binding is at the top so you don't have to color over the lump of binding regardless if you are right or left handed. The designs cover a wide segment of the types of items one might find at a curiosity or collectibles type store. The designs, like others that I have recently come across, are heavy on black and with lots of shading. I have been treating them somewhat like grayscale designs by utilizing the heavy shading as part of my project. For my first project in this book, I used colored pencils to complete the collection of bottles and paintbrushes. The collectibles are quite fun and include: old-fashioned light bulbs and clamps, Chinese vases, fountain pens, stamps, globes, shells, eggs, teacups, geodes and much much more. I found many items that I either have as small collections or have thought about collecting in the past. Quite a wonderful assortment of designs. This is what I experienced while coloring in this book and testing my coloring medium on the paper. In the comments section below, I will include a list of the coloring medium I used in testing and which I generally use for coloring my projects.

40 Unusual Collectibles Designs with heavy shading in black

Printed on one side of the page

Paper is cream color, heavyweight, smooth, and non-perforated

Book has its binding at the top of the page rather than at the side

Sewn binding. You can remove a few pages at a time without loss of any of the design by snipping a few threads.

Designs do not merge into the binding area

Was easily able to get the design page to lay flat for coloring.

Alcohol-based markers bleed through the page. I will use a blotter page of card stock or several sheets of heavyweight paper when I use alcohol-based markers to keep the ink from seeping through to the pages below.

Water-based markers, gel pens, and India ink pens did not bleed through the page.

Larger nib gel pens required additional drying time.

Colored pencils worked

well with the paper. While it is somewhat smooth to the touch, the paper had enough tooth to allow for good pigment, whether I used wax or oil based pencils. I was able to layer the same color, different colors and to blend easily using a pencil style blender stick.

Great book. Very satisfied. Check out my youtube review! Sarahs coloring book reviews.

**Summary:** "The Curiosity Shoppe" contains 40 full size images. It measures 10 x 11 inches and is sewn into heavy textured cover with gold foil accents. Featuring heavily shaded, vintage inspired line drawings, this book is appropriate for adult colorists on all skill levels. **Paper:** The paper in this book is cream colored and fairly heavy (think scrapbooking weight). All pages are single sided and non-perforated. All mediums are okay to use, but wet products may bleed through. Be sure to place several blotter sheets under your current picture to prevent further color transfer. **Artwork:** As previously stated, "The Curiosity Shoppe" focuses on a variety of vintage inspired collections. Inside you'll see skeleton keys, insect displays, antique toys, typewriters, old lightbulbs, tea sets, perfume bottles, jewelry, masks, and more. There is a huge amount of detail in every picture, and print quality is well done. All of the images do end before reaching the edges of the page, so they can be removed without any issues. Overall, this is a really unique book with a huge number of interesting things to color. It would be best suited for colorists who enjoy vintage imagery.

I thought I would love this book. But I don't. The pics on reviews are crisp and clear. The images in my book are not they're pixilated or something. Its hard to tell what's what in the illustrations. And no its not just the gray scale esque look of them. Maybe I got a dud and maybe it just looks clearer looking at a digital picture of a picture. I might keep it and see if it looks better colored. The paper quality is good though.

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