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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Celebrated designer Todd Oldham opens another treasure trove of unseen and unpublished illustrations in the new AMMO Books release, "Charley Harper's Animal Kingdom."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

"The never-before-published animal illustrations are so graphic, they're perfectly suited to this large format book. What I really love about Harper's work is that the animals retain their integrity: They don't all look like cartoon animals and don't have an ounce of Disney-esque cuteness. It's an exuberant tribute to an exuberant artist, and a lovely antidote to a gray winter day." [Home Design with Kevin Sharkey, MarthaStewart.com](#) "Beyond iconizing America's wildlife, Harper's style was fundamental in the formation of contemporary graphic design, promoting 'minimal realism' that

relies on basic geometric forms and crisp lines. His sense for color shines in this high quality printing from Ammo, and the exaggerated scale shows off Harper's eye for detail." *Cool Hunting* "If you think you've seen the work of Charley Harper, then Todd Oldham's new compendium of more than 300 previously unseen animal illustrations will be a breath of fresh fauna." *Herman Miller*

Todd Oldham is an innovator of accessible design and the founder of Todd Oldham Studio, a multidisciplinary design studio in New York City. Originally a fashion designer, Todd has hosted MTV's "House of Style." Todd's career has evolved to include all areas of design—from interior design, film, and photography to furniture, graphic art, and product design. Todd is also the author of several publications by AMMO Books, including "Charley Harper: An Illustrated Life," "Wayne White," "Kid Made Modern," and "Ed Emberley." Charley Harper was an American illustrator who worked from his studio in the woods near Cincinnati, Ohio, until his death in 2007, at the age of eighty-four. He is beloved for his delightful, graphic, and often-humorous illustrations of nature, animals, insects, and people alike. Charley liked to say that when he paints a bird, he doesn't count all the feathers in the wings—he just counts the wings. Minimal realism, he called it, and his unique and precise style continue to resonate and inspire his admirers.

As a Charley Harper fan, this book did not disappoint. The oversized edition (much wider than traditional hardcovers) has enough room on each page for appropriate negative space and the reproductions. It is well organized and a fine addition to a Harper collection. I ticked off a star for what I felt was the precarious binding of the book itself. In these wider, oversized editions, the spine tends to be under enormous pressure; I haven't yet seen a publisher address this problem satisfactorily. With this book, I could plainly see that the inside cover leaves would separate before long. In order to nip that in the bud, I ordered and applied strips of archival linen tape on the inside spine of both the front and back covers. It now feels a lot sturdier...

If you like Charlie Harper, you like Charlie Harper, I think. I love the simple complexities of his artwork. A true genius. I did not want to put this book on a shelf where no one could see it. It needs to be left open. The inside pages contain the beauty. I placed it like a blanket at the foot of the bed where I can change to new pages each day. It feels very fun!

I received this from my wonderful husband for Christmas this year -- what a treasure! The

illustrations are breath-taking, and seeing so many new renderings all gathered in one gigantic book - it's almost sensory overload (but in a good way!). Thank you to Todd Oldham and Thank you to my husband!

This book is my second one from Todd Oldham about Charley Harper. I discovered Charley's work while working with La-Z-Boy at a local photo studio. Thank you Todd for providing yet another interesting and visually stimulating book for the public. A beautifully printed and presented book!

I've always loved animals but Charley Harper's art make animals so much more alive in his portrayals. I would think that kids of all ages would be attracted to his art.

FASTdelivery! Excellent book! Excellent book to add to the collection of Harper books!

Modern, attractive layout. Thick, luxurious paper. This is just a treasure. The book cover is so pretty, I'm displaying it as art. I love Charley Harper, and I love Todd Oldham for making his work so accessible to poor people like me!

This book is awesome. It's huge and has an excellent representation of Charley Harper's art. I can look at it for hours, just flipping through the pages and taking in his unique artistic view.

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