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*Fantastic Monsters* Arcturus Publishing

Fantasy has its roots in reality. A magical realm awaits you—an enchanted world of imaginary beings to inspire a treasure of your own extraordinary drawings and paintings. And your journey begins, oddly enough, with the ordinary things that surround you every day. With *Creating Creatures of Fantasy and Imagination*, discover how to use your own photographs and other true-life inspiration to make fanciful artwork that beautifully transcends reality. Best-selling author Claudia Nice shows you how to build upon real-life references to draw and paint countless creatures from your imagination, including: faeries and sprites, elves, brownies, dwarfs and gnomes, trolls, ogres, goblins and gremlins, dragons, sea monsters and sea serpents, centaurs, fauns, satyrs, mermaids and mermen, unicorns, Pegasus, phoenixes and griffins. Inside this invaluable guide you'll find complete step-by-step instruction and many captivating examples in pen and ink, watercolor and acrylic, plus the legend behind each mythological creature. Let this book be your entry to the

realm of fantasy, where the only limit is your imagination!

### How to Draw Fantasy Creatures Penguin

Learn to draw awesome dragons with this easy to follow, detailed, step by step drawing guide! Children love to draw, so why not share with them an awesome and helpful How-To-Draw guide book! This specific book is filled with awesome dragons and other fantasy creatures for children to learn how to create themselves. Inside, your child will find detailed, step by step instructions to walk them through the process of creating awesome works of art! Help your child learn to draw and release their imagination with this great drawing book for kids!

### DreamScapes Myth & Magic Kawaii

Easy-to-follow instructions for drawing a variety of creatures, from an Eastern dragon to a hairy troll! The ever-increasing popularity of mythological and fantasy creatures in film, graphic novels, and television creates high demand for instruction books on drawing these fantastic beasts. In this newest addition to our Collector's series, aspiring artists will find 144 pages of clear, step-by-step instructions for drawing everything from fire-breathing dragons to seven-headed monsters and magical fairies. Information on the origin and history of mythological creatures gives this book an

extra-special appeal. The author's helpful tips on shading and drawing techniques show readers everything they need to know to create their own impressive beasts. Although there are fantasy-themed drawing books on the market, this book is unique because it features a wide range of fantasy subjects rather than focusing on only one type of creature (such as dragons or fairies). It also sets itself apart from similar books with its helpful information on combining graphite pencil with other media, such as charcoal and black watercolor paint or ink. In addition, this extraordinary book features dragons and other mythological creatures from around the world, including those originating in Egyptian, Irish, Norse, and Greek mythology—whereas most other fantasy books include generic, non-regional subjects.

### The Book of Mythical Beasts and Magical Creatures Salamander Books

Presents a how-to drawing guide that offers in-depth instructions for creating unique and bizarre anthropomorphic fantasy creatures.

### Fantastic Realms! Penguin

A step-by-step guide for people who love dragons, unicorns, griffons, and other creatures of legend. Harry Potter, Game of Thrones, The Shape of Water, Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find

Them, Lord of the Rings, The Hobbit, even My Little Pony are just a few examples of the mythological, fantastical, and supernatural stories currently in popular culture. Artists old and young enjoy drawing beasts and characters from their favorite fantasy stories. How to Draw Magical Mythological Creatures continues a rich tradition of mythology and art. In this step-by-step guide to drawing all manner of creatures—from the Hydra and the Phoenix to Cerberus and basilisks—in pencil and pen-and-ink, J. C. Amberlyn combines her love of fantasy and mythological storytelling with her beautiful, detailed drawing style and love of all non-human creatures. Amberlyn covers all the basics of drawing so that even beginners will feel confident and successful. Included is introductory information on art technique and material basics and detailed, step-by-step instruction on anatomy, features, and finishing details.

**Art of Drawing Dragons, Mythical Beasts, and Fantasy Creatures** Walter Foster Publishing Fantasy is a very popular genre of comics, filled with wizards and warriors from other worlds. Readers learn to draw their own fantasy characters and scenes, including a detailed wizards' battle. Detailed instructions help readers through each drawing project, and sketches provide visual examples of how each drawing should progress. Colorful illustrations of fantasy comics present readers with examples to follow. As they read, they're introduced to a number of important drawing techniques, including drawing human figures, drawing weapons, and using perspective to give depth to backgrounds.

