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From Reader Review **Geek Ink: The World's Smartest Tattoos for Rebels, Nerds, Scientists, and Intellectuals** for online ebook

Elizabeth Seals says

This book gives you short biographies of some tattoo artists around the world while also showing a wonderful assortment of tattoo's that the artists have completed. Each artist has their own style whether it be geometric shapes or watercolor flowers. This book actually gave me a few ideas on what I would want for a tattoo, especially style-wise. So I would recommend this for anyone that is thinking about getting a tattoo.

Tara says

Geek Ink is a collection of photographs of tattoos, with designs that range from the science-inspired all the way to artwork based on Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter, Star Wars, and other “geeky” movies and television shows. This book is divided into two distinct parts. The first part briefly acquaints the reader with 25 fairly eminent tattoo artists, and presents quite a few pictures of their work. The second part is a general photo gallery, which is organized by subject matter.

While many of the tattoos are genuinely incredible, and the picture quality and overall presentation is outstanding, the book unfortunately contains a rather inexcusable amount of filler. For example, the artist section features a woman named PisSaro who “*specializes in delicate floral tattoos.*” Every single example of her work is exclusively to do with flowers. While these are undeniably gorgeous creations, floral tattoos are simply not geeky. In fact, they are arguably about as mainstream as you can get, tattoo-wise.

Furthermore, the gallery section shamelessly indulges itself in both floral and animal tattoos. These types of tattoos are not specific to geek culture by any stretch of the imagination, and, as such, they really have no business being here. What’s worse, they comprise a by no means insignificant portion of the book: the entire thing is 224 pages long, and the animal section takes up 24 pages, while the “botany” section comes in at 16. Thus 40 of the 224 pages are essentially irrelevant to the main topic at hand. (Meanwhile, literature-based tats are only allotted 2 measly pages! That’s just plain heresy. The editors truly need to sort out their priorities.)

At any rate, other than all of the godawful, blatant padding, by and large I enjoyed this collection. Many of the pictures are stunning. The astronomy section, for instance, is absolutely brilliant. I’m including a few of the more interesting specimens below:

“Solar System” by Bicem Sinik:

“Astronaut Touching the Stars” (and apparently also *himself*! It’s an amazing tattoo, but good god, that hand placement kills me) by Emrah Ozhan:

Mathilda, inspired by *Léon: The Professional*:

(I'm not exactly sure what *The Professional* has to do with being a geek or an intellectual...unless it's now considered a "cult classic." Still, it seems like a bit of a stretch to me. However, regardless of whether it actually qualifies as nerdy or not, you've gotta admit it's pretty badass.)

Some impressive work by Lustandconsume aka Phil Tworavens, my personal favorite of the featured artists. Newton's Law of Universal Gravity (left), and Schrödinger's Equation (right):

Molly says

A really lovely collection of designs from several talented contemporary tattoo artists, spanning the globe. Most of the designs are "geek" themed - math, science, and nerdy pop culture references abound. The photos are very well reproduced and clearly credited, which is something I have found lacking in a lot of other art books. Definitely a must-read for nerdy tattoo enthusiasts and artists everywhere.

I received access to this title via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Kris says

This is a beautiful book, and the artists featured are impressive, but it is a misleading title. There are large sections devoted to flower and animal tattoos, which, while lovely, are not geeky. There is an absolutely amazing artist, Pissarro, who creates stunning floral works that I would cover my body with, but they aren't geeky.

Beth says

An interesting look at unique tattoos and artists, showcasing a variety of styles (watercolor, black ink, line work, etc.). I was hoping for more variety in subject matter, but there seemed to be a lot of the same things among all the artists (lots of Harry Potter, Star Wars, space, flowers and anime). It would've been cool to zoom out on some of the photos as well, in order to show the placement of the tattoos.

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Sharon Tyler says

Geek Ink: The World's Smartest Tattoos for Rebels, Nerds, Scientists, and Intellectuals from the Creators of inkstinct offers readers a look at some cutting-edge designs from some of the most sought-after and acclaimed contemporary tattoo artists worldwide. These tattoo ideas feature themes from science fiction and fantasy, as well as a wide range of topics across science, mathematics, literature, and philosophy. It also

includes commentary from creators of the Inkstinct project (which connects people with the finest tattoo art from 380,000 studios worldwide and has an Instagram fan base of more than 1 million) and interviews with world-renowned masters like Eva Krbdk (460K followers), David Cote (232K followers), and Thomas Eckheard (169K followers), this is the definitive tattoo inspiration sourcebook for hipsters, bookworms, scientists, academics, engineers, and, of course, geeks!

