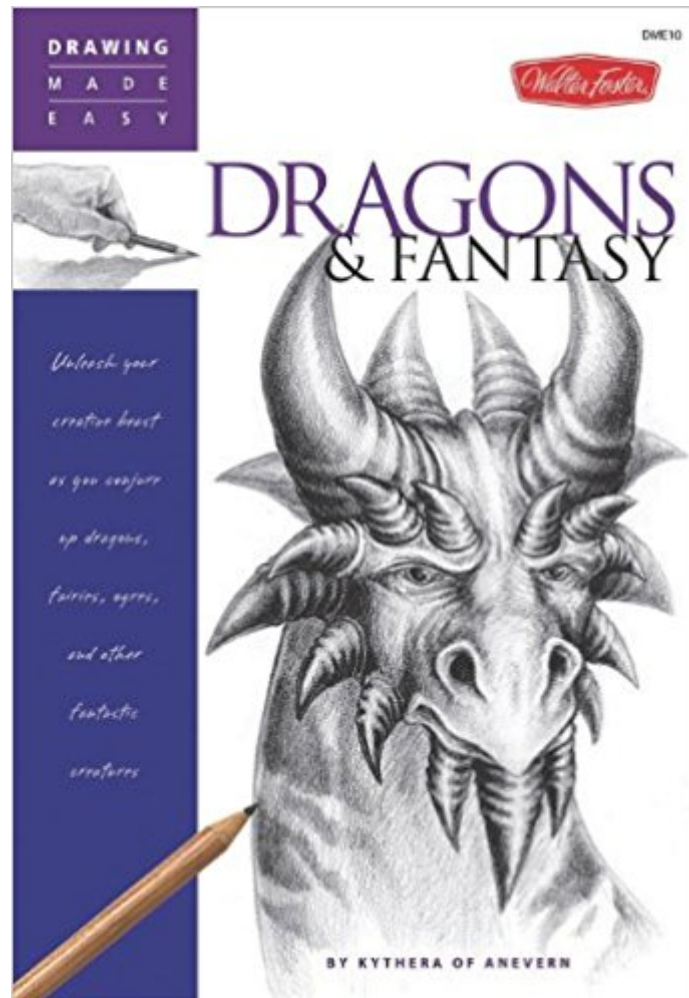




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Synopsis

This series introduces fundamentals of drawing to new artists particularly those with real interest in skill development. Included is an emphasis on helping students find their "inner" artist.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Gr 7 Up—Each book is written by an artist and includes an introduction and closing that add a personal touch to the lessons found inside. Organization is typical of art-instruction guides where tools and techniques are explained first. All three titles begin with the idea that drawing freehand is one way to go, but tracing and transferring are timesavers to be taken advantage of. While *Dragons & Fantasy* focuses on tracing with the use of a light box, the other titles also include information on how to use transfer paper and photocopies to get started. *Colored Pencil* is the only one in color. It provides clear, dark outlines of the compositions (tree frog, garden gnome, fruit bowl) intended for photocopying compared with the gray outlines in *Lifelike Animals* and the complicated sketches in *Dragons & Fantasy*. All three books devote several spreads to each lesson, allowing space for clear instructions paired with illustrations reflecting steps described. *Lifelike Animals* packs a lot of detail into lessons on drawing tigers, koalas, and meerkats, but *Dragons* is the most complex. In fact, the compact design of this series is a hindrance when it comes to the fabulous details of the dragons,

fairies, and Minotaur. Completed fantasy drawings fill the page, but step-by-step illustrations are rather small. Overall, these books have enough strengths and visual appeal to earn a spot on most shelves. --Lisa Glasscock, Columbine Public Library, Littleton, CO. (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

Dragons, gargoyles, unicorns, and more come alive with the pen, pencil, or brush of Kythera of Anevern. Budding fantasy artists will be captivated by the detailed finished products of the 13 mythical creatures in this volume of the Drawing Made Easy series, though undoubtedly there will be some frustration as they try to execute the fabulous and ornate drawings with the proper perspective and detail. The artist gives a brief introduction to each fantasy creature and accompanies each of the step-by-step drawing illustrations with detailed written instructions in a personal, conversational tone, even to the point of telling the student which type pencil to use. The text is dense and painstaking, and the print is small, leaving younger artists at a disadvantage. Though the book will appeal to sketchers of all ages, the ideal audience will likely be teens with a flair for drawing or at least a couple of art classes under their belts. Grades 6-12. --J. B. Petty

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