**Dreamscapes Magical Menagerie** Penguin

Create fantasy creatures in watercolor! Mythology, folklore and fantasy fiction are full of fantastical winged creatures like the fiery phoenix, a roaring dragon protecting his hoard, a fierce gryphon warrior and more. Winged Fantasy will teach you everything you need to know about drawing and painting these and many other creatures. From head to tail and toe to wing, you'll be painting winged creatures in no time! • More than 30 step-by-step demonstrations and beautiful full-color art help you illustrate a variety of fantasy creatures. • Simple instructions and clear diagrams teach the anatomy of these creatures. You won't wonder how to draw feathers or where to put wings anymore! • Easy-to-follow watercolor instruction will guide you through everything from choosing and using basic materials to creating beautiful watercolor paintings. Whether it's in a forest, an underwater scene or the ruins of an ancient city, you'll learn how to bring these creatures and their environments to life. In the world of fantasy, there are no limits! Just pick up your brush and set your imagination free!

**Fantasy Creatures** Trafford Publishing

Create Fantasy Creatures & Animals with Watercolor! Dreamscapes artist Stephanie Pui-Mun Law weaves her spell once again, this time with a focus on winged, underwater and four-legged creatures that captivate with their grace and impossible beauty. Step by step, you'll learn how to partner with watercolor to paint koi, the Phoenix, Pegasus and other fantastical creatures to inhabit your otherworlds. • Bring life to beasts of water, sky and woods. Follow along, step by step, to create sea turtles, owls, earth dragons...more than 20 mythical and real-world creatures. • Expand your watercolor techniques. This book covers everything from the basics of assembling your tools and selecting paper, to tips for making colors sing and techniques for evoking mysterious, underwater, woodland and celestial settings. • Embrace the possibilities! Sparkling with a sense of whimsy and wonder, and peppered with bits of legend and lore to inform and inspire your art, Dreamscapes Magical Menagerie opens your eyes to the makings of fantasy all around you. If you can dream it, you can paint it!

**Dracopedia The Bestiary** Dover Publications

In the fantasy world, every thump, bump, roar, or growl could be a demonic dragon, menacing minotaur, or horrifying hydra ready to strike. This valuable guide helps young artists harness the powers of their imagination so they can create a whole universe of awesome fantasy monsters. It shows them how to animate them with a touch of magical energy. From terrible teeth to cruel claws, this motivating book offers step-by-step instructions about how to transform a blank sheet of paper into a hulking, bloodthirsty beast. Artists will learn the tips that professional illustrators turn to when creating the fictional worlds we know and love.

**Porträts in Ton** North Light Books

How to Create Anthropomorphic and Fantasy Animal What do you get when you cross a human with a horse (or a hamster, or a hummingbird)? You get any one of a number of fun anthropomorphic animals, also known as "furrries" to their friends. From facial expressions to creative coloring, this book contains all the know-how you need to create anthropomorphic cat, dog, horse, rodent and bird characters. Step by step, you'll learn how to: • Draw species-

appropriate tails, eyes, wings and other fun details • Give your characters clothes, poses and personalities • Create the perfect backgrounds for your furry antics—with two start-to-finish demonstrations showing how Packed with tons of inspiration—from teeny-bopper bunnies and yorke glamor queens to Ninja squirrels and lion kings—Draw Furrries will help you create a world of crazy, cool characters just waiting to burst out of your imagination.

