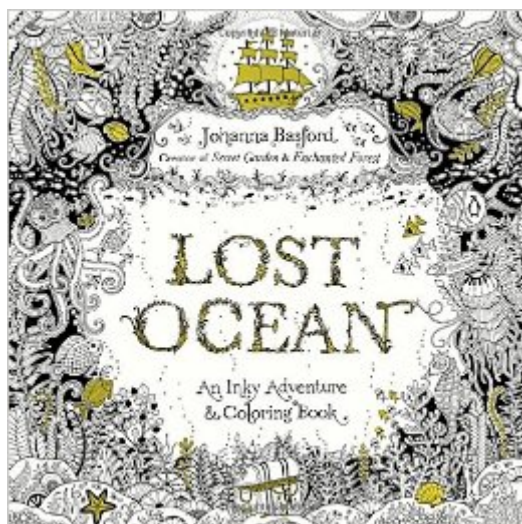


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Lost Ocean: An Inky Adventure And Coloring Book For Adults



Synopsis

From the creator of the worldwide bestsellers *Secret Garden* and *Enchanted Forest*, a beautiful new adult coloring book that takes you on a magical journey beneath the waves. With this coloring book for adults, Johanna Basford invites color-inners of all ages to discover an enchanting underwater world hidden in the depths of the sea. Through intricate pen and ink illustrations to complete, color, and embellish, readers will meet shoals of exotic fish, curious octopuses, and delicately penned seahorses. Visit coral reefs and barnacle-studded shipwrecks, discover intricate shells and pirate treasure. *Secret Garden* and *Enchanted Forest* fans and newcomers alike will welcome this creative journey into an inky new world. For *Lost Ocean*, Johanna picked a crisp ivory paper that accentuates and complements your chosen color palette. The smooth, untextured pages allow for beautiful blending or gradient techniques with colored pencils or are perfect for pens, allowing the nib to glide evenly over the surface without feathering.

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Customer Reviews

Johanna Basford is the designer who started my hobby of adult coloring books with her genre defining book, *Secret Garden* and her equally fantastic follow-up *Enchanted Forest*. With her newest book, *Lost Ocean*, she builds upon the stunningly beautiful and extremely intricate designs that I have come to expect from her. The subject of the coloring book is the ocean. There are so many designs, including: sailing ships, mermaids, fish, sea mammals, jellyfish, and shipwrecks and more flora of the deep than I can count, each page is a wonderful experience in coloring. There seems to be about 80 designs to color which is less than in both of her earlier

books. The book is also a hunt for hidden items and there is a key for what you are looking for as well as where they can be found. There is a picture of an octopus that reminds me way too much of Homer Simpson. I may have to color its head yellow with white and blue tentacles. The one disappointing thing about this book is the paper. It seemed that the artist and publisher had finally understood the need for thicker and/or better paper. Recent versions of *Secret Garden* had improved paper so much so, that this note is now included at the top of the page in all italics and with caps *Good news for all SECRET GARDEN fans! All editions of SECRET GARDEN now feature thicker and heavier paper stock, fighting bleed-through from ink pens.* From my point of view, one would think *Lost Ocean* would have the upgraded paper. It does not. In fact, it does not even have the same publisher. The paper is thinner and is worse and not as good as the last book. Maybe that is because of the change in publisher, but the artist and her staff should have verified what grade of paper was being used.

I'm so sad. I really liked her original books, *Enchanted Forest* and *Secret Garden*. THIS ONE IS NOT LIKE THEM WHEN IT COMES TO ACTUAL COLORING EXPERIENCE! There are some differences in the paper color being more white in this book vs the other two being more of a natural recycled color. They might not look as "cool" sitting out on a coffee table together. The outer wrapper/book cover on this *Lost Ocean* book is attached and doesn't come off. It has the same format of looking for "lost items" within a picture and some are two page spreads, etc. I pre-ordered this one, but have to say, if it didn't cost me money to return, it would be going back. Now a teenage girl will be getting this for Christmas. They seem to have forgotten who their target market is.... ADULTS! Make no mistake, if the pictures were blown up in a larger size I would be happy. This book doesn't have much opportunity for outlining or shading techniques simply due to the size of the majority of the pictures. Granted, not all of the pictures are as tightly detailed as some of the photos but the majority of the pages are. (My guess 80-85% finely detailed). You can see from the photos, if you are younger and can see better (I use 1.25 to 1.50 reading glasses) you will probably still need to buy a new set of markers that are .3mm like the STAEDTLER TRIPLUS FINELINER for the colors to show up much. Even the Prismacolor Verithin pencils that can maintain a sharper tip with an excellent sharpener will be a bit of a challenge to show up and stay in the lines in numerous water bubbles through out the book. They are that tiny. I have included pictures of different types of pens and pencils and my experience with them.

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