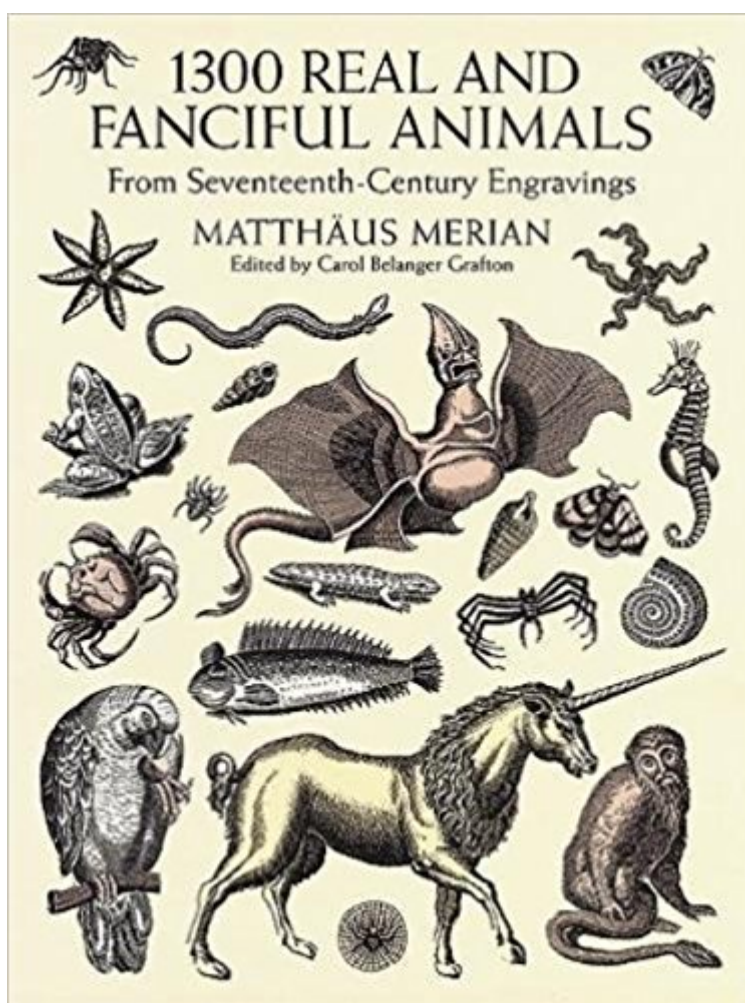


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This is a fantastic clip art book for many uses. Vintage line drawings of animals some real some not.

Lots of great, old images. Fun reference for me as an artist.

Great resource for artists, great price.

I got this gift for my 10 year old niece. While I was wrapping it I flipped through it and I was tempted to keep them for myself! it has a beautiful illustration of real and fantasy animals. This would make an excellent gift for an adult or child that would like to improve their drawings of animals. Or for just someone who has a vivid imagination!

I will admit that my expectations of creatures that might be contained were firmly in my head when I ordered this, and some creatures I longed and hoped for were not included. There were a number of delightful pictures that I doubt I will ever use despite the excellent illustrations, but there are also some incredible ones that will be used over and over in my art journal projects and ATC experiments for sure. There is plenty in this book for the collage or transfer artist to toy with, all with excellent detail that should enhance any project quite well. Am happy to have it on my shelf!

worth every penny! the illustrations are a joy to pore over. if you like this book, you should check out David Attenborough's book, Amazing Rare Things: The Art of Natural History in the Age of Discovery.

My grandson's liked the prints very much. They like drawing fantasy creatures and this had some very interesting drawings. Price was good for this book.

I'd have liked it to be in better condition. It's very interesting, filled with amazing creatures. It's nice to look at and to use for drawing references.

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