Geek Ink: The World's Smartest Tattoos for Rebels, Nerds, Scientists, and Intellectuals is a fascinating wish list for me. I have three tattoos, and one that I always wanted but never got. However, I am always looking at ideas for more ink that I will likely never get- because life and raising kids tends to eat up any discretionary funds before I can even consider spending the money on some more ink. I loved the chance to learn more about some of the most talented tattoo artists from all over the world and their styles. I love the art and the discipline that goes into this kind of work. The dedication and love of art is inspiring. As with any art form, some styles are more pleasing to me personally than others, but even the styles that do not speak to me are impressive. I just wish that any of the artists were local, and that I could afford them.

In the gallery portion of the book I loved the variety and artistry that was on display. The collection is organized by theme, making it easy to find the perfect piece of art to lust after. My personal favorites can be found in the animal, fantasy, science fiction, and literature sections. However, there were beautiful and artistic pieces in each section that might inspire readers. I did not find a tattoo to beat out the one that has been on my mind for years now, but folks in need of tattoo inspiration might find something perfect for their own next work of inky art.

Kristal says

I was really hoping this would inspire me with ideas for the tattoo I want to get. It didn't. While all tattoos in the book are beautiful, they weren't as nerdy as the book claims. And a lot of the designs were very similar to each other even though they were done by different artists.

Anna says

Every once in a while I think I should get a tattoo but I can never decide what or where I want so I suppose it'll be another 30 years before I make up my mind. Unless I get a chance to meet any of the artists whose works printed in "Geek Ink" made me go WOOOOOOOOOW.

Sure, not all of the tattoo artists featured in "Geek Ink" made an impression, not everything appealed to me. But a lot of the photographed tattoos made me want to print them and run to the nearest tattoo studio. Luckily, it was too late in the evening... ;)

The artist that impressed me the most was definitely Pissaro. I googled some more of their tattoos and WOW, everything is beyond stunning. But honestly, I'd like to mention (and google) so many more names right now, you have no idea.

Oh, and if you like fandom tattoos, you'll find lots in "Geek Ink" - Son Goku, Wonder Woman, Lord Vader, etc. I'm not a fan but some weren't too bad and Domo-kun was cute.

Claudia says

“May the ink be with you...”

Tattoos have always fascinated me. I used to watch every episode of *Miami Ink*, amazed by their skills. I particularly liked Chris Garver's and Kat Von D' stunning portraits. I also follow few others on Facebook - their creations are always a pleasure to contemplate.

This album includes well renowned artists, some of which I knew, others new to me. They were chosen for their unique tattooing style and thinking-out-of-the-box works. They are part of **Inkstinct**, first project to create and offer a comprehensive database with more than 380,000 studios and individual artists, forming an extensive network.

The book presents a minibiography and portfolio of 25 featured artists, what inspired them and what's their particular signature as well as a gallery with a few hundred tattoo artworks of the above-mentioned artists and others.

I particularly admired the geometric and abstract style of Emrah Ozhan (Turkey/USA), Adrian Bascur's (Chile) watercolour technique, Balazs Bercsenyi's (Hungary/USA) minimalist lines, intricate geometry and illusion pieces, David Cote's (Canada) neo-traditional and psychedelic tattooing style, Mo Ganji's (Iran/Germany) tattoos inked from a single line, Little Andy's (UK) colored pieces resembling Andy Warhol's style, Pissaro's (Crimea) botanical tattoos, Eva Krdbk's (Turkey) and Andrea Morales's (Spain) microrealism, with cameo like tattoos.

Most of them are absolutely gorgeous and I can't help myself showing you a few. (I hope the publisher won't be upset by this, because this album is an ARC and these pieces may appear or not in the final version).

“The Death Star, Euler's Identity and the Golden Spiral” intertwined in a single tattoo by *Emrah Ozhan*

“Made you look” by *Balazs Bercsenyi* – hypnotic one

David Cote's “The Cantina Scene: A Tribute to Princess Leia”

“Frida Kahlo” by *Mo Ganji*

Andrea Morales' “Hogwarts Castle” cameo

Aren't they stunning?

