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Beth says

Armadillo offspring are always quadruplets, all boys or all girls.

Kim says

The reproductions of the art are good, and it is a good binding. The little limericks that go along with the photos are nice. But I suspect there are some dimensions of his work that are missing.

P. says

If Charley Harper were still alive I would recommend that he sell his prints on etsy, because I know all my friends would go apeshit for them. Or, you know, in a gallery, because they are art.

For each one he writes a little playful description, too, and it's that safe, clever, wholesome humor and wordplay that is so comforting. And he has a total crush on raccoons.

For example:

Crow in the Snow

"Crows are black birds and blackbirds are also, but a crow in the snow is so much the more so. If you're pro-crow you proclaim his intellect, his resourcefulness, and the visual poetry of his somber silhouette on the calligraphy of the cornfield. But if it's *your* cornfield, you have good caws to compose creative crowfanities when he arrives. Think of it as sharecropping: he gets the grasshoppers, you get the corn, and the few ears missed in the harvest are held in, well--escrow."

Erin says

I love the art of Charley Harper. It's simple, fun and unique. In this book, Harper accompanies his art with text...the writing is full of puns that made me groan-out-loud, but I suppose that's part of the charm. It's wholesome humor and teaches you something about the animals that were his subjects, with a wildlife conservation edge. Had fun sharing this with my girls.

Misti says

What a gorgeous set of designs. I wish I could get some of these reprinted as posters for around the house.

Harper's graphic and bold designs take basic geometric elements and create arresting, provocative images. Beautiful.

Jenny says

I think I will keep renewing this from the library for awhile. I love him so. The first time I looked through this book was at the Contemporary Art Center in Cincinnati, when I went to see his art right after he died. This time I had time to read him interviewing himself, which is nice.

Melanie says

I recently became aware of the mid-century modern style graphic art of Charley Harper, and was totally captivated by it. His work is simple and elegant, and often humorous. The illustrations in this book are primarily of animals.

Lucretia says

This is simply an amazing book! Not only could I enjoy seeing many of Charley Harper's delightful nature works but also his witty comments about the species and their lives. It is punny and educational at the same time. Many years ago I met Mr. Harper at a quilt show sponsored by the Montgomery Ladies Club where my mother exhibited two of her quilts. The group had a cardinal quilt made from his design and he was there to promote their money-making project and talk about his art. He seemed a remarkable man and everyone had to have enjoyed his presence there. This book had a section of autobiographical information and another of explanation about how he executed his art. Just a treasure! This is a book I will enjoy again and again.

Lindsay says

Beautiful and clever!

Lydia Granda says

This is an excellent tribute to the art of Charley Harper. From his quirky descriptions, which add to the charm of his beautiful works to his actual pieces, it was very enjoyable. I love his simplistic rendering of natural subjects. This would make a great gift for anyone with an interest in American artists.

Jennifer says

If you like the work of Charley Harper, this book is for you. It is a coffee-table sized book which makes the

artwork big enough to appreciate. Each piece has an accompanying, amusing and thoughtful blurb.

Emily Larson says

Charley Harper's art is amazing, and the prose to go with each piece is fanciful, flip, and thoughtful at the same time. I'm only sad this book came the same day I was giving it as a present. Definitely on my wish list!
