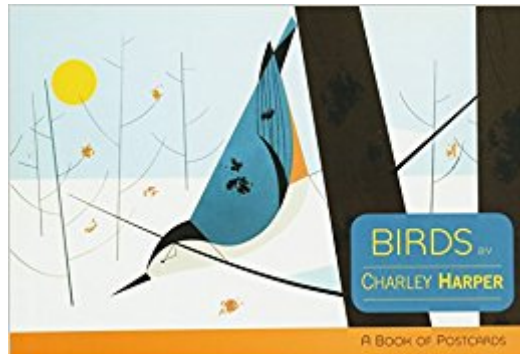




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Charley Harper: Birds: A Book Of Postcards



Synopsis

Wildlife artist Charley Harper (American, 1922-2007) came by his love of nature as a child growing up in rural West Virginia. After studying at the Art Academy of Cincinnati and the Art Students League in New York City, he gained acclaim as a commercial illustrator for numerous publications, most notably *The Golden Book of Biology and Animal Kingdom*, children's books published in the 1960s. As demand for his work grew, he went on to have a successful business producing limited-edition silkscreen prints. Harper's paintings and prints have been published by a variety of nature- and conservation-oriented organizations, such as the National Park Service, the Cincinnati Zoo, the Cincinnati Nature Center, the Hamilton County (Ohio) Park District, the Michigan Audubon Society, and Hawk Mountain Sanctuary in Pennsylvania. He created four large-scale ceramic tile murals on commission for Cincinnati's Duke Energy Convention Center and John W. Peck Federal Building and for the biology building at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. He also designed interpretive displays for Everglades National Park, and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology commissioned him to create a painting (*We Think the World of Birds*). Describing his method of depicting wildlife, which winnowed out all but the most important details, Harper once said, "When I look at a wildlife or nature subject, I don't see the feathers in the wings; I just count the wings. He asked viewers to remember that I didn't start out to paint a bird the bird already existed. I started out to paint a picture of a bird, a picture which didn't exist before I came along, a picture which gives me a chance to share with you my thoughts about the bird." Pomegranate's books of postcards contain up to thirty top-quality reproductions bound together in a handy, artful collection. Easy to remove and produced on heavy card stock, these stunning postcards are a delight to the sender and receiver. Postcards are oversized and may require additional postage.

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Customer Reviews

Just as a heads up- these are too big to be considered postcards with the USPS, so they will charge you for a letter (not that it makes any difference with forever stamps). I hadn't really looked at the measurements, and I was pleasantly surprised by the fact that they were so big! I really, really love the art, and it is printed on quality paper. I would buy this again and recommend it to my friends! Keep in mind that you do rip them out of a book, so there are serrated edges on one side. It wasn't really a big deal for me, but it might be for some :) Overall, very lovely set!

Postcards arrived today, April 8, with guaranteed delivery date of April 12. The illustrations are excellent, packaging good, delivery very fast. My only disappointment is that the postcards have a glossy finish and it's difficult to write on that type of finish. I purchased with the intent of using these as postcards, not framing them. I'll just have to find a pen that will write on a glossy finish.

I bought this set and "The Animal Kingdom" to frame and put up in our foyer. They are so beautiful and different. We went with the birds for our foyer, but will be using some of the animal ones for a bathroom. Each card is different in the set, which was a pleasant surprise. They tear out very easily.

I became a Charley Harper fan several years ago, when I bought an engagement calendar. From that point on, I was hooked. His style is simple, crisp and whimsical. You'll never see birds in the same way again. These postcards make a great stocking stuffer or hostess gift!

If you like sending post cards, these are adorable and are of good quality. We've lost the art of letter writing and sending post cards. My family loves getting things in the mail, so I send post cards on a weekly basis. It's a small expense to keep an old tradition alive.

There isn't a bad one in the bunch of these terrific postcards. Every one is unique and lovely. I've had many return comments from recipients that these are some of the most unusual and favorite of their cards received. I'll definitely buy another set!

High quality post cards with prints of one of my favorite artists! I love sending these cards.

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