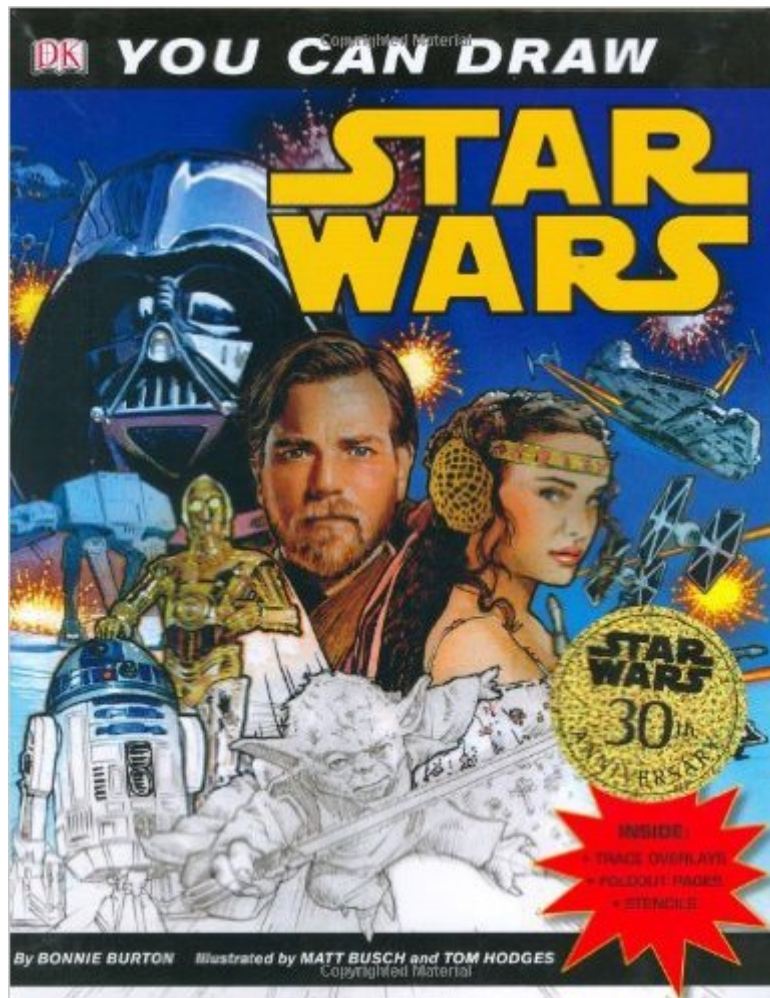


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

I have taught drawing classes at our public libraries in my city. Some of the topics were Star Wars related. Although this book has a wealth of information and the artists are really first rate it is my experience that pre-teens and young teens may have a tough go of some of the practices and trying to imitate the artists of the book. It is somewhat of a drawing crash course and I have found trying to tell students "practice and most of all have fun" does not really communicate the time it takes to make a polished drawing as shown in the book. I am not saying it is bad but it is also not a step by step book exactly. Case in point: Jabba The Hutt. The book shows a build up from basic, to middle, to detailed stage. I have found students will have a lot of problems with the middle phase because they look so great in the book. The break down into smaller steps is needed. Since the publisher is aiming this at kids I think parents and teachers should be aware that yes it will teach them to draw Star Wars but it may be more work involved than a standard drawing-for-kids book would be like. I recommend the book but be prepared it is not exactly easy. I also would warn parents and teachers that the spiral bound pages are easy to get snagged and tare. A little extra care is needed in turning

the pages but this also allows the book to stand up with the hardback binding and it also allows the pages to lie completely flat. Well worth the asking price for any Star Wars fan young or old.

I usually look to DK books for their outstanding visual guide books for movies and comics but here's something that Star Wars fans should dig even if they're not aspiring artists, It's the You Can Draw Star Wars book. The book features three chapters: Pencil Drawing, Inking and coloring, and finally creating a comic. You can see that based upon these chapter titles, this is a book that is geared towards aspiring comic artists, particularly. There's really good advice here even if you're not interested in drawing Star Wars characters. The book discusses the various tools the artist will use including types of pencils, compass, erasers, templates, French curves, and more. The book begins with standard drawing technique such as starting a figure out with a rough stick figure to nail down the figure's pose. Throughout the book, tracing paper overlays show a figure as it is developed from stick figure to finished product which is a nice touch and quite educational, especially for beginning artists. Next you get into defining your character even more by adding muscle, shading, and movement. Now develop your drawing further by adding lighting techniques and perspective. Next up are close-ups of your character and time to work on facial features and expressions. Of course, as the book goes on you won't just be learning how to draw the human characters but also the various Star Wars aliens, droids, weapons, vehicles, and ships. The inking chapter again discusses the tools and this may be very new to younger artists who have been only working in pencil so far and have not used professional inks and colors on their work. There are of course many options when it comes to colors from markers and pencils to water color and oil paints. Again you'll learn proper inking techniques and choosing the best color properties. Finally you'll get a quick lesson in comic book design and working from a script and laying out the look of the book and adding word balloons and sound effects. The book comes with an excellent template for adding various types of balloons. It's really a well-done book that is useful for novices. The art in the book is provided by Matt Busch and Tom Hodges. Reviewed by Tim Janson

I have zero art skills, read some of the reviews, and decided to order this book hoping I could learn how to draw Star Wars. If that describes you, you should skip this book or you will be frustrated as I was. This book is well illustrated but unfortunately it goes from drawing stick figures to completed drawings in one to two pages. I found myself clueless as to how to get past the stick figures since the intermediate steps are not covered in this book. This book covers too many subjects over its meager 95 pages. I would have preferred to have 95 pages of how to draw one Han Solo, for

example, instead of the two pages that he gets in this book. It is beautifully illustrated, that's the only reason I give it three stars. It would be great for any Star Wars fan but don't be disappointed if you can't draw anything.

I am very impressed with the quality of the art and instruction. Busch and Hodges have very different styles and it is fun seeing how they start and where they end. I already started to follow the stylings and found it almost easy to draw. This is a book where you can learn to draw just about any character based on the process. Burton has also done a great job in the detailed writing. She writes simply enough so that children can enjoy the book but adult enough that any age group will feel like this is for them. I feel this book is for anyone who wants to learn how to draw. At the price I paid, I feel like I owe the team money.

I gave this book to my 9 year old grandson, who loves to draw Star Wars figures. The text is quite a bit above his reading level, but he's already been using the book to draw!! He loves this book.

My 11 year old son has been drawing Star Wars vehicles almost daily since "The Force Awakens" came out. He's been doing it all off of the top of his head, so he has been getting some of the details wrong. We got him this book and he loves it. During indoor recess at school he and his friends pass the book around and all enjoy it. They are not having trouble with the Millennium Falcon or AT-AT Walker any more. I really think the transparent pages are much better than the stencils that other kids drawing books have.

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