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Cute Grit



Synopsis

"A sumptuous, beautiful collection of cyborgs, sushi, and monsters; this book is a feast for the eyes and a phosphorescent display of creativity. Other than watching an octopus make love to a rainbow, I can't think of anything I'd rather stare at than this book." —Matthew Inman, creator of The Oatmeal's adorable, explosive and has more chibis than an Akibahara game store. Welcome to the whimsical world of Cute Grit, the digitally rendered pop art debut by video game developer and artist Enfu. Comprised of over 1,000 illustrations, this fantastical collection explores the intersections between video games, art and the Asian American experience through the lens of Enfu's wild, east-meets-west style. Re-discover your favorite game villains, cartoon characters, icons and cityscapes in a digital universe where Enfu unites the loveable, the warped, and the fantastic in a world both foreign and familiar, sweet and surly, gritty and cute. Ken "Enfu" Taya enjoys his day job in the video game industry as a developer for titles such as Halo 3 (XBO 360) and Scribblenauts Unmasked (WiiU, PC, 3DS). His commissioned illustrations and murals can be seen in stores and restaurants across the Pacific Northwest, and his popular bilingual comic, I Fart Rainbow, enjoys success in print and digital media outlets. Other Enfu collaborative projects include Enfu Snaps hats, Bombsheller leggings, and customized t-shirts. His first indie game, Matchfu, is set to release in late 2014. Ken Taya lives in Bellevue, Washington, with his wife and daughter.

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Customer Reviews

This book is absolutely inspirational WAY bigger than I had imagine it to be. It's such a treat seeing

all Enfu's artwork large and crisp. His style is fun and always keeps your eye moving, full of 'kawaii' and modern. There's a few pages in which Enfu pays tribute to Ghibli, and as a Ghibli fan, I really appreciated it. I think the only down side is this: while the book was produced in high quality (great colors, hard cover, etc), I had some issues with some pages that were stuck together on the edge. While attempting to separate the pages, part of the pages were scraped off :(It's a brand new book, so not sure if I was just unlucky, or if it's a consistent manufacture flaw...overall doesn't distract me from the content, but it sucks to have a brand new artbook in such unavoidable condition.

Got this as a gift for my girlfriend. She loves it. \$20.00 is very inexpensive for the number of illustrations included and for hardcover, it's a steal!

This book is both beautiful and cute; how is that possible? I enjoyed the artwork, of course, but I also enjoyed the bits of text and the rough sketches which gave me insight into the artist's intentions and motivations. A beautiful book, and the perfect gift for artistic/creative friends. Wonderful!

Gorgeous book. It's many, many pages of beautiful, full color illustrations - and it's huge! Awesome content from ENFU, even includes a section on "how I make the art." You can tell a lot of time and effort went into making this book, nice one!

Got this as a gift for my fiancÃ©, he absolutely loved it.

I was so surprised to see a monograph with over a thousand illustrations for under \$100, let alone \$35. This book makes people smile as soon as they open it, and as a Studio Ghibli fan I loved all of the uniquely rendered character chibis, or "Ghiblets", as the artist calls them. Definitely a great buy, and would make a wonderful gift for anyone interested in Japan or kawaii art.

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