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# Sketching From The Imagination: Sci-fi



## Synopsis

The humble sketch is the foundation of great art, where thoughts and concepts first come to life as an image—but rarely are sketches celebrated like they deserve to be for their power to explore, inspire, and entertain. In *Sketching from the Imagination: Sci-fi*, a selection of fifty talented traditional and digital artists, ranging from industry legends to talented up-and-comers, have been chosen to share their sketches and reveal the ideas, inspirations, and techniques behind their creative processes. Continuing the high-quality format of 3dtotal Publishing's previous successes, *Sketching from the Imagination: An Insight into Creative Drawing* and *Sketching from the Imagination: Fantasy*, this new title is dedicated to fantasy's sibling genre, sci-fi, in all its forms. From doodles of robots and aliens to concept designs for spaceships and speculative life-forms, including rendered drawings of invented worlds, *Sketching from the Imagination: Sci-fi* presents a handpicked collection of the best sketches and drawings by sci-fi artists from across the globe—each with their own unique style and approach to the genre. Each artist presents an impressive showcase of images from their sketchbooks, accompanied by their own enlightening commentary, and page upon page of useful tips, techniques, creative insights, and invaluable advice for getting your ideas out of your brain and onto the page. *Sketching from the Imagination: Sci-fi* is not only a must-have resource for any concept designer's shelf, but a stunning compilation of drawings that will delight sci-fi fans and any admirer of beautiful artwork.

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3dtotal Publishing3dtotal was founded in 1999 as a simple 3D resource website. Over the last decade the site has evolved into one of the premier CG art websites in the world, offering a variety of training products, an inspirational gallery, a free texture library and hundreds of free tutorials on a variety of subjects. In 2006, 3dtotal entered into partnership with Focal Press and launched the popular book series Digital Art Masters and Digital Painting Techniques. The premise for these books was to provide high-quality content that would inspire and educate the next generation of digital artists. Featuring the work of top industry professionals, detailed tutorials and image breakdowns, these series have become firmly established as indispensable resources for every digital artist. After five successful years working with Focal Press, 3dtotal Publishing was launched in early 2010. As well as self-publishing the next volumes in the pre-existing Digital Art Masters and Digital Painting Techniques series, 3dtotal Publishing has launched a number of new titles including: Sketching from the Imagination: Fantasy, the Beginner's Guide to Digital Painting in Photoshop Elements and the successful Kickstarter campaign, Sketch Workshop.

After falling in love with the Sketching From The Imagination, I was thrilled to find the new Sci-Fi and Fantasy books and they do not disappoint. The Sci-Fi book is filled with some great art and some truly unique styles. There is a great mix of concepts from alien life forms, to spaceships, robots, mechs, spacesuits, and other wild future imaginings. The art alone is worth it. But when you add in the comments and tips from each artist, it really makes this (and the other books in this series) a great place for inspiration and for picking up new ideas and techniques. Of all my art books, the Sketching from the Imagination books are the ones I pick up most often. I love to just flip thru them at random and almost always find myself pulled in and losing track of time. I recommend these books for anyone whether you are a beginner or an expert or even if you don't draw. These books aren't books that teach you how to draw, they are books that inspire you to create. So if you want to stir your imagination, or peak behind the curtains and get inside the head of some talented artists, or just enjoy some excellent and sometimes quirky Sci-Fi art, then flip through the pages of this wonderful book. I dare you not to feel inspired to grab a pen or pencil and start some sketches of your own.

Not bad, although I expected more. The artist's selection is kind of inconsistent, some of them being quite good, and some of them being just barely acceptable. The overall artist's level is, in my opinion, underwhelming, and some of the comments or tips are absolutely obvious for anyone with a little bit of drawing skill. Now, I am not a professional artist, so I was hoping I could get some insight

or inspiration to improve my own drawings. Truth is, I've only opened it once after getting the book, and I regret my purchase. Before I got this, I was hoping to get more books from the publisher, but I don't think I will, after seeing the artists featured on this one.

Excellent book I got a lot of insight on how different artists come up with ideas. My only complaint I wish there were pictures showing how they did their artwork in stages more. All in all a good read for inspiration.

I got this for my 10 year old budding artist. The sketches are really fantastic and can be studied over and over, still finding something new. Some of the pictures might be a little "scary" for someone under 10-12 depending on their sensitivity to imagery. This book is geared toward teens/adults but I flipped through it and felt it was suitable for my child's maturity level.

The sketches in this book make for great inspiration for Sci-fi drawings. The tips the artists give are a grade above beginner, which I liked. I like that they sampled various artists to give a wide range of styles.

Just buy this thing and the other two from the series! The book definitely can help you break out of an artistic slump. Beyond the numerous varied images, styles and techniques showcased, the commentary by each artist gives a really cool "human" voice to the work these amazing artists create. The good, the bad and the ugly is covered as is a good dose of motivation from those who have done great work yet struggle sometimes just like everyone else. Great to read through and to reference again and again for inspiration.

This book provided helpful tips and gives insight on how to become better at sketching.

It won't teach you how to draw....but it will certainly make you go WANT to draw!

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