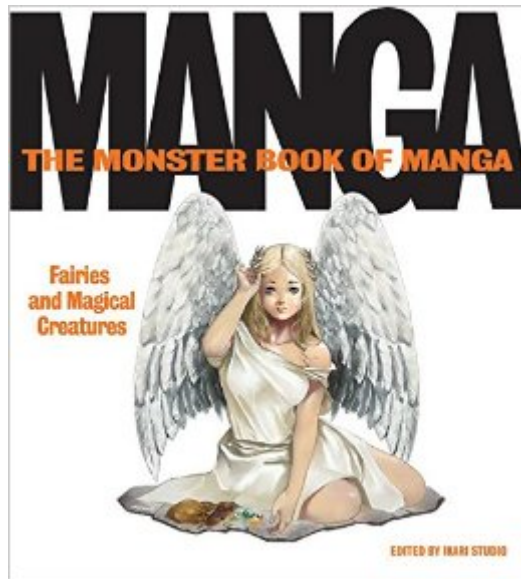


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# The Monster Book Of Manga: Fairies And Magical Creatures: Draw Like The Experts



## Synopsis

The popularity of manga "Japanese cartooning" continues to grow, inspiring interest in learning how to draw this exciting style of comics. From comic illustration Ikari Studio comes the ultimate guide on how to draw manga. The Monster Book of Manga: Fairies and Magical Creatures focuses on these figures of wonder. Each illustration is broken down into six stages of creation and is accompanied by step-by-step instructions, taking the artist from an initial black-and-white sketch to final color piece. Each drawing is also accompanied by practical suggestions, hints, and tips. This monster-size manual is the must-have book for anyone interested in learning how to draw manga, appealing to beginning and advanced artists alike.

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While you won't be able to go from never having picked up an artist's pen to drawing these beautiful creatures, the book is worth having for aspiring manga artists or just lovers of the genre as a coffee table book. I can just stare at the illustrations for hours! And if you are trying to learn, it gives some great how-to ideas.

This is the third in a series and the first the producers have concentrated on a specific genre, which is fantasy and magic. I own all three and I love all three. However, I don't use these to learn anything. The art in this book is outstanding. I find this book and the other two to be very inspirational. I look through these books to find ideas and even to draw what they have in the books. The downside is you will not learn anything from this book, especially if you are a beginner.

They try to give you some tips and some progression pictures of each piece of art, but it doesn't help to teach you anything. Buy this book simply for the appreciation of the art that is in it. Look somewhere else for "how to draw" instructions.

This book is amazing. I was looking at it in a store contemplating buying it cause it was a tad bit expensive, when a stranger came up and told me it was a great book. I bought it and it really was worth all the money. It has such detailed instructions on how to draw some amazing manga. I have to admit there are a few pieces of art in it that are a bit inappropriate for little kids but it's still a great book and worth the money. BUY IT!

You're not going to be a master artist by reading this book, but here's what you can expect to learn. The book has lots of great examples of all types of fantasy characters in different poses. The book walks you through a 6 step process for the characters: Stick Figure - Work on the pose and proportions Basic Shapes - Block out your character Anatomy - Draw in the muscles Clothing or Detail - Add accessories, clothing, or details Shading - Pick a light source and add your shadows / reflective light Color - Bring it to life On each step, there is some text that points out some of the details and explains why the artist drew them that way and what it does for your characters. You can follow the examples in the book and you'll get good at this process. It will help you become a better character artist. If you need help on a particular step, the practice will help you out as well. With this book and some discipline, you can become a better artist. I've had the book for a month and I've gotten a bit better at proportions, anatomy, and shading. I also draw about 25% faster.

I bought this book because of the high reviews and all the hype it gave this book. To be honest I really didn't enjoy this book much. I'm not new to drawing so pages 1 to 383 was not at all interesting to me. In my opinion, it felt like learning how to draw from a young student who is still learning how to draw himself/herself. I was expecting to get 383 pages of information from an actual professional manga artist or from a professor of art who knows a lot about manga but I was disappointed. I think the title "The Monster Book of Manga: Fairies and Magical Creatures: Draw Like the Experts" is a little miss leading. After reading and studying this book I really don't think anyone will be drawing like the experts anytime soon. I really don't consider any of the artwork in this book to be at an expert level. In my opinion, the artist who created this book is just an average artist and is not expert artist himself/herself. Even though I did not enjoy this book, I am still giving this a 5 star rating because I know other people will enjoy this book more than I did. I would recommend this

book to teens and adult but not kids because this does contain some nudity. This book isn't for everyone. Hopefully this book is made for you and if you choose to purchase this book, it somehow helps you draw like the experts.

Prior to getting this one, "Girls", and "Boys", I had two books from Ikari Studio. Now I have more in my arsenal of improving my drawing. This is, and other books by Ikari Studio, are must haves for those who love to draw anime and manga style!

From the first lines to colorized drawing, this is a great tutorial book. You will find help with the sketch and the colors. Both beginners and intermediate Manga artists will benefit from this wide ranging book.

Another book that was pretty good for inspiration for a artist that is already familiar with drawing figures and clothing. Personally wouldn't say this is a book for beginners, however it's still good for collection sake of drawing books.+ From a great series of books+ Good for inspiring an artist+ Pretty diverse in pose+ Great for collection sake, if you just like art books- Not really a book for beginners that are barely starting off

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