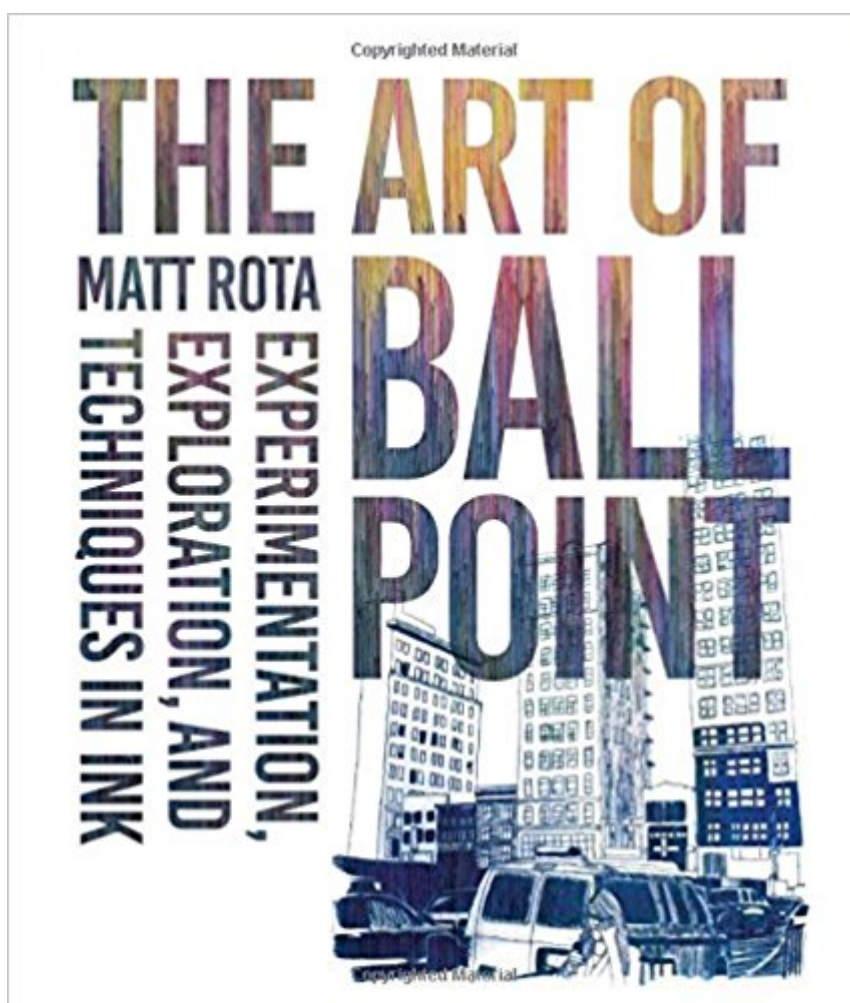


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The Art Of Ballpoint: Experimentation, Exploration, And Techniques In Ink



Synopsis

The Art of Ballpoint offers a historical perspective of the pen as an art medium and how it has evolved and grown in popularity. The book features several leading contemporary ballpoint artists who are creating complex and provocative masterpieces. They discuss their methods, the messages in their work, and their personal connections to the pen. These fascinating pieces range from psychologically charged portraits to mutant animals to spectacular wall-sized abstractions. The chapters cover classical drawings, modern abstractions, graphic illustration, contemporary realism, and sketchbook styles. Interspersed throughout the book, ballpoint techniques are demonstrated through stepped-out exercises that explore line drawing and crosshatching, shading and tone, photo-realism, drawing texture and pattern, working in layers, mixing other media with ballpoint, and more. Glide through this inspiring book and enjoy the intricate and impressive works created from an everyday tool.

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"I was lucky enough to get an advance copy of [The Art of Ballpoint](#) by artist and illustrator Matt Rota. After a careful read, here is what I found. I was immediately struck by the accessibility and depth of the book. You can read it either as a tool and resource for technique, a history book, or a deep cross-section of stylistic choices for the use of this oft-overlooked medium. Equal parts instruction and inspiration the book foiled my attempts to skim and I found myself drinking in every word and image." - Marc Scheff, [Illustration Age](#)"this 162-page book highlights just what incredible work can be created with this humble tool" - [Paint & Draw](#)"Owing to the prevalence and

simplicity of the ballpoint pen, this guide will have wide appeal across age groups and experience levels." - Library Journal

Matt Rota is a New York artist who currently teaches at the School of Visual Arts graduate visual narrative program, and has taught in the illustration department at the Maryland Institute College of Art. His drawings and prints have been exhibited at the National Arts Club, the Society of Illustrators, and Last Rites Gallery in New York; the Copro Gallery in Los Angeles; Galerie L'Oeil du Prince in Paris; and other international locations. He has received recognition and awards from American Illustration, Communication Arts, 3x3 magazine, Creative Quarterly, Spectrum, and Lurzers Intl Archive, where he was listed as one of the top 200 illustrators worldwide. Matt Rota is the author of Rockport's The Art of Ballpoint.

This book is amazing (very good tips and artwork)..... It's amazing what these artist can do with a simple ballpoint pen, I would highly recommend this book to anyone interested in drawing and art - heck I wish everyone would read it for the beauty of the art pieces found within it....

OMG. Just love this! Matt has a great style. He has some great classes on Craftsby. Highly recommend! Everyone has a ball point pen. Great for the poor artist.Wonderful inspiration.

Awesome book , people are amazing .

This book is wonderful! If you're looking for a book on ballpoint, or if you're considering taking up the medium, look no further.

All I can say is that prior to reading this book I "thought" I knew all there was to the whole "ballpoint art thing." I was completely wrong. This book is pretty awesome. The beautiful and insightful presentation of the works and the apparent deep background effort that went into its development shows. It can be a bit "wordy" in the well intending descriptions of the works and artists themselves, but that fact doesn't degrade the amazing work being done with the once lowly ballpoint pen or the value of the insightful nature of the writing. Great exploration of the medium and the many vastly differing approaches to art creation that can be expressed either directly or in concert with the ballpoint pen. Fun, inspiring read. Good job Matt Rota!

Amazing illustrations. great for creative experimenters.

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