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# Charles Harper's Birds And Words: Anniversary Edition



## Synopsis

To celebrate the 40th Anniversary of "Charles Harper's Birds & Words," AMMO Books is proud to present this large-format reissue of the 1974 classic. This exquisite edition is reproduced in its entirety with all carefully restored images. BIRDS & WORDS is the ideal book for Charley Harper fans and every bird lover who knows there is more to bird watching than measurements, range maps, flight patterns, and lifetime lists. This book is a true reflection of Charley Harper, who was that special species of man with twinkling eyes and smile, and wit as infectiously keen and lighthearted as his paintings.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I have an original copy of this book which was given to me by my grandmother. The art and the text are whimsical and playful but have a strong undercurrent of environmental respect. Mr Harper is brilliant. This book would be worth three times as much as the list price,

I'm a big fan of Charley Harper's art, but what's makes this book so special is Charley's writing. His sense of humor and word play are equal to his paintings! Great gift for all occasions.

This book was a very good example of Charley Harper's artwork and how he developed his own style. He was a very unique and interesting artist. I love his work. And his comments that he put with his art is also fun to read. He was a unique artist. I had seen him on Sunday Morning and decided I

liked what I saw so decided to pursue purchasing some of his art in books. The preciseness of his art is quite unusual and I am amazed how he enables you to see the birds in their natural habitat by using the utensils he used to create his art. I would love to see some of his silk screen work. He paid attention to detail and color and it is reflected in his work.

I bought two. One for my bookcase. One to cut apart and frame. I know many people are horrified at the thought of cutting up a book. But his original artwork is just a little bit out of my price range. :) The frames are from IKEA so it was a very inexpensive project. It makes me happy every time I see it.

This book is a gem. We bought it as a gift for our 8 yr. old son who is a bird enthusiast, and my husband and I, both illustrators, love it just as much. Charley Harper's illustrations are at the same time ingenious, gorgeous and often humorous. This is one of my favorite books and a great value too.

After seeing a retrospective show of both Charlie and Edie Harper at the Cincinnati Museum of Art, I had to purchase this book. Charlie's bird silkscreens are illustrations, designs and fantastic artpieces all in one. His minimalist approach can teach any artist what to leave out in order to improve a painting. I can only imagine what it might have been like to have been a student of his. The works are rich and clean and the reproductions in this book are excellent quality. Also, make sure and notice the clever side-characters he puts in to help represent the environment that each bird lives in: snails, frogs, butterflies and flora... each exquisitely designed and can stand on their own as amazing. A side note: I wish there were a similar volume of Edie's works, she is every bit as clever and talented an artist as Charlie and one can easily see the influence of each on the other.

This small book is an absolute gem. A friend loaned her copy to my wife and I, knowing that both of us are artists. We loved it so much I immediately ordered a copy. Charles Harper's ability to see the essence of a particular bird and render it with stunning beauty and exquisite simplicity is amazing. If you love birds, fine art, printmaking and design you will love this book. Buy it now, while you can. You will not regret the purchase.

I bought this little book as a gift to myself. Being a bird lover, and designer, and -- well, I need little reason to buy a beautiful book. I saw a TV program highlighting Mr. Harper's work, and then looked

for books on him. I choose to buy this one due to the bird theme. The artwork is a wonderful example of how the simplest designs can be the most beautiful (and fool us into thinking design is easy!). What a master this man was with shape, form, line and color. I have much to learn in this regard...and Harper's books have much to teach. I'm also a big fan of Eva Zeisel's designs, and I can see correlation between the two artists and their mastery of form.

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