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Charley Harper's Animal Kingdom: Popular Edition



Synopsis

Celebrated designer Todd Oldham opens another treasure trove of unseen and unpublished illustrations in the new AMMO Books release, "Charley Harper's Animal Kingdom." Todd has done it again by going deeper into Charley Harper's extensive archive to create the ultimate companion to "An Illustrated Life" and present the absolute best of Charley's previously hidden illustrations. Ranging from bugs and birds to all creatures of land and sea from the bountiful imagination of the artist, animal lovers and fans of Charley alike will be thrilled with this stunning new collection. Featuring more than 300 previously unseen illustrations, "Charley Harper's Animal Kingdom" includes illustrations created during a span of more than sixty years and appeals to a wide range of audiences both young and old. AMMO Books has published four different bestselling formats of "Charley Harper: An Illustrated Life." Charley and his work have been profiled in an array of media, including "CBS Sunday Morning" and dozens of international magazines and newspapers such as Dwell, The New York Times, and many others.

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Customer Reviews

I discovered Charley Harper a couple of years ago though thinking back, I'm pretty sure I remember books from my youth that were probably illustrated by him. I previously bought the 'other' Todd Oldham book 'Charley Harper, an Illustrated Life'. I chose it primarily because it was less expensive and a friend had a copy so I was able to see it before I bought it. While I really do love that book, the overall book is smaller and many of the illustrations are presented two to four to a page (sort of like a catalog) and I really wanted to see the prints in a larger format. I finally decided to spring for this

larger, more expensive book and I'm not disappointed. The lure of previously unpublished work is what drew me in. Most of the reviews I read raved about it and one rather dismal review completely panned the book based on the blurry and grainy presentation of some of the works. It is true, there are some poor reproductions of some of the work, in some, the images are blurry in others it appears the you can see a printing screen pattern (a sort of dot matrix texture). I am assuming by the reference to some of the artwork having been located in archives from the companies for which the graphics were done, that perhaps the only examples that could be found were these poorer reproduction prints and not the original master artwork. While I wish these prints were better reproductions, I would rather be able to see a poor print than not see it at all. Criterion, a company that re-issues films considered to be milestones of film making, is very selective and in the past would only issue a classic film if a clean master could be found.

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