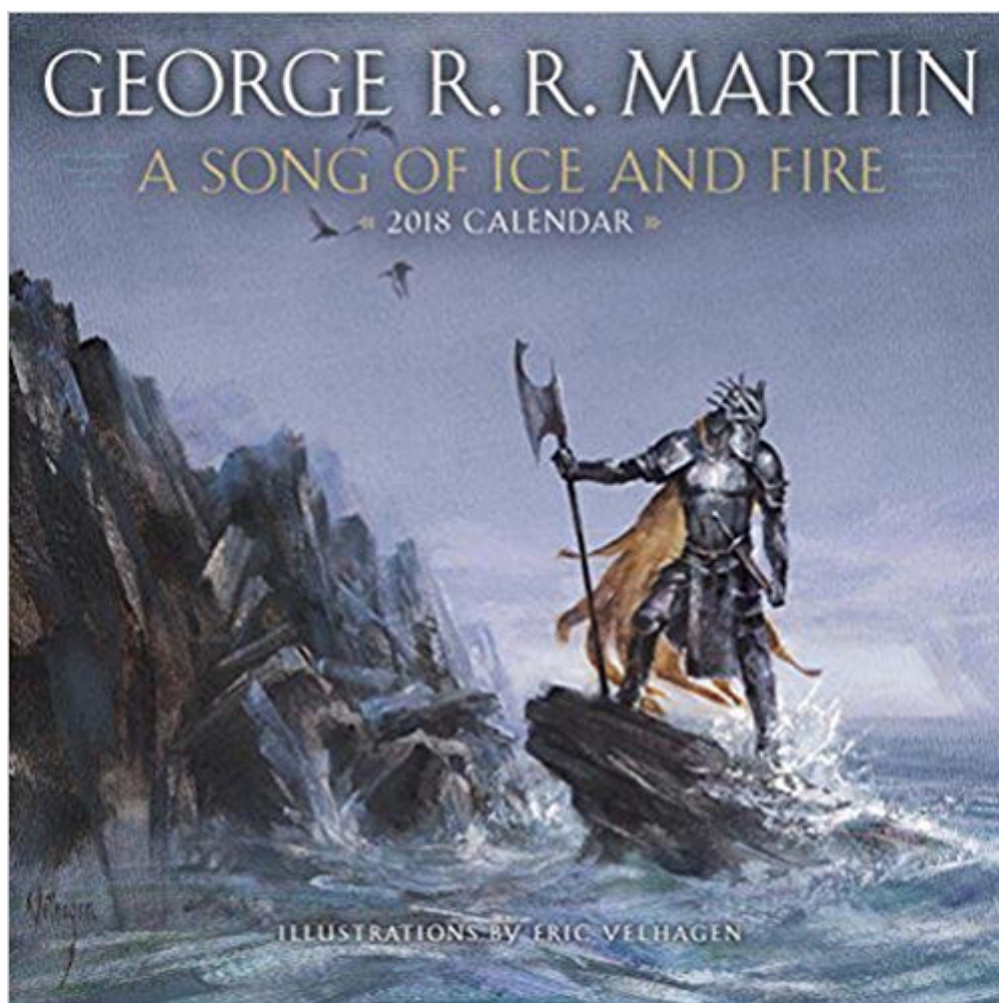


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# A Song Of Ice And Fire 2018 Calendar: Illustrations By Eric Velhagen



## Synopsis

Winter is here. In the 2018 entry of this annual calendar series spanning A Game of Thrones and the entire Song of Ice and Fire saga, acclaimed illustrator Eric Velhagen delivers one of the most atmospheric and otherworldly visions yet of George R. R. Martin's masterwork. From the rough seas of the Iron Islands and the blinding snows of the North to the fiery rebirth of the Mother of Dragons, Velhagen's moody, textured artwork will remind fans that the most original series in fantasy is just warming up. 13 DAZZLING PAINTINGS • INCLUDING A BONUS POSTER!

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convincingly detailed and thoroughly imagined. — The Washington Post, on *A Dance with Dragons* — “I always expect the best from George R. R. Martin, and he always delivers.” — Robert Jordan — This text refers to the Mass Market Paperback edition.

