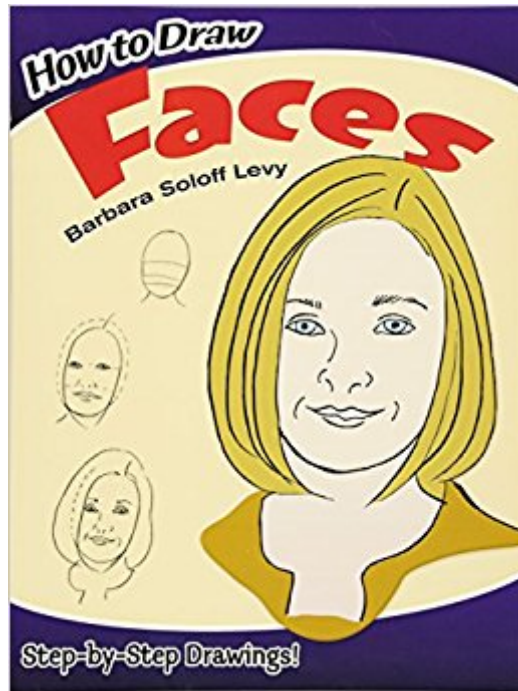




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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Barbara Soloff Levy has created over two dozen "How to Draw" guides for Dover, plus many other activity books. Since retiring from her job as an elementary school art teacher, she devotes much of her time thinking up new ideas for this popular series.

The book is titled "How to Draw Faces" so I was, rather naturally, expecting a book that teaches you how to draw faces. Instead, it's a book with page after page of "demo" faces with blank pages in between for you to copy them on. There are no guides, there are no tips, there are no instructions, save for a brief note--on the copyright page, no less--that tells you how to divide the face into sections. That's it! That's all the help you get. The faces themselves are extremely simplified line

drawings. There are no tips on shading, or adding shadows or highlights, or adding color. No tips on how to draw mouths or noses or eyes or hair. Just many pages of super-quick line drawings and no step-by-step instructions. Plus, all the faces are very similar, as another reviewer pointed out. The eyes are all a bit droopy, and the features are unrealistic--rather cartoonish. I bought this for my eleven-year-old sister who is an extremely talented budding artist. It might help her to some degree, since she tends to ignore the instructions and simply copy the finished drawing. But I was hoping for something that would be a little more useful in the long run. Something that would encourage good drawing habits and actually -teach- her how to draw faces better. I can't recommend "How to Draw Faces" at all, but if you're looking for a good art book for kids, I highly recommend *Art for Kids: Drawing: The Only Drawing Book You'll Ever Need to Be the Artist You've Always Wanted to Be*. It doesn't focus on faces or people, but it does give excellent lessons on how to draw what you see, with simplistic instructions on drawing shape and form, shadows and highlights, perspective, and so on. My sister has learned a great deal from it, even with just the few lessons we've been able to go over together.

I've taught art for many years and picked this up for my elementary school age students to look at. No text to speak of other than a couple of paragraphs on the first page that give ambiguous and unhelpful information about general facial structure. There is NO instruction about drawing features (eyes, nose, etc). The rest is comprised of examples of poorly drawn faces in stages of completion with an adjacent blank page for copying. I wanted to like this, but I wouldn't even show this to kids. Plus the back cover was ripped and bent (not an inherent flaw, but just added to the overall purchase experience).

Any kind of book, coloring book are IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE WHAT'S IN THEM. THIS IS JUST "OKAY" & I'D RECOMMEND PURCHASING ANY BOOK TEACHING YOU TO DRAW MANY ITEMS AT A BOOK STORE, WALMART ETC. It serves it's purpose, but the step by step examples are not the best for the younger child (ok for 10-11 yrs olds) It LOOKS like it is a VERY OLD book. NEWER ones have MUCH better examples. but---If you are picky & want the BEST QUALITY book to help your young child who IS LEARNING & LOVES DRAWING!!!! It does work ok as it said...just need "UPDATED DRAWINGS.

This tutorial book is very basic and easy to follow, therefore very appropriate for little kids interested in learning to draw faces methodically - by dividing the face into thirds (eyes, nose and lip lines).

The book is well arranged with drawings on the left side and blank pages on the right sides to practice drawing.

This book is not bad, but it is very elementary. If you're looking to learn nuance and shading, keep looking. This is very basic.

It's an okay starter book but a bit too basic. There should be at least a little movement towards complete facial construction, such as subtle shading and profile detail and other elements that make an image complete. This held my 10 year old daughters interest for a good hour, but she was not motivated to go back to the book and she has been wanting to improve her facial drawing skills for quite some time. This is an okay book but just understand it's purpose and limits.

I gave this as a gift to a child that enjoys drawing and hope it helps them develop their skill.

Gift for my talented granddaughter. She uses it occasionally.

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