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Fifty Favorite Birds Coloring Book (Dover Nature Coloring Book)



Synopsis

Everyone can recognize the bright cardinal by its brilliant scarlet plumage, or the blue jay by its equally striking azure, black, and white coloration. But how many can quickly identify the bobwhite, the myrtle warbler, or the red-eyed vireo? Few of us, yet they are far from rare. Like most of the dozens of birds in this book, they may be easily and frequently spotted in or near cities and towns in most parts of the United States and Canada. Become familiar with all of these common yet beautiful species through these 46 large, lifelike drawings. Accurately rendered by artist Lisa Bonforte, these birds will quickly impress themselves on your memory as you enjoy coloring their variegated plumage. Captions provide common and scientific names as well as seasons and ranges in which the birds occur. All 50 species are also illustrated in full color on the covers. This book belongs to the Dover Pictorial Archive series, which means that graphic artists and designers will value these drawings as a convenient source of royalty-free art.

Book Information

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Grade Level: 3 - 8

Customer Reviews

4.5 Stars. I have several Dover coloring books that I have purchased for myself and my small granddaughters. All that I own thus far have nice pictures, printed on decent quality paper. However, don't use markers unless you are willing to sacrifice the picture on the opposite side. That would be

my only complaint. I usually use colored pencils so this is not a deal breaker for me. I do sometimes like to use markers but for the price Dover coloring books are way worth the inconvenience of only being able to use dry color. I like that this particular book has colored pictures of each page so that you can see what each bird looks like. I am also impressed that they give a short description of each bird.

I got 7 of these books and love coloring them. You can get really creative. I don't have an artist's talent, so I enjoy creating my own color combinations, although there are colored pictures of all of them on the covers so you can follow those or come up with your own. These aren't not kids coloring books! They are more detailed, and I use colored pencils on some, fine point gel pens on others and a wide range of felt tip colors on most. I usually do these in the evening when I need to wind down and they work wonders for me. Even without artistic talent, I love my renderings.

So relaxing I like to draw my own picture sometimes but these bird pictures were so much fun to color I use mostly the Bic set of 36 pens to color these the Bic pens do bleed through so you will lose the picture on the reverse side so I chose my favorites to color. Also I will be able to use these drawing later to create some of my own drawing using these for reference and this helped me to learn how to blend my colors and strokes. I have included some photos for you to see. I put some of my finished drawing on my kitchen cupboard doors for some temporary decoration. The only downside is the colored pictures are so small that detail is not there, so you have to use your imagination, not really a down side:)

Just gave this as a birthday gift to a 44 neighbor who has downs syndrome. She loves to color and this is far more appropriate than a child's coloring book.

I gave each child in our Pre-K class one of these and a box of crayons at the end of the school year. They were delighted with them. Since we had spent time this spring looking at, and listening to bird calls of common birds in our area, they could easily recognize the birds. Besides reinforcing information about the birds, it will help them with hand eye coordination as they color in the pictures. A colored picture of each bird is on the inside covers.

Very nice coloring book. Love the accurate depictions of the birds. Has become one of my favorite go to books for relaxation and enjoyment. Arrived promptly.

Although I liked the subject matter and layout of this book, I have mixed feelings about the illustrations... Don't get me wrong though, they're beautifully drawn. It's just that some of them were almost too detailed and tiny (in some areas) to color with anything other than highly sharpened pencils or fine-tipped pens. Still, I think it will appeal to most bird lovers and coloring enthusiasts, and I enjoyed it for the most part, too.

Fabulous book for my first try at adult coloring. I took this on a relaxing vacation to a cottage in the country and it added to my peaceful time there. I especially love the color pictures that allow for true recreation of each scene. My wife and I are true bird lovers and this has become such a positive addition to my life. Hopefully I can find more illustrated books like this.

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