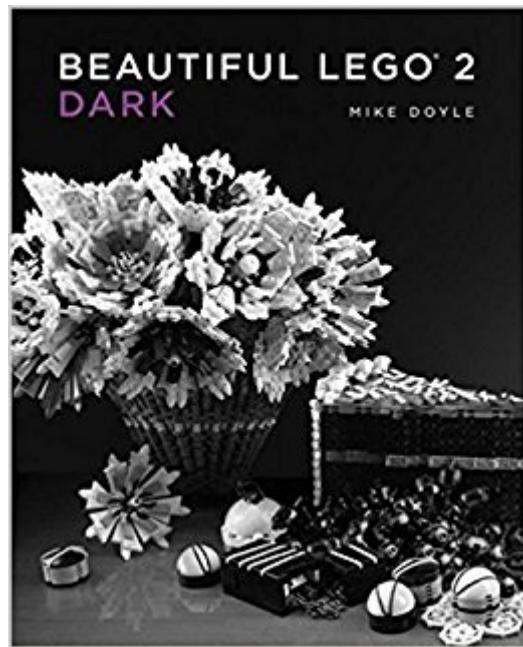


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# Beautiful LEGO 2: Dark



## Synopsis

Beautiful LEGO 2: Dark showcases dark LEGO masterpieces from artists around the world. From realistic sculptures of creepy crawlers to impressionist works of shadowy nightmares, this collection will leave you marveling at every turn. But dark has its lighter side, too—“with sculptures of dark chocolate as well as plenty of black humor on display. Gothic fantasies and sci-fi horrors come to life in scenes created entirely with the simple LEGO brick. Step into a world of pure imagination in Beautiful LEGO 2: Dark.

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## Customer Reviews

"These LEGO masterpieces capture the fear and humor of the 'dark' side."—Slate "A collection of elaborate art displays from around the world."—San Francisco Chronicle "A feast for the senses."—Wired

Mike Doyle is an internationally acclaimed LEGO artist and known for his stunningly realistic, grand-scale designs. His award-winning Abandoned House series has been showcased at Gallery1988 in LA and Boston's Museum of Realist Art. His largest piece to date is Contact—a 6-foot masterwork built from more than 200,000 LEGO elements. When not constructing LEGO art, Doyle works as a graphic designer. He lives with his wife and two children in New Jersey.

Beautiful LEGO 2: Dark replays that winning formula, with some interesting twists. The first thing you'll notice is that it's weightier: this version is about 50 pages longer and sports a proper hard cover. Some folks will be pleased to hear about that change, although as a coffee table book, I kinda find this one harder to handle. Mike has also cut back heavily on builder interviews (just 4 this time round, compared to 9 in the first book). I'm sure some AFOLs will see that as a loss, but I think it makes sense for a work like this to focus on the images first and foremost. For those curious to learn more about specific builders, every image is labeled, and the Contributor index contains all the necessary URLs. Then there's the subtitle, "Dark". With this book, Mike applied what he calls a "themetic filter" to the curation process, targeting specific classes of build. It's a bold move, but gives this sequel a much stronger identity than merely "hello, here are some more great builds". Admittedly "dark" is a rather broad theme with many possible interpretations, but I think it still pays off. The builds range from the serious, the creepy, the political, the darkly humorous, and even just darkly colored. As for the individual builds and images, Mike delivers again with another 300 pages of gorgeously photographed creations, from over a hundred different builders, that will be appreciated by both AFOL and non-AFOL alike. Everything is organized into chapters such as "Creepy Crawlers", "Skin and Bones" or "Future Shock". And a wide variety of building styles and categories are covered.

So beautiful. Love Legos in black and white. Another book about the beauty of Legos added to my book shelves.

I gave this as a gift, but had to quickly flip through it to read and view the wonderful artistry and pictures of the Lego sculptures. My intended recipient loved it, has always been both a photographer and Lego builder and liked the marriage of the two. Recommend for artistic pictures as coffee book, and inspiration for adult Lego builders.

Lego "sculptures" in this book are so amazing, it is hard to comprehend the skill of the people that put these creations together. Wonderful photography of amazingly detailed Lego creations!!!

Pretty pictures, weird layout. Why are some pictures super small on the page? There seems to be no consistent layout to the pictures. But it's still a pretty book and worth the price for inspiration and

seeing the amazing things people are doing with LEGO blocks.

The best of the series, really good book, great quality photos, great quality prints...

Wonderful text!! Thank you...!!!

Wow!

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