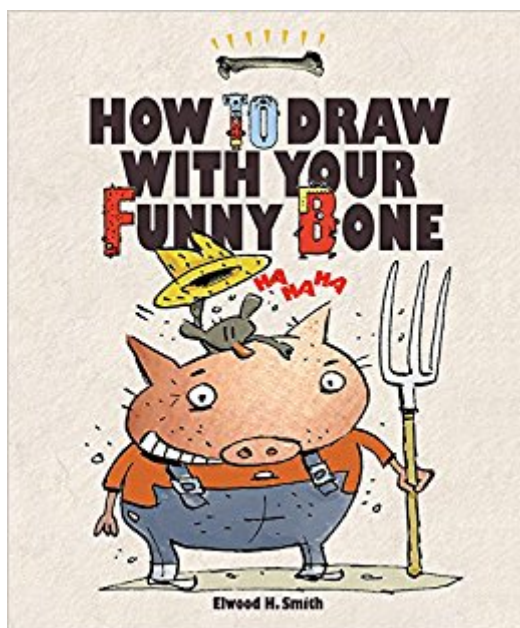


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# How To Draw With Your Funny Bone



## Synopsis

If you struggle to turn sticks into figures, then perhaps it is time to seek out a Trained Professional Artist! Illustrator Elwood H. Smith consults his expert funny bone as he leads budding artists through a tutorial on how to draw tricycle-riding pigs, silly-grinning cars, and jousting ketchup bottles. Emphasizing that subjects can be based on everyday materials and that artists have unique styles, this is a workbook that will encourage readers to experiment with their own types of visual expression.

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## Customer Reviews

". young artists will come to appreciate that when you use your funny bone to draw, anything can happen." - Through the Looking Glass Children's Book Reviews

"Sage instruction for would-be cartoonists from a veteran, self-billed 'Trained Professional Artist.' As the introduction suggests, this is more an overview of Smith's personal approach than a systematic guidebook. He mixes standard starting points-looking analytically at photos or clip art, working from basic 2-D and 3-D shapes-with pages of sample caricatures and cartoons that interpret images in goofy ways or add comical details. Photos of pigs, mostly, but also pictures of an old car, a goat skull and other promising items serve as inspiration for the galleries of quick sketches. Many of these come with hand-lettered comments: 'Light-bulb pig'; 'Here's a picture of an old sofa.' These complement the breezy main

text: 'Even food you think is yucky can be fun to draw.' He also describes-though doesn't actually illustrate-using a lightbox, and he closes by urging readers to develop their own styles, providing a pair of blank pages as encouragement to limber up those artistic 'funny bones.' Smith's pictures are always good for a hoot, though tyros will get a truer start from Ed Emberley's classic manuals."

-Kirkus Reviews

I've worked as psychotherapist with children and adolescents for over thirty years, and found that drawing is a great way to open kids up without having to say much, if anything. Elwood's humorous approach takes the expectation out of having to be an "artist", and instead, focuses on just having fun with shapes and colors. He has the reader "see" the funny bone, and explore what that looks like. He keeps the significance about results at bay, which is always a challenge at any age. You'll pick up "How to Draw with Your Funny Bone" over and over again, and will find that kids gravitate to it immediately. I'm working on my "pig playing a blue guitar" now!

I highly recommend this book for young artists who love to draw. As Elwood explains his methods in a fun and easy to grasp way as if he's sitting there beside you. He shows creative techniques that only a trained professional artist would know. If you know of a person who loves to draw and could use some inspiration, get them this book. It's as much a how-to book as a why-not book. Full of Elwood's beautiful colorful hand drawn artwork.

With his trademark wit and ingenious drawings, renowned illustrator Elwood H. Smith encourages budding artists of all ages to find their unique style using their "funny bone." He shows us how to transform an ungainly pig, scary-looking insect, or everyday object into a delightful character using shape, color, and giant cowboy hats. I laughed out loud at the old mountain goat skull, proof that his technique works. Elwood's drawing tutorials are simple and easy to follow, and I especially enjoyed seeing his own creative process. He proves that you can have a serious love of art without taking your subject matter too seriously. Tell your funny bone and friends to run, not walk, and buy a copy of this fabulous book!

I got my book very quickly, and I love it! Excellent quality and on high grade paper. Elwood's work has always been a favorite of mine, and I am really excited to have a whole book of it! I feel this book will appeal to young and old alike. Looking forward to more from this artist!- Alex Carson

Elwood perfectly captures the love he had for drawing when he was growing up, all while dispensing some great advice on how drawing is not just a matter of copying what you see, but creating your own interpretation or reality based on simple shapes, experimentation and humor. A perfect gift for anyone who has a child who loves to draw. . Highly recommended.

This is a really fun book. I just got it last week. Kids will love it. Adults will love it (well, I love it, anyway). It might inspire you to draw again. Or for the first time. You should have it in your home. Or your library. Or your classroom. Thank you for creating it, Elwood H Smith.

While I am considerably older than 6-8, IÃ¢Â™ll never be too old to enjoy this fantastic artists work. This is a lovely, sweet book that you and your children can enjoy and possibly make some interesting drawings! The alphabet is genius. It belongs in your library.

Amazing

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