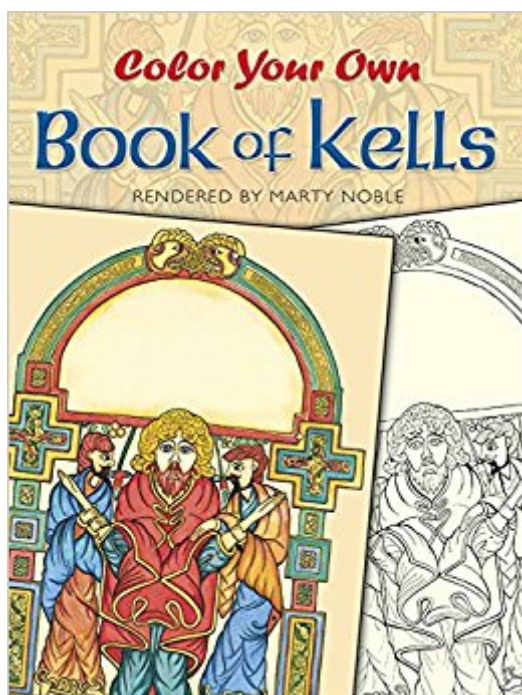


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Color Your Own Book Of Kells (Dover Art Coloring Book)



Synopsis

The finest of early Christian art of its kind and one of the most beautiful books of the early Middle Ages, The Book of Kells is an illuminated copy of the four gospels of the New Testament in Latin. For this striking coloring book, Marty Noble has expertly rendered 28 full-page black-and-white reproductions of the book's elaborate artistic ornamentation. Included are eye-catching borders filled with abstract Celtic spirals and interlacements, celestial figures, images of saints, members of the Holy Family, as well as Celtic crosses and other finely detailed floral, animal, human, and fantastic elements. An excellent opportunity for coloring book enthusiasts to participate directly in reproducing one of the great masterpieces of Celtic art, this collection also provides artists of all ages with hours of coloring entertainment presented in a unique format.

Book Information

Series: Dover Art Coloring Book

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Age Range: 11 - 14 years

Grade Level: 6 - 8

Customer Reviews

One of Dover's most gifted and versatile artists, Marty Noble is the creator of over 200 Dover items, including regular and stained glass books, stickers, tattoos, stencils, CD-ROMs, and more. Marty has also expertly re-created the art for most of the "Color Your Own . . ." series.

I got this book as part of a 4-for-3 offer, and I found it a poor second to Ed Sibbert Jr's "Celtic

Design Coloring Book," which is also published by Dover. Marty Noble also did Dover's excellent "Medieval Tapestries Coloring Book," which I would give 5 stars. I think he had a very difficult task with the Book of Kells book; the 28 illustrations include many full-size pages, and none of these are printed as a two-page spread, which would have enabled Noble to give clearer definition to the border designs. In contrast, Sibbett's book provides 37 illustrations from the Book of Kells and depicts them more clearly as one is on a two-page spread and the others are details (even if some are large details). Seven of the 28 illustrations in the Kells book are substantially the same as in the Sibbett book, and the two books also share another 3 illustrations in common, although the Kells book presents more of the page's framing details and borders than the earlier Celtic book. The illustration of St. Matthew is double-page in Sibbett and only a single page in Noble (and the pupil is missing from St. Matthew's left eye), and most clearly illustrates the difference between the two books. I am interested in these designs for embroidery and for my purposes, Sibbett is preferable. Those who want to see the effect of a whole page may find Noble's version is better. I feel Noble's version suffers from his assignment of presenting larger designs in a smaller space than Sibbett.

The subject matter was nifty, and for the price it's okay, but the quality was lower than I'd hoped. There are areas with incomplete lines, and other issues. But it was very cheap. I wasn't *completely* mortified to give it to the history buff for whom I'd ordered it as a gift, but I wouldn't have purchased it in a shop had I been able to flip through and see the production issues.

Sadly the pictures are printed on both sides of the page, and they are not crisp clear lines. It would be difficult to color with markers as the images seem faded, and markers bleed through.

I love the Book of Kells and have been blessed with the opportunity to see the real book at Trinity College in Dublin. The copies in the coloring book are accurate to the real book and very beautiful. But they are completely impractical for coloring. The lines are incredibly tiny and I don't know how to color them and stay in the lines, even with a very sharp pencil. I was pretty disappointed.

If you are buying it for the artwork don't bother, outlines too big, pictures missing so much from the original artwork, good for people with trouble seeing.

Excellent... Just what I wanted...

Color and learn history

This is somewhat of a substitute since I couldn't take pictures inside the Trinity Library where the Book of Kells is on display.

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