*Fantasy Creatures in Clay* National Geographic Books

Four top gaming artists share their secrets for creating fantasy battle scenes complete with warriors, a fearsome army of weaponry and a cast of monstrous creatures that wreak havoc! Read this book and enter a realm where human warriors coexist with giants, monsters and many other mythical creatures both mundane and magical, all battling for survival. Four artists who have dared to venture this way before (and won reputations as masters of fantasy illustration) are here to lead you through this wicked world, sharing their fiercest techniques for creating your vilest imaginings. Take up your pen and brush, and follow through 15 step-by-step character demos as well as 39 mini-demos on rendering fearsome armor, swords and other weaponry. Here's what lies ahead: • Archetypal Humanoids. Quite an unusual group, containing such diverse beings as humans, elves, dwarves, gnomes and brutish, foul-smelling orcs. • Exotic Humanoids. Two arms, two legs and a head... the rest is all up to you. Begin your imaginings here with Medusa, Creagal, hateful Lich, nasty trolls and bitter Iraxus. • Creatures. Dragons, gargoyles, ogres, Venusians and Minotaurs . . . embodiments of pure evil found only in the darkest places. • Environments. 5 full-spread scenes, from tense to tranquil, feature the native habitats of popular fantasy warriors. To make your battle scenes believable, this book will arm you with a thorough understanding of line, color, lighting and composition. Then venture forth, if you dare, with strong shapes, fluid lines and an unhinged imagination. Let havoc ensue!

**DragonArt** Walter Foster

This fourth book in the 'Kawaii' series is packed with adorable creatures from a range of cultures and mythologies. In the hands of author-teacher Angela Nguyen, even a three-headed dog is drawn in a style that will have any young artist cooing! This book teaches young readers what kawaii is all about and how to draw any mythical animal in an adorable style. There are clear step-by-step diagrams that are great for visual learners and make it super-easy to follow the instructions. The wonderful beasts are organized by the terrain in which they are found: air, water and land. There is also a section devoted to how young readers can create their own creatures: elephants with tiny wings, bunnies with unfeasibly large ears, and 'mash-ups' like giant bats. Angela has created 'feature spreads' showing imagined landscapes where some of these creatures might safely graze. Taking cuteness to the next level, this wonderful resource makes drawing instantly achievable and great fun.

*Wreaking Havoc* CreateSpace

Sculpt fascinating creatures! Explore the world of clay and learn to create the dramatically beautiful forms of some of the most fearsome and awe-inspiring creatures your imagination can conjure. Ranging from ferocious dragons to regal griffins to magnificent underwater beasts--they're all here! Inside you will learn simple techniques for creating realistic individual parts of fantasy creatures. Wings, horns and bodies--everything is covered here. Then you will discover innovative ways for assembling those parts to form characters straight from your imagination! From start to finish, you'll learn everything from brainstorming creature ideas to making the armature and building the body with clay to baking and mounting the creature onto a base. Everything you need to know to build your very own mythological menagerie! So immerse yourself in these easy-to-learn demonstrations and practice the skills necessary to create realistic wings, paws, scales, fur, facial expressions, poses and so much more! • 65 step-by-step demonstrations • Create a sculpture from start to finish • Stunning galleries of finished sculptures, including dragons, a steampunk bird, a fiery dog and more

**How to Draw Magical Mythological Creatures** Dorling Kindersley Ltd

Bring the power of realism to your fantasy drawings! Great fantasy art transports viewers to a realm where the impossible becomes less so, and all manner of strange beasts and beings dwell. It takes more than fierce imagination to create these worlds. Great reference photos make it easier to draw what you actually see, providing that all-important link to reality that allows fantasy art to take flight. Mastering Fantasy Art shows you how to use photo references of models and props to create more accurate, interesting and unique characters and drawings. Start by learning the dos and don'ts of working with a model, how to set up your lighting, and what makes a strong reference photos versus a bad one. Then follow along with 16 step-by-step demonstrations as

master gaming artist John Stanko brings to life wizards, sorceresses, barbarians, elves, vampires, dragons and more. Starting with individual characters and working toward compositions with multiple figures and action poses, you'll learn how to go beyond the reference to create bold and original fantasy scenes of your own imagining! 16 action-packed demonstrations offer expert advice and strategies for: • Creating an imaginative cast of characters and creatures • Selecting the best poses, perspective and lighting • Developing authentic costumes and one-of-a-kind weaponry • Composing a battle scene • Seamlessly combining photo references with digital editing • Drawing fantastic landscapes