George R. R. Martin is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of many novels, including the acclaimed series *A Song of Ice and Fire* — *A Game of Thrones*, *A Clash of Kings*, *A Storm of Swords*, *A Feast for Crows*, and *A Dance with Dragons* — as well as *Tuf Voyaging*, *Fevre Dream*, *The Armageddon Rag*, *Dying of the Light*, *Windhaven* (with Lisa Tuttle), and *Dreamsongs* Volumes I and II. He is also the creator of *The Lands of Ice and Fire*, a collection of maps from *A Song of Ice and Fire* featuring original artwork from illustrator and cartographer Jonathan Roberts, and *The World of Ice & Fire*, with Elio M. García, Jr., and Linda Antonsson. As a writer-producer, he has worked on *The Twilight Zone*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and various feature films and pilots that were never made. He lives with the lovely Parris in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Eric Velhagen began drawing at an early age. After discovering the literary works of J.R.R. Tolkien and the powerful artwork of Frank Frazetta, he realized that he wanted to devote himself to fantasy art. But it took twenty-five years, after getting sidetracked working as a freelance advertising illustrator and in construction, for him to finally take the leap. Since submitting paintings to Spectrum 17, Velhagen has twice been nominated for a Chesley Award in the unpublished category. He lives with his wife and his son in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

This review is primarily to give a feedback on the sizes of leather bound and paperback printed books. I initially bought leather bound books. They were really pretty and paper quality was very good. But the down side is they are really small books. So I got the paperback edition books. These books are bigger than leather bound and easy to read. So it totally depends on the customer what size book you would like to buy. I attached a photo to compare. Hope this helps

Extremely pleased with this leather edition. Absolutely stunning. Ten times more gorgeous in person.

What could be said about *Game of Thrones*, the first of George R.R. Martin's epic series, that hasn't been said a million times? It's absolutely brilliant. Going into these books (I read them after the show began but before I'd seen the show...), I enjoyed my share of sci-fi/fantasy along the lines of *Harry Potter*, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*... fairly light-hearted stuff (in comparison, at least) that always felt

grounded in the same world I live in. The one genre I really disliked was "Middle Ages Fantasy" as I called it. Lord of the Rings, for instance, while the films were visually appealing, was not my cup of tea... too detached from reality. So when I first saw articles and clips from the HBO Game of Thrones series, I thought it looked like the one type of fantasy series that I would never enjoy. I held out for a looong time, until 3 different friends of mine with similar tastes in books/shows/films promised me that, while they too disliked this sub-genre of fantasy, this series was different, and I HAD to read the books or start the show. Grudgingly, I picked up the first book, figuring that I'd push myself half-way through it and let my friends know I tried and they were totally wrong. Of course they weren't wrong. What George R.R. Martin has done here defies genre, period. It doesn't matter if you're like me and don't care for this sub-genre of fantasy... it doesn't matter if you like my spouse, and don't like fantasy at all. If you enjoy brilliant, incredibly-developed, thought-provoking stories... those with a strongly developed cast of characters who blissfully lack being "good vs. evil" and instead all display their shades of grey, good traits, evil traits, unique traits, all sorts of traits... then this book is for you. Buy it. Open it up. Start reading. You won't regret it.

To be clear, I'm not writing a review of a plot. I love the books and I was happy when I got them. However, my issue is with the books themselves. When I got to the second book I noticed that approximately 70 pages are missing. I can't tell if this is the case for the rest of the books, but I'm certainly dissatisfied with the product.

I just unboxed this book set, and it's beautiful!!!! I love the smell of new books, and old. Please see the pictures attached for size reference. After reading several reviews, I decided I would splurge and get the leather set. All the pages are in there, I checked. The print is a little small, but I don't mind it. The box seems sturdy, and hopefully it lasts. Now to find a spot to put them where my 2 year old won't reach them.

I'm a big fan of the show and what I have previously read of the books. Bought these as they were similar priced to the mass market paperback but looked a lot nicer. While I am pleased with the look of the set, I wish the books were somewhat larger. Having them so compact makes the book harder to read and keep open, especially when you are in the middle without damaging the binding over time. The text is also a bit smaller than I would have liked, but still big enough to read without too much difficulty. No missing pages or strange smells to the books like some other review have said, though the pages are thin enough that you can see outlines of the next page. It is somewhat

reminiscent of a pocket bible, in make, but larger in size. Overall, a decent investment

I love this story. It's everything you would want in an epic tale about knights, dragons, usurers, queens, wannabes, rouges, warriors and outlaws. There's sex, violence, bad language, mangling and gruesome deaths. And way, way too much more. I will continue reading it because I want to know how it ends even if it means I'll have to wait for and read two more books. However, I find I'm not enjoying this as much as I would if it were more concise. There are times it feels like a chore to keep reading. But just when I'm ready to give up and put it away, it picks up again. There are characters to love, characters to hate and characters I can't help but wonder why they are even part of the story. I want to reach through the pages and grab George RR Martin and yell "get to the point already!" I feel like I've been reading these books forever. But, I want to know who will live, who will die, who will be king or queen of Westeros? What happens to Cersie, Tyrion, Jamie, Danerys, Sansa, Arya, Jon Snow, Bran, Rickon and Sam? What happens to the dragons? What on earth happens to Catelyn? What happens in the end? So I will continue reading until the story ends, but I will not read another series by George RR Martin again. I'm not a big fan. I hate having to read through all the excess verbiage. There's just too much here that hinders instead of helping the story along.

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