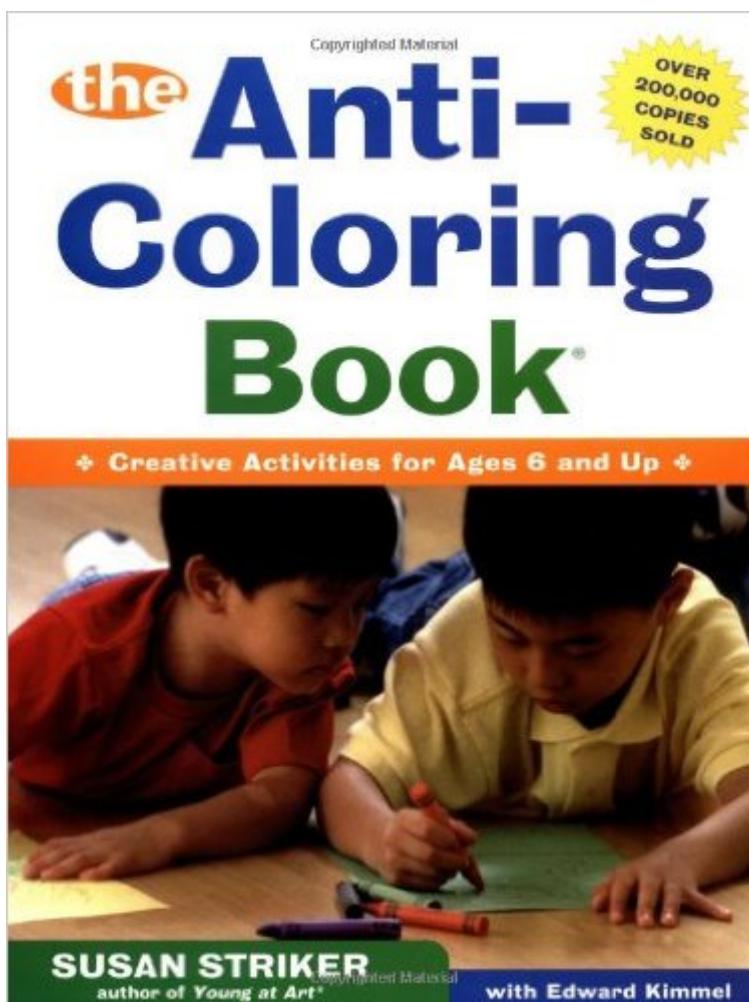


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The Anti-Coloring Book: Creative Activities For Ages 6 And Up



Synopsis

A newly repackaged edition of the first book in a series that has sold more than 600,000 copiesA favorite of parents, educators, and therapists since it was first published in 1978, more than 200,000 copies of this first volume from the "draw-from-your-imagination" books have been sold around the world. Praised as "extraordinary, revolutionary" (Newsweek), "imaginative" (The Christian Science Monitor), and "great stuff" (Detroit Free Press), this innovative series has continued to spark the creative impulses in children for years.

Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

Customer Reviews

These books are extraordinary for building a child's ego and self-confidence. The books are structured so that the child's imagination and the child's opinions about life are in the spotlight. The anti-coloring books make kids feel good! They are books that actually manage to give kids the attention they need - rather than demanding attention from the kid. The anti-coloring books continually ask questions about the child, her thoughts, her feelings, her visions. They are brilliant mechanisms for encouraging confidence and creativity. From a parent's perspective, the finished books become a window onto the emotional and psychological landscape of your children. What do they really think? What makes them angry? What are they wishing for? I highly recommend any of the anti-coloring books for children of all ages. Mom and Dad should try them too!

I ordered two of these for six year olds but ended up putting them aside for older children. I'd say eight or ten would be the youngest. Also, I was surprised that one page asks the children to draw what they think God looks like. I'm not totally comfortable giving that as a gift. I believe there was also a question about a crime and another about someone they hated. I hope most six year olds don't hate anyone yet. I'm not sure I even want them thinking about it. Anyway, just keep this in mind before you buy. The concept is great, but not sure about the product.

I was given this book as a little girl. As an adult I am purchasing this book to share with my students. So much better than your average coloring book, this book is thought invoking and inspires creativity in all ages.

As a parent and former early childhood educator, I am pleased to write this review. In a day and age when entertainment does not require much thought process from our young ones (i.e. video games, pointless television shows, computer software, etc.), it is very refreshing to stumble upon the Anti-Coloring Book. Our children are exposed to endless amounts of effort-free fun stuff; and ultimately, young minds become lazy, trained, and forgetful of the power of imagination. How can you say no to a product that fosters developmentally appropriate learning, and promotes self awareness, self confidence, self expression, and independent thinking?? Help your child to break free from the lines and boundaries that hold them back. Kudos to the creators... it's time to get real about our children's needs!

My kids go nuts for these. You can see the gears turning when trying to "finish the story" of the picture. We use a writing curriculum that teaches young kids to write by letting them take an existing story and re-write it in their own words. This relieves them from the stress of having to think of characters and scenarios, the structure (paragraphs, sentences, grammar, etc) and the actual physical act of writing all at once. No wonder many young children are reluctant to write! They are free to focus on structure and style (and modifying the existing story to their liking) instead of expending thought on an entire story. When they get enough practice, forming their own unique stories will be much easier because these basics are established. Likewise, the Anti-Coloring books provide the start of something... but where they end it is up to the child. I've seen more creative independent drawings from my kids because they were able to exercise their muscles through these open-ended art pages. Adults to very young children can benefit from these.

I actually really love this book and think it is super cool, but my 6 year old nephew for whom it was purchased just didn't get into it. I gave it 3 stars because I suspect others may also find it's the kind of thing adults want kids to like, not the kind of thing kids actually like.

I still remember some of the specific pages I created in my Anti-Coloring Books almost 20 years ago! I had 4 or 5 different books and loved them all. These books encourage creativity, empowering kids to draw and think "outside the lines." I look forward to giving these books to my nieces, nephews, and children in the near future and am thrilled to learn that they're still available.

This book is a great way to spark creativity! Each page has a creative prompt, that is designed to be very open-ended. My seven-year-old especially enjoys this book, and it's a great thing for her to work on in waiting rooms, etc. Prompts range from "Design a shopping bag for the fanciest store in the world" to a thought bubble over a prisoner, with the note: "This man is thinking about how he ended up in jail."

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