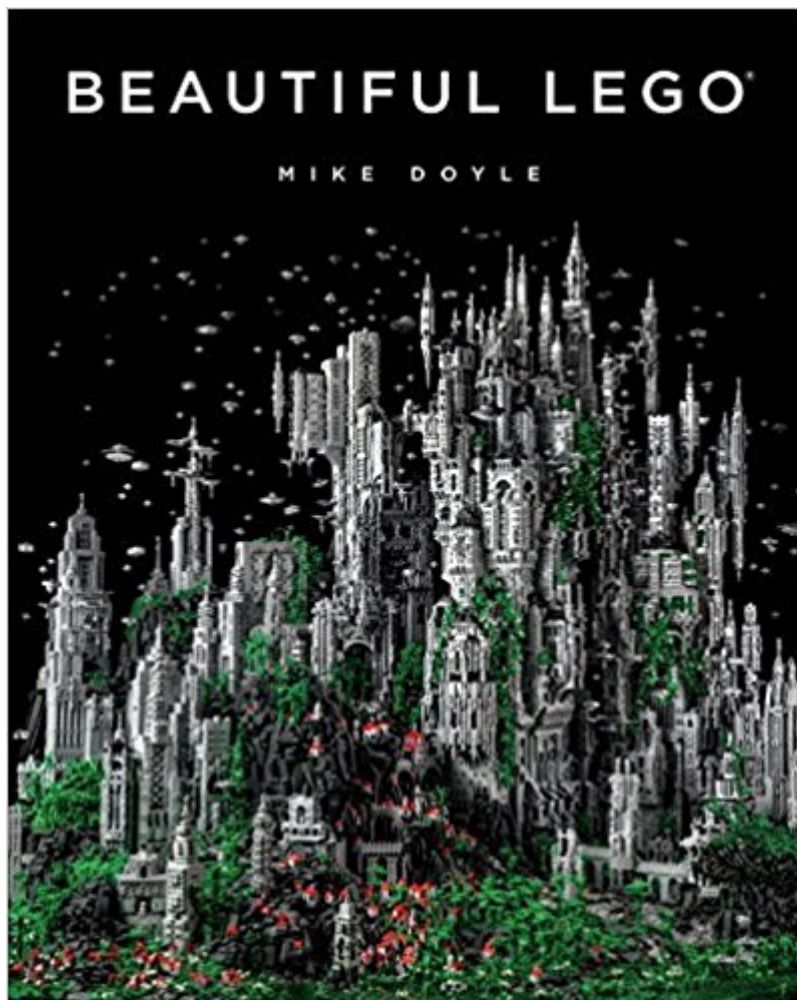


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# Beautiful LEGO



## Synopsis

Mix hundreds of thousands of LEGO bricks with dozens of artists, and what do you get? Beautiful LEGO, a compendium of LEGO artwork that showcases a stunning array of pieces ranging from incredibly lifelike replicas of everyday objects and famous monuments to imaginative renderings of spaceships, mansions, and mythical creatures. You'll also meet the minds behind the art. Interviews with the artists take you inside the creative process that turns simple, plastic bricks into remarkable LEGO masterpieces.

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## Customer Reviews

Legos have been a building block of childhoods around the world for decades (the Danish company, the Lego Group, was founded in 1949), but as graphic designer Doyle demonstrates in this impressive collection of 360 Lego models, they're far from child's play. The book showcases the work of 77 artists, who offer a wildly divergent results: from portraits of Freddie Mercury and the monsters from Alien to dissected frogs, space stations, and chromed-out hot rods. Though Doyle humbly waits until the middle of the book to showcase a few of his own sculptures, they are among the most striking. His stark black-and-white renderings of an elegant Victorian house damaged by an uprooted tree, as well as the book's cover (a massive futuristic city with countless spires) are nothing short of breathtaking. Brief bios of the creators accompany each entry, with the artists

discussing what drew them to Lego bricks and their approach to design. One featured artist, Jordan Schwartz, may have achieved the ultimate goal: landing a job at Lego as a product designer due in part to his creations. Surprisingly, the book doesn't include specifications such as the dimensions of the pieces or the number of bricks used, nor are there images of works-in-progress. If readers can forgive that, they will be mesmerized by this astonishing collection. Full-color illus. (Nov.)