*Kawaii How to Draw Really Cute Fantasy Creatures* Penguin

Create and draw your own fantasy creatures in this simple, short journal. It includes 90 pages with spaces to draw your creature, plus blank lines for brief descriptions, such as what it eats, its habitat, its significance, etc. Sketch fairies or whatever fascinating creature comes to your head. Make this a nice little present for a fantasy-lover you know: a grandchild, a friend, a sibling, or even yourself! The artwork isn't meant to be perfect; just have fun and get creative! *The Art of Drawing Dragons, Mythological Beasts, and Fantasy Creatures* The Monacelli Press, LLC Draw Fabulous Furrries! Furrries are so much fun to draw, people have been doing so for thousands of years. By crossing animal traits with human, you can create some fantastic characters with distinct personalities. The authors of Draw Furrries bring you more of the best step-by-step lessons for creating anthropomorphic characters. You'll learn everything from furry anatomy, facial expressions and poses to costumes, coloring and settings! You'll also learn how to create characters that convey the various personalities and spirits of the animals they resemble. Draw More Furrries is packed with 20 new furrries, "scalies," and mythological creatures with lessons covering everything from drawing mouths and muzzles to paws, feathers and fur. The anthropomorphic creatures you can create with these easy-to-learn lessons are limitless! But you won't just stop there. Lindsay and Jared take you to the next level by showing you how to build a scene from start to finish. From dinosaur warriors to snow leopard pirates, you'll be drawing all kinds of fun, furry friends in no time! • Loaded with more than 50 step-by-step demonstrations for a variety of characters from furrries to mythological creatures. • Extended demonstration shows how to build a scene from initial concept drawings and character development to a final colored scene. • See a variety of different styles of art from guest artists who share their processes for creating lively characters.

**Drawing Dark Fantasy** Penguin

A guide to illustrating a wide variety of fantastical characters and creatures from video game artist Samwise Didier. In this interactive guide, video game illustrator Samwise Didier will guide you through the process of creating unique, engaging fantasy characters and creatures. From armored warriors to imposing dragons and other mythical beasts, each section will present you with tips and tricks on how to make your illustrations pop off the page. By following the step-by-step instructions and adding your own touches, you'll soon be able to create your own colorful fantasy world. In addition to the 96-page instruction book, this set includes a 64-page drawing pad so you can perfect your newfound skills.

**Draw More Furrries** Thunder Bay Press

As interest in reading manga has grown over the past few years, so too has the desire by many to learn how to create their own manga characters. In fact, in its first year in print, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Drawing Manga*, Illustrated (ISBN- 1592573355) has sold more than 20,000 copies. *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Manga Fantasy Creatures Illustrated* is positioned to ride the coattails of the original title by offering readers how-to instruction specific to creating fantasy creatures in the manga style. With more than 300 illustrations, readers will learn stroke-by-stroke how to create everything from chibis and furry creatures to dragons and monsters. Each step-by-step illustration builds on the last, using a second color to highlight the new strokes, and ends with a full-color rendering of the final creature.

*Winged Fantasy* Penguin

**Creating Creatures of Fantasy and Imagination** North Light Books

**Fantasy Escape** Penguin

Unleash the Beasts! For millennia historians, artists and scientists have chronicled their ideas and discoveries of mythological and magical monsters in encyclopedias known as bestiaries. From Asia to America, Japan to the jungles of South Africa, the vast menagerie of exotic and legendary creatures has populated the imaginations of all cultures for centuries. Beautifully illustrated and fantastically detailed, *Dracopedia: The Bestiary* is a modern, but no less unsettling reimagining of

the ancient version. It is an A-to-Z artist's guide to animals of the legendary world. Some, like the griffin and yeti, may be familiar to you. Others--like the enigmatic questing beast and ferocious manticore--may seem new and strange. Some may even haunt your dreams. Inside the bestiary,

you will find: • Secrets of each animal's evolution--origins, habitat, anatomy, diet and more. • Fantastic illustrations created using pencil sketches and digital coloring. • Four-stage

demonstrations taking you from concept and design to under-painting and finishing details. By drawing on the forms and features of more pedestrian animals, you'll learn how to give shape to the bizarre creatures that roam the depths of your imagination, adding to the bestiary of the ages.

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