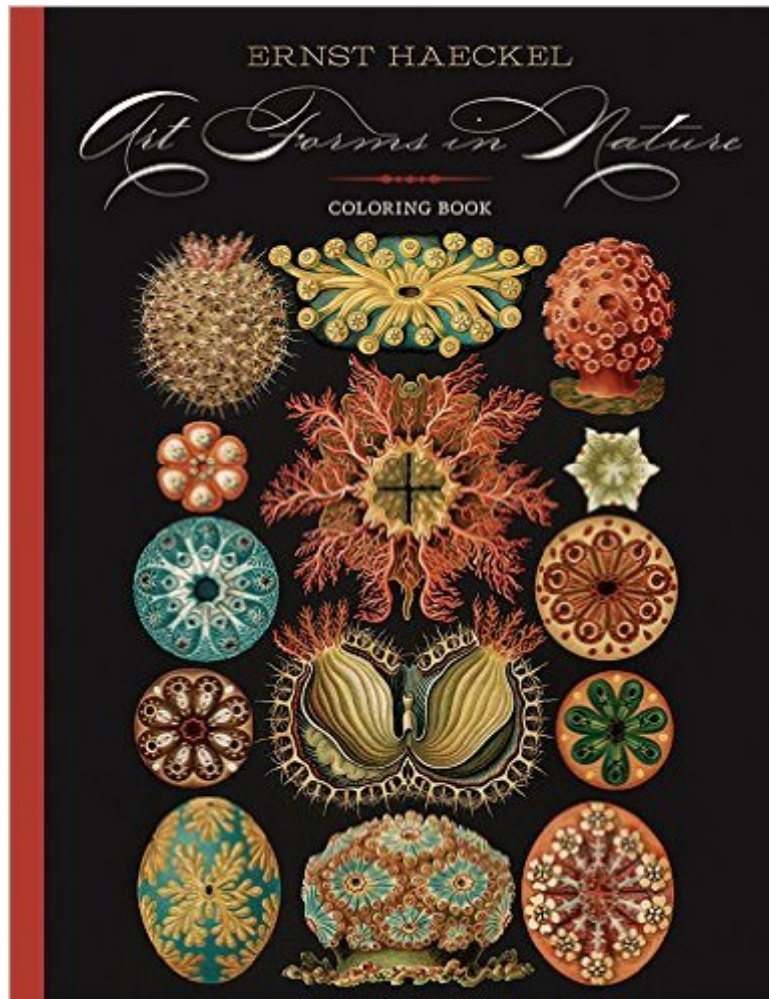


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# Ernst Haeckel: Art Forms In Nature Coloring Book



## Synopsis

Kunstformen der Natur, or Art Forms in Nature, encapsulates biologist Ernst Haeckel's response to Charles Darwin's On the Origin of Species. Haeckel (German, 1834–1919) published these exquisitely rendered depictions of flora and fauna in ten installments of ten illustrations from 1899 to 1904, aiming to widen the general public's understanding of naturalism. Haeckel also clearly saw his illustrations as more than just scientific documentation: in introducing one of his plates, he wrote that its patterns would not be out of place in embroideries or on urns and bottles.

Haeckel's elaborate forms have been called a precursor to art nouveau, and his influence even stretched to architecture. These illustrations derive from a copy of Kunstformen der Natur in the Case Book Collection in the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress. The Library holds over 160 million items in almost all media and in more than 470 languages.

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This is an incredible book. It is hardback with a glossy cover and 50 single-sided images on thick white paper. The images are taken from biologist Ernst Haeckel's work. They include cleaned up images of such things as radiolarians, shells, and jellyfish. There is also a page that indexes what each page contains. What isn't included are the higher life forms like birds and reptiles for example. The images are standard black and white, greyscale, or black backgrounds with gray scale images. The book is gorgeous, but a bit pricey. I may also get the one by Ernst Haeckel (Author) and David Abbey (Designer) called "Designs in Nature: the coloring book" Paperback – January 25, 2016. It

is much cheaper and contains all 100 images. However, they are not cleaned up versions of the original plates like this book. I am torn as to which (or both) book(s) that I want for my collection. I may end up getting/keeping both.

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