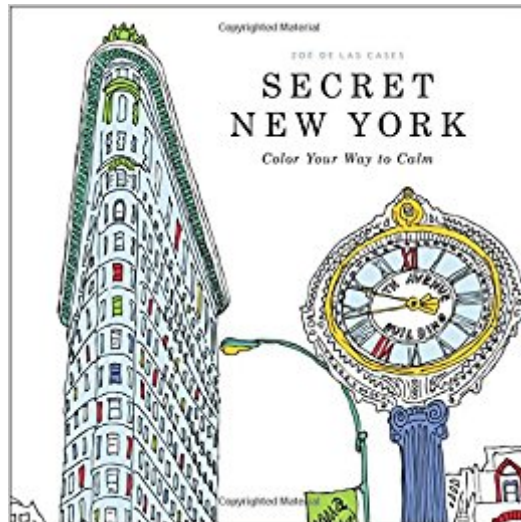




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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Zoe de Las Cases is an artist, designer, creator, and mother. She lives in Paris.

Disappointing. I thought it would have more New York buildings and much more intricately drawn. I wasn't expecting pages of clothes, make up and toiletries, electronics and other items generic to any locale. The drawings themselves were nothing special and actually somewhat crude, and didn't call to me to spend time with them at all. I'd return it if shipping wouldn't be half the cost of the product. Maybe my grandchildren might take their crayons to it. I stopped taking photos halfway through book. NONE of these have anything to do with New York.

In "Secret New York, Zoe de Las Cases follows a very similar format to that which she used in "Secret Paris", this time with architectural designs of famous spots, collages of iconic New York elements and fashions, full page designs of flowers in what I like to call wall paper styles, and some

fun food collages that are distinctly American if not New York. From Brooklyn to Broadway from Coney Island to the Chelsea Flower Market, Central Park, the Empire State Building and everything in-between, the coloring book hits all the places I think of when I think of the Big Apple. It is definitely a book that fans of New York will enjoy. I really like this collection *À l'ombre de Paris* first with Paris and now New York (and Tokyo, too.) While I like the designs what I don't especially like is that the designs are printed on both sides of the page and that everything bleeds through except for colored pencils. While it is something that I accept when I buy her books, I really wish the publisher would modify either the paper (heavy duty) printing on only one side or best of all worlds, do both! I doubt that is something that will happen immediately, so I will use my pencils when I work with these books.

This was my first purchase of an adult coloring book and I was very disappointed. Most of the drawings have nothing to do with New York City. In fact, one has "California" scribbled on it several times. Many of the pages appear to be unfinished sketches more than actual drawings which leave more than half of the page completely blank, many others consist of poorly traced, off center, block lettered signs. The "sketches" are printed on both sides of the pages making it difficult to color without marring previous work. I cannot recommend this and I don't plan to purchase another book from from this artist or series again.

If you liked Zoe de Las Cases *À l'ombre de Paris*, then you will most likely also like her coloring book on Tokyo. She follows a very similar format, with architectural designs of famous spots, collages of items we associate with Japan (more so than just Tokyo, I think), full page floral designs in what I like to call wall paper styles, etc. I have enjoyed all Japanese art and architecture for most of my life, so this is a really fun book for me to color. There is everything from the bustling streets of Tokyo to the calm serenity of beautiful fans, umbrellas, paper lanterns, lovely kimonos, lucky cat, and so much more. I really like this collection *À l'ombre de Tokyo* first with Paris and now Tokyo (and New York, too.) While I like the designs what I don't especially like is that the designs are printed on both sides of the page and that everything bleeds through except for colored pencils. While it is something that I accept when I buy her books, I really wish the publisher would modify either the paper (heavy duty) printing on only one side or best of all worlds, do both! I doubt that is something that will happen immediately, so I will use my pencils when I work with these books.

I am very disappointed. The drawings are crude and I feel as though someone just hastily put this together to cash in on the adult coloring book craze. I will only buy these types of books from the brick and mortar store so I may review the drawings, first.

With all that New York has to offer, I may have set expectations too high. So looked forward to receiving this book, found myself coloring rows of sneakers on a page, with images printed on both sides no less (how many times do we need to mention that before we are heard) very disappointed.

I wasn't interested in "adult coloring" until I saw this Zoe de Las Cases book. Now I'm an annoying coloring evangelist. Nothing against the other fine books out there but they just didn't call to me. Unlike most other adult coloring books I've seen, Zoe's designs are fully realized illustrations that could stand on their own without any color added. The hand drawn style looks like an artist's sketchbook...full of detail but also free and easy which for some reason makes me feel like I can color more freely too. Also her subject matter is so varied. Busy street scenes. Collections of interesting objects. One simple lovely thing. And on and on. Regardless of your mood you (and those coloring with you) can always find something interesting to color. Secret Tokyo, Secret Paris, Secret New York...try them all. Fun stuff on every page. Paris Street Fashion is also fantastic. These books are great for anyone looking for something a bit more artful and a little less mainstream than what you see for sale at Michael's.

I still love this book but wish some of the fillers represent New York more instead of generic leaves and flowers. By the way, where is the subway, street signs, rooftop water tanks and graffiti?

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