"Far from child's play. An astonishing collection." "Publishers Weekly"  
"A stunning array." "Today.com"  
"One man's quest to prove LEGO can be art." "The Los Angeles Times

Beautiful LEGO is a book that fits its title to a tee. It is chock full of stunning and original art made completely from LEGO blocks. The book is done in full color on heavy paper stock and feels and looks high quality. It's an excellent coffee table book. When people see the cover they will immediately want to look inside. Inside they will find hundreds of wonderful photos of LEGO sculptures that range in size from just a few bricks and a few inches high to complex life-sized sculptures containing thousands of bricks. The sculptures are very diverse and cover all sorts of subjects - from wildlife, to pop-culture characters, to architecture. Each sculpture is fascinating to look at, and to appreciate not only the overall appearance, but also the artists' creative use of various LEGO bricks. As a child who would always follow the instructions, seeing the creative and wonderful things that people can do when they don't, is inspiring and fun. As if the wonderful images weren't enough there are also interviews with the artists scattered throughout the book that are very informative and enjoyable. All in all it's amazing what can be done with simple LEGO bricks.

This was a Christmas gift for my granddaughter, the Lego-lover. Unfortunately, she opened it first. We almost couldn't get her to put it down and open the rest of her gifts. I wrapped it after just glancing at it, expecting to look at it further after she'd opened it, but could never find a time in the next four hours when she wasn't engrossed in it. Her mother says she falls asleep at night with the book. What a smashing success this one was. Since I only had the opportunity to look at a few pages I can't comment extensively on what's in the book. You'll have to take my granddaughter's word for it... "Awesome!"

Lego in the mind of adults...fascinating. Bought this as a Christmas present for my young adult son. It was a tradition every Christmas from the time he was about 4 that he would receive one Lego kit

to do on Christmas morning (a page at a time to slow down the "tearing through the presents" impulse). He still likes Legos, but as a graphic artist and cartoonist, I thought he might really enjoy seeing the creativity of others.

This is a highly recommended Lego book for any builder or fan. For new builders, this will serve as a compilation of inspiring models at your fingertips, and for experienced builders, this is a perfect way to show friends what you do. A book like this doesn't need words to explain itself, the creations will do all the talking and delight all who are curious to open its covers. The variety of artists represented in this coffee table tome is impressive: ranging from those who have perfected Lego replication of the household mundane to those who create full-on mythical landscapes like Doyle himself. The one thing all these artists have in common is the keen ability to think outside the brick. If you're feeling like you need some Lego inspiration to expand your horizons, this is definitely the book for you. Below is a small sampling of the artists and works Doyle showcases.

This is a well done Lego book. The creations featured are perfect examples of adult built models, as most (if not all) do not include any mini figured themed builds. It has a diverse collection of sculptural builds of everyday things, such as food, animals, and vehicles, as well as big and small architecture builds with themes ranging from realistic to pure imagination. The level of detail within the builds allows you to look over it again and again and pick up something new each time. And despite the variety of builds and inclusion of many different builders and styles, everything is cohesive and beautifully laid out. It's the perfect coffee table book, as both kids and adults will be wowed by the content. \*I received a copy for review - all opinions are my own\*

this book is well assembled with some amazing MOCs (My Own Creations). i was happy to see many of my favorite builders (and builds) included. .. and Mike Doyle's "Contact 1" blew me away. not sure how i missed that one. i recommend this to any AFOL.. great as a picture book and for inspiration

If not, there's something wrong with you! I have loved Lego's ever since I was 2 or 3 years old and now I'm about to turn 40! I just ordered this book as a gift for a contractor friend of mine who just finished a major remodel and I thought he deserved an awe inspiring coffee table book for his home. Hat's off to the contributors of this book! The pictures in this book are phenomenal and amazing! Such beautiful and mind blasting creations! I guarantee you will not want to put this book

down!! want to go to my parents house and dig out my old Lego's that are in storage and build a masterpiece!

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