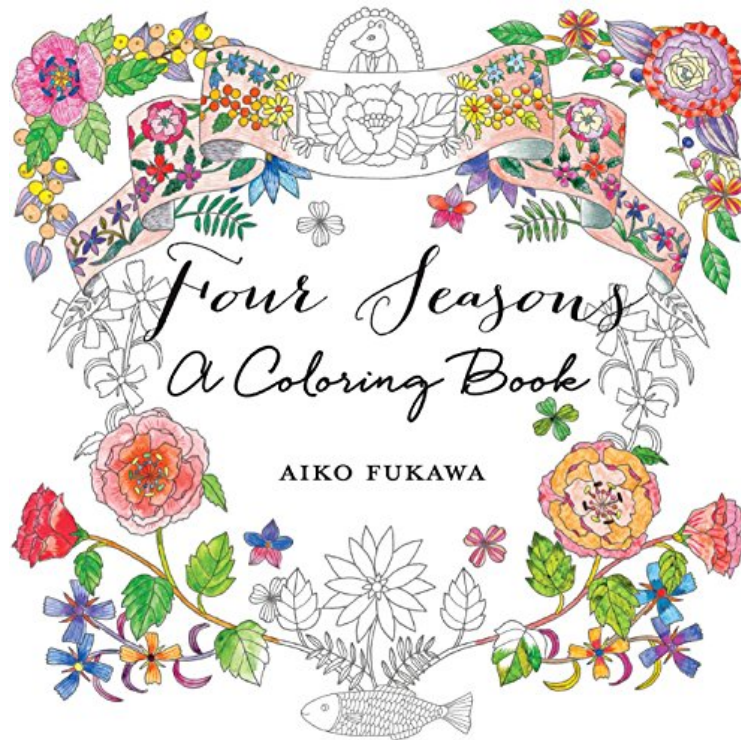


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Aiko Fukawa : Four Seasons: A Coloring Book before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Four Seasons: A Coloring Book:

47 of 48 people found the following review helpful. Pretty Seasonal designs in this artistic coloring book By iiiireader[[VIDEOID:be94271bfa7b96676cff17cc64fb096a]] This is a really beautiful and artistic coloring book. It is the first that I have from Aiko Fukawa and is the English version of a book that was earlier released in Japan. The designs walk you through the four seasons, beginning with Spring and ending with Winter. There is an adorable little mouse who makes his appearance in all four seasons as well as many other designs. The book is printed on heavyweight paper, is printed on both sides of the page and the designs merge into the binding. Many of the designs spread across two pages and coloring them may prove difficult if I keep the coloring book in book form unless I “break” the binding to make it lay flat – which I will do. The binding is glued and not sewn. I tested my media and found that all markers – even the finest of points, leaks through to the page. However, none of my gel pens leaked at all. I'm really glad that the paper is such high quality in this book as I want the ability to use my pens as well as my pencils. At the back of the book, there is a design with a vellum sheet overlay. Portions of the design are printed on each and the intent is for you to color each and then overlay it to get a different effect. It looks interesting and different. I have been looking forward to receiving this book (I had it on pre-order for quite a while after seeing the Japanese version of the book. It is a really charming and pretty book and one that will be fun to color. While printing

on both sides is not optimum, because of the size of the designs and the style of the book, I have come to expect it. I'm happy that they used better paper to give me a few more options. While I bought the book without knowing how the printing would be done, the designs are so cute that I am really glad I ordered it early.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. One of my favorite coloring books
By Leontine Vandermeer
I own close to 70 coloring books and have reviewed many of them. I can easily say, this book is among my top 5 favorites.

The Pros:
Nice quality paper, thickness is good, very smooth
Most charming illustrations
The perfect thickness of lines in the drawings
Inspirational for aspiring artists
Many pages
Good paper for markers
A nice variety of coloring pages
I do have some cons but the pros outweigh them for me so I still feel that it deserves 5 stars. Also some of my cons are pros to some people.

Cons:
Paper color is cream, not white
Smooth paper might not have enough tooth for colored pencils
Not suitable for water color media
Printed on both sides of the paper
The binding is tight and the book doesn't lay open flat enough to color elements close to the very center
Pages have no tear-out feature
I love this book! I often photocopy pages on multimedia paper or heavy weight drawing paper to color them with colored pencils. Put a sheet of tracing paper in between your pages to prevent colors to transfer on to other pages.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Whimsical and beautiful pictures
By Pip49
As soon as I received this book, it went into my " absolute favorites" shelf. I find the more books I amass (too many and counting!), the more focused I become on two factors outside of the art itself--paper quality and the ease of coloring two page spreads. I am amazed at the beauty and quality of this book, especially when I consider the price. The pictures themselves are beautifully drawn and you'll find a wide variety of offerings within each season. Typically, I'm not a fan of pictures of objects, but in this instance, it all flows together perfectly. Each season has a selection of pictures ranging from nature / flowers / animals to also seasonal activities and objects. Thus, you'll find delicate cupcakes in "Spring" and picnic baskets and beach objects for "Summer". And, as mentioned by other reviewers, there's an adorable little mouse who shows up on many of the pages, enhancing the seasonal activities or clothing.

The paper quality in this book is outstanding. It's a creamy off white, extremely thick, and toothy. It should be able to handle all marker types except alcohol based, which will probably bleed through to the other side, a problem because all pages are double sided. Pencils work beautifully and blend very well, even my Tombows which are more difficult to blend. Gel pens also go on smoothly.

Regarding the two page spread, this is one of the few books with a two page layout where I have actually been able to break the spine without totally ruining the book AND reach the center of the picture. Not perfectly, but better than others. I've completely ruined the spine of "Enchanted Ocean" and "Animal Kingdom" hasn't fared much better. Nor have I really been able to get into the middle of the picture in those books. I've had better luck with " Four Seasons"; I wasn't able to perfectly reach the center but it was better than in other books, and the spine is still bookshelf worthy.

All in all, when I compare the quality of this book to others I've paid only slightly less for, I only wish the author had more books published and available in the US. It would have been worth the money had it been priced more, but considering it was less than eight dollars, I'm amazed and delighted with the purchase.

This interactive coloring book of beautifully detailed black-and-white illustrations will inspire you to bring each scene to life through coloring. There are pages and pages of charming images for each season that promise to delight people of all ages-with rambling rose gardens and whimsical garden critters; wreaths and alphabets composed of fruits and flowers; butterflies and seashells; intricate falling leaves and cozy cat-occupied living rooms; and ribbons and Christmas trees just waiting for you and your colored pencils, gel pens, or markers to complete. Perfect for fans of Secret Garden and Enchanted Forest, as well as those looking for a creative way to relax, Four Seasons: A Coloring Book will help you keep color and joy in your life all year round.

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