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The Language-Lover’s Lexipedia

An A-Z of Linguistic Curiosities

Joshua Blackburn

Joshua Blackburn has created an A–Z that’s part-encyclopedia, part-treasure map and an all-around joy for anyone interested in words and language. Meticulously researched, joyfully written and beautifully designed, the book dives into the quirky, the curious and the unexpected to reveal a world of language you never knew existed. Illustrated with enchanting line art that evokes a 19th-century reference book, it is as visually delightful as it is intellectually captivating. It’s stuffed with quirky lists, surprising facts and illuminating stories – the ultimate gift for any language lover. The author’s infectious enthusiasm turns linguistic oddities into pure entertainment and offers up endless rabbit holes to dive down, with each thoughtful entry promising to charm, educate, and tickle. The book is a must-read for anyone who revels in the beauty, humour and sheer weirdness of language.

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Creative Alcohol Ink Flowers

A Step-by-Step Guide to 20 Stunning Floral Designs

Anne Roos Smink

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Over 200 Unique Stickers

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Patricia Lovett

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Jackie French & Danny Snell

The Drought Kangaroo focuses on animals and the challenges they face in environmental disaster; be it fire, flood and now drought. Drought has devastated Joseph the kangaroo’s home. He longs for green grass and the cool, clear water he can smell in the distance. Kangaroos can leap higher and further than any other animal, but can even Joseph’s strong hind legs help him reach the waterhole? And will the new mob there accept a stranger? This is a true story about a young kangaroo who went on the longest journey of his life and ended up living by a creek on Jackie French’s property. Recommended for ages 6+.

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30 Stunning, Oversized Coloring Pages

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Tips & Techniques to Inspire Your Practice

Chelsea Ward

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Big School of Drawing People

Whether you are a complete beginner or an artist with some experience looking to refine your skills, this book covers the essential techniques you need to capture people from various angles, ages, ethnicities, and expressions. Inside, you will find: • Step-by-step instructions for drawing people, including detailed guidance for capturing faces, bodies and anatomy • Essential art techniques, covering light, shadow and perspective to make drawings more dynamic and realistic • Diversity, with depictions of people across different ages, sexes and ethnicities.

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Landscapes Quick Reference Color Palettes

to Use at Home or on Location Charles Evans

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Ready to Paint in 30 Minutes:

Seascapes Build Your Skills with Quick

& Easy Painting Projects Matthew Palmer

Matthew Palmer has constructed this beginner’s painting course structured to build your skills up gradually. Start simple with still water and rippling tides, then move on to creating crashing waves, coastal buildings, boats and sun-bleached sand. • Each of the compact projects is explained in 10 steps or fewer and is accompanied by a full-size outline on tracing paper (the exercises are all worked at postcard size – ideal for an A6 watercolour pad) • Covers watercolour basics, building up from core watercolour techniques including preparing paper and paint and blending • Each of the 33 quick and easy exercises takes no more than 30 minutes and will teach you how to create a new and inspiring subject – including wild waves, lightning on the ocean, yachts, palm trees and rocky shores • 3 larger scale finished paintings demonstrate how to integrate the techniques you’ve learned into vibrant and inspiring seascapes – these complete paintings also have an accompanying actual-size tracing.

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The Bedside Book of Watercolor

Wisdom 500 Practical Hints, Tips, and Solutions for All Artists

Trudy Friend

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Ready to Paint Postcards:

Woodlands 15 Stunning Watercolour

Paintings to Create in Just 30 Minutes

Geoff Kersey

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Kicking Glass A Creative Guide to

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