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The Art of Ballpoint offers a historical perspective of the pen as an art medium and how it has evolved and grown in popularity. The book features several leading contemporary ballpoint artists who are creating complex and provocative masterpieces. They discuss their methods, the messages in their work, and their personal connections to the pen.

These fascinating pieces range from psychologically charged portraits to mutant animals to spectacular wall-sized abstractions. The chapters cover classical drawings, modern abstractions, graphic illustration, contemporary realism, and sketchbook styles.

Interspersed throughout the book, ballpoint techniques are demonstrated through stepped-out exercises that explore line drawing and crosshatching, shading and tone, photo-realism, drawing texture and pattern, working in layers, mixing other media with ballpoint, and more. Glide through this inspiring book and enjoy the intricate and impressive works created from an everyday tool.

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Alexia says

Wonderful book! As an aspiring artist myself, I loved this book and found it very inspiring as well as motivational. The detail and skill in these drawings are incredible

Cindy says

Inspiring!

Asna says

The narrative kinda flowery than other artbooks I used to read, so I had hard time digested the words since I'm not native, but I like it anyway as it features a wide range of ballpoints artwork and also its respective practice/ tutorial sessions.

Stephanie says

This book was a bit odd - part history, part art review, part drawing practice book it tried to capture a lot and never quite pulled any of them off well. The artists it covered were interesting but it didn't blend well with the other two much smaller parts of the book. The drawing practice felt randomly thrown in to the book. There was very little history here either. It didn't have an ending.

Rebecca says

Wow! Never let it be said that you can't do art for lack of fancy supplies. This put me in mind of the ballpoint pen history I learned from Code Name Verity, and the flights of imagination in the picture book My Pen. Take a minute next time you use a pen and appreciate this little device that carries its own ink!

Krista says

I was initially disappointed because this was not an instruction book and was not really the style of art I was expecting (Much more shading and tone than line work). But I decided to give it another shot and read it cover to cover. I enjoyed this little peek into the processes of the artists in this book.

Louise says

Really interesting book on drawing with Ballpoint Pen and showcasing some amazing artists work, with their methods and personal connections to the pen. Inspiring :)

Mary Davidsaver says

This book was unexpectedly thoughtful in presenting the art created by an often overlooked utilitarian object. I had never considered the history of the ball point pen. Never deemed it worthy of much more than an occasional doodle. How wrong I was. This book and the artists it presented has given me a new appreciation. A great find at my local library.
