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My Little Pony: The Art Of Equestria



Synopsis

My Little Pony: The Art of Equestria presents, for the first time, a deep exploration of the art and illustrations from this beloved animated series, *Friendship Is Magic*. Beginning with the show's premiere and taking readers through its fifth season, the book offers an amazing collection of the art and design that bring this wonderful series to life. The book takes readers behind the scenes of the show and explores how favorite characters and the landscape of Equestria came to look as they are today. Beyond the television show, *My Little Pony: The Art of Equestria* also examines the intriguing fan culture—including the fan art movement inspired by *Friendship Is Magic*. With a rich array of conceptual art, episode storyboards, and memorable scenes from the show, *My Little Pony: The Art of Equestria* is the ultimate guidebook, collector's item, and fan keepsake.

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Customer Reviews

This book is beautiful. From the foil-like background on the cover to all that's within, you can tell a lot of thought and care was put into it. It includes a Foreword by Jayson Thiessen, explaining the general mindset of how the team at DHX goes about designing the show and an interview with Lauren Faust. While I don't believe the interview contains any new information, it was a fun read nonetheless. It does, however, have a lot of concept art from when she was figuring out what to do with the show. The ones I enjoyed the most had scribbles of notes next to them. One of my personal favorites were doodles of visual images related to magic (presumably for Twilight's cutie mark) where it lists and shows things like a wizard's hat, stars and moon, black cat, then a pentagram (sans circle) with the note under it reading "(yeah right)". Another is various sketches of Applejack,

with a note from Lauren between: "I can't draw cowboy hats. :(" There's a mountain of beautiful layout art for backgrounds, color studies, storyboard art, and concept sketches; most often broken down into specific characters and setting. There's even a few specific episodes showing breakdown between what had been storyboarded and the final scene. Mixed in are comments from Jayson Thiessen, "Big" Jim Miller, Rebecca Dart, and other Hasbro and DHX senior staff. Often art books, especially for ongoing series, only contain content from early seasons, but this book contains art and characters as recent as episode 14 of season 5. Prince Rutherford of Yakyakistan even has his own small section, where you finally can get a good look at his eyes.

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