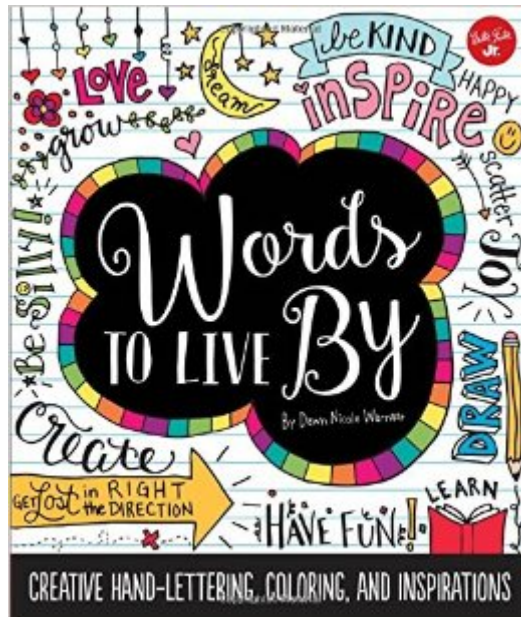


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# Words To Live By: Creative Hand-lettering, Coloring, And Inspirations



## Synopsis

With step-by-step, hand-lettering lessons and spectacularly illustrated coloring pages, artists of any age can create beautiful works of letter art. *Words to Live By* is a unique combination of inspirational quotes, hand-lettering tips and techniques, and fun coloring pages. With easy step-by-step lessons in the art of hand lettering and illustration, artists of any age can learn to create beautiful works of letter art. Also included are 24 inspirational perforated coloring pages that can be personalized and displayed, framed, or given as gifts.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

This book is colorful, cheap and very cute. It would be a perfect gift for a teen or pre-teen girl. But for an adult looking to learn lettering, it falls woefully short. I saw the book advertised on the author's website, liked her style and pre-ordered it, mistakenly thinking it would be an instruction book for people wishing to learn lettering. It's not--despite the back cover saying "Develop your own unique doodling and lettering style through creative, step-by-step lessons and projects." The reason the reader develops THEIR OWN style is because the reader literally has to figure out how to do the lettering on their own. This book is like a primer, an intro to lettering for kids. The first few pages explain the difference between serif and sans serif letters, the parts of a letter (ie: ascender & descender), and tips to thicken the letters to give them a faux calligraphy appearance. Next are the

projects: write on a paint chip add string and call it a bookmark; use a Sharpie to write on a coffee mug; write on a rock and use it as a paperweight; etc. The last third of the book is single-sided coloring pages, each with a pretty backside that reminds me of scrapbook paper. Personally, I was disappointed in the book. If I were grading it strictly as a lettering book, which is what I thought it was, it would get 1 star. As a coloring & project book for teens who enjoy lettering, which appears to be what it actually is, I'd say it deserves 4 stars as it is colorful and cheery with cute coloring pages. I'll own the disappointment on this one. Before ordering I saw that it was in 's "Children's Sculpture" category. I thought I had made a mistake. But printed on the back cover, it says the category is: Juvenile Nonfiction / Art / Drawing.

My first thought on opening up my purchase was how nice a book this is. Nice sized and sturdy colorful pages. I've paid more for books not near as nice. My only issue (and hence four stars), is that the book was light on specific lettering techniques. I was hoping for more. This was a bit more "crafty" with cute projects, but probably things I'll never do. The coloring pages are nice as are the practice pages. I was just expecting a heavier "how to" emphasis on lettering. I'm sure I'll use it as lettering reference. If you are looking specifically for hand lettering lessons, this might not be your cup of tea. If you are looking for ways to use lettering and some adorable coloring pages, this is a great buy.

Highly disappointed in this book and very sorry I wasted my money. The "look inside" pages represented on the site were literally the best pages in the book. Over 35 of the 128 pages were blank or "practice here" pages and another 24 pages were coloring pages. Roughly half of the book was therefore non-informative and basically sketch paper. While the book describes itself as "creative hand lettering" there was almost no instruction as to how to hand letter, but rather "doodle" this and "doodle" that. There is one two page section on how to "faux calligraphy" but it does not instruct you on how to make the letters at all, just to widen the downstrokes on letters you are apparently already suppose to know how to make. The remainder of the book is all about project ideas like book marks, pencil books and sharpie marker mugs None of these ideas are unique and can be found on a certain idea board (no names allowed per review guidelines). Is she presenting these ideas as her own? What is most disturbing, perhaps, is the author's own lack of ability as apparent in the artwork. I would have expected finished and polished projects. Instead I saw what a teen girl might doodle on her school notebook. The finished letter is crooked and imperfect to the point of looking like drafts. Had these been shown in the preview, it would have been clear this was

not a well informed or creative author. If you have any artistic skill past that of a 10 year old, this book is not for you. I am more than annoyed that I lost \$9.50 on this venture.

I love this book! The instructions are easy to follow and there are several pages for you to practice on. It teaches multiple techniques. The pages are so colorful and fun! Also has pages you can color yourself and pull out and frame. Buy this book if you want a beginner book for hand lettering! It's just pure fun!

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