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Color Your Own Classic Movie Posters (Dover Art Coloring Book)



Synopsis

From such great epics as Ben-Hur and Gone with the Wind to the madcap escapades of the Marx Brothers in Duck Soup, this collection of classic movie posters celebrates thirty timeless films that movie fans never tire of watching. Faithful renderings of posters that breathlessly advertised such great films as Stagecoach, High Noon, North by Northwest, It's a Wonderful Life, West Side Story, and twenty-two others can be reproduced in their original hues or enhanced with an exciting blend of colors from the budding young artist's own palette.

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Customer Reviews

Dover Art continues to put out adult coloring books that are printed with a different image on each side. What this means to me is that I can't use Spectrum Noir pens or colored ink pens because they will bleed through the pulpy and rather lightweight paper. It's such a shame because the posters are cool and the inside covers of the book even show the originals, in case you want to do it in the colors as it was. The only thing to use without bleeding through is colored PENCILS or possibly pastels, but I think pastels would not give enough definition. I'm all for saving trees but in this case Dover needs to give us one image per page. The other option is to print them out on your computer printer but why should the consumer have to waste expensive ink cartridges? I'm giving this product a 2 star rating because I'm really disappointed in Dover Art.

Some things/subjects do not translate well into a line drawing--and movie posters are definitely one of those. The original movie posters had a lot of undefined colors, highlights and shapes in them. (Small thumbnails of the posters are featured on the inside front cover and inside back cover of the book for easy reference.) The artist did the best he could--and I assume he was trying to help by outlining where highlights were in the pictures--but the extra lines just confused me. So I ended up having to ignore them and just had fun coloring the pictures however I felt like. I also had an absolute ball thinking up my own comic taglines for the films and dialog for the characters featured in the poster. So this ended up being one of the most fun coloring books I've ever done. However, if a person wants to do this from a serious perspective--I think they might be somewhat disappointed. The pictures are difficult to render in a way that will make them actually look like the original poster--and the drawings do not look very much like the actor or actress they represent, for the most part. Level of difficulty would depend on how accurate you want it to be in comparison to the actual poster.

I was excited to get this for my mom since we're big TCM movie buffs but it was a little upsetting when you see the lack of detail there is in the actual posters. You can tell what iconic movie poster it is but the detail of people tend to look a bit cartoonish rather than the actual poster. It's fun to have but not well detailed.

As usual Marty Noble's line work is great and joy to color but loss of a star for the pictures being on both sides of the paper- so no markers for people who enjoy using those- and even with colored pencils the paper is so thin that it won't allow people to go over it very many times for bolder colors or shades- if you try the paper will tear or dent...and then you close the book the pencils work will smear onto unused pages.

It's a great idea, but poorly executed. The pictures don't match the actual posters and they printed the images on both sides of each page so you can't use markers. Too bad because if it was a better quality book I would have bought two more for the film buffs in my life.

I was a little disappointed with it. I thought there would be some guidelines as to the color you would use for each poster. I guess I was thinking it was like a color by number book instead of just the drawings and then tiny pictures on the front and back covers to show you what colors and how they

should be filled in. Also, the coloring pencils did not work well on these pages. You can't blend it. Won't try this again.

Great images. I bought this for use with Copic Markers. The only problem is images are printed on both sides of the page so you have to pick which image you want to color as markers bleed through the page. For the price and the images that worked out well. I recommend the book.

Kind of boring. There isn't a lot of detail in many of the pictures and what there is is often marred by a poor conversion from the original posters which were glossy, a technique very hard to reproduce with crayon or colored pencil. Still, it's something different to color so there's that. Nothing to be excited about but not worth tossing.

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