Bottom line, even if you are a fan of tattoos or not, you'll be enchanted by these creations. Great artwork!

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Tracey Allen at Carpe Librum says

I love tattoos and while I only have one, I've been considering the acquisition of another for quite a while. I'd love to celebrate my love of literature in the form of a tattoo, but can never settle on a quote or image I love enough to have inked on my body. So it was with high hopes that I picked up a copy of *Geek Ink* by the creators of Inkstinct.

As the title suggests, it's full of *The World's Smartest Tattoos for Rebels, Nerds, Scientists and Intellectuals*, so I thought it'd be right up my alley and full of tattoos to fall in love with.

The artist bios in the front were fantastic, although the repeating design on the lead page was a little frustrating given the visual nature of the book and the quality of the artwork and photographs inside.

In my opinion, there wasn't anywhere near enough variety in the style and genre of gallery tattoos. Having said that, if you were looking for a *Star Wars* or *Harry Potter* inspired tattoo, you'd be overwhelmed with choices, with a total of 23 *Star Wars* tattoos and 14 *Harry Potter* tattoos featured throughout the book.

The primary reason for disappointment though was the complete lack of a section for quotes or script tattoos. There was a Literature chapter that contained only 6 tattoos and there was only one quote tattoo in the entire book. And you guessed it, it was a quote from *Star Wars*.

Geeks, nerds and intellectuals love their quotes, so to include a tonne of botanical and geometric tattoos to the complete exclusion of the written word was a real let down for me. In fact, the Animals chapter included an entire section for Proboscidea (elephant) tattoos that took up the same amount of space in the book as the entire Literature section.

Geek Ink clearly has a wealth of talent all over the world to choose from, but I'd have preferred more variety in the artwork presented in this collection.

* Copy courtesy of Murdoch Books *

Ceci says

If this book doesn't make you want to run out and get under the ink, you're not a tattoo person. The days of "skulls" and "mom" are out, and personal ink is in!

These tattoos are a tribute to fan culture, science, animals, etc. It is a great book full of ideas for you to take and give to your artist to help you create something just as original. The ink addict in me is already marking pages for my next visit!

Jeimy says

This book is an amazing compendium of artists and their work. I love how it includes the artists' social media handles and websites. This is a treat for the eyes--even my students were drooling over some of the tattoos--that will give readers an excuse to travel the world and get inked.

Janet says

I received a DIGITAL Advance Reader Copy of this book from #NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. From the publisher ---

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Oh, another reason to get another tattoo :-). And so many to choose from ... everything from stunningly simple line drawings to full days spent in the chair saying OUCH. Beautiful photographs smartly organized by artist and subject ... this book is a piece of art and belongs on every coffee table!

Bunny says

Received via Netgalley in exchange for a fair and unbiased review.

My biggest warning to anyone looking to read this book is, beware the environment around you while reading. You may find you are muttering to yourself, and certain phrases, such as "Holy shit", "Jesus H Christ", "What the f...", can and do often offend certain persons.

I don't know that I would feel comfortable calling this a collection of geek ink. Though, to be fair, anyone can geek out about anything, it doesn't just have to be books, or pop culture. But I admit I had expectations going in, and some of this art made me cock my head to the side and go, "But that's not...."

All that aside, some of these tattoos are absolutely mind boggling in their perfection. This is essentially a book about a bunch of tattoo artists I need to tattoo me before I die.

Rob Carvalho

Maria Fernandez

Baris Yesilbas

I would share so much more, but a lot of the ink found in this book is hidden from my Google Fu powers. I'm not saying you should buy this book if you want to see more, but.....you should buy this book if you want to see more. Because your mind will be blown, guaranteed, at least twice.

Nicole Byer says

I really enjoy the idea behind this book. I'm a big nerd so I was looking forward to seeing all the tattoos inspired by my favorite books and movies. There were plenty of awesome tattoos inspired by Harry Potter, Game of Thrones, Lord of the Rings, and Star Wars to be found here, but at times the book wandered off topic. Plants have no business in a geek themed book. Overall, it's a good book to look for some inspiration on your own tattoos if you want ones inspired by nerdy topics.
