

Caricatures: Everything You Need to Know to Get Started (Collins Learn to Draw)

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Drawing is an essential skill for all artists and this book makes learning to draw caricatures as simple as possible. All the basics are covered, to provide a sound foundation in techniques, and numerous entertaining caricatures and step-by-step drawings show how these are put into practice. The book includes practical information on: tools and equipment; basic shapes and proportions; facial features and expressions; portraying personality; using photographs; working up sketches; and symbols and props.

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The art of caricature falls somewhere between the free-for-all of cartooning and the art of portraiture. In one of the most successful entries in the Learn To Draw series, Hughes manages to build from the basics of eyes, noses, mouths, and ears to complete personalities on the page. The usual examples of Elvis and Nixon are here, but Hughes shines in his unexpected caricatures of people like Gandhi, whom he portrays as a map of India. Recommended, especially in combination with a good book on portraiture like Lee Hammonds How To Draw Portraits in Colored Pencil from Photographs (North Light, 1997). Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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