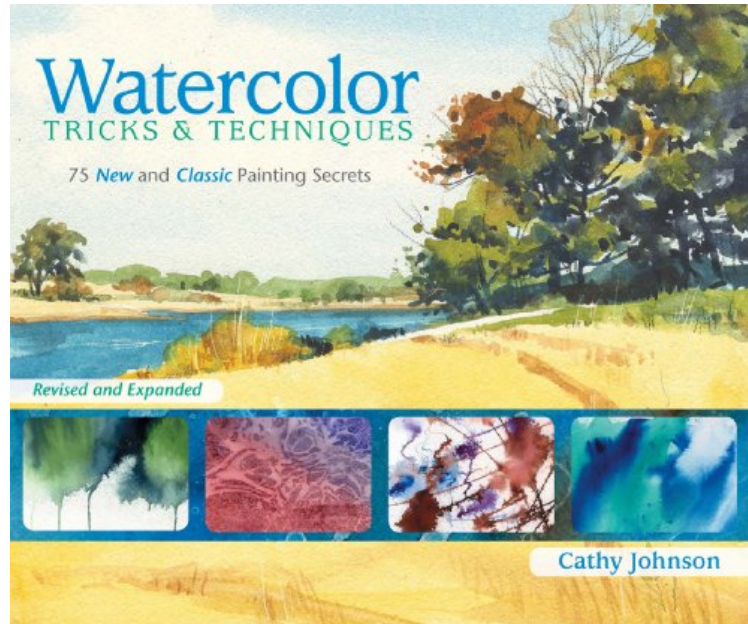


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47 of 48 people found the following review helpful. More tricks than techniquesBy Parka[[VIDEOID:mo18YKXPK4IGAIA]]This book has an interesting design. It's spiral-bound with a cover that can be attached together to make the book stand - like a spiral-bound calendar. I guess you can read this book while you're watercolour painting at the same time. Most of the tricks and techniques are one page descriptions on how you can use various materials with watercolour. A lot of unusual and unexpected materials are featured. Some examples include using alcohol, soap, liquid mask, salt, plastic wrap, crayon and other tools like erasers, sponges, wax, etc. The book's goal is probably to encourage experimentation of all these different mediums. However, not all the new mediums featured come with actual application on a painting. Some of the examples are just quick splashes to show the possibilities and effects you can achieve. The techniques-side of the book is not much. There are way more tricks and too few short demonstrations. It does talk about the usual techniques like glazing, wet-on-wet, etc, but again, it's missing the process between the tool and the finished work. And the examples don't look particularly inspiring, which is surprising because Cathy Johnson is an artist with lots of beautiful paintings. There are interesting ideas and tricks in the book, but if you're looking for more techniques, you should look for dedicated watercolour instructional art books. (There are more pictures of the book on my blog. Just visit my profile for the link.) 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful Watercolor GuideBy PortolagrandmaVery cool! I can't wait to try some of the techniques described and beautifully illustrated in this book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I was disappointed in this bookBy Kathleen RobinsonI was disappointed in this book. Maybe just me, but needed so much more than was within the pages.

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About the Author Cathy Johnson is the author and illustrator of over 30 books. A contributing editor to *The Artist Magazine* and *Watercolor Magic*, she was a staff naturalist and contributing editor for *Country Living*. She has written for *Sports A field*, *Early American Life*, *Sierra Magazine* and others. Author of *The Sierra Club Guide to Sketching in Nature* and *The Sierra Club Guide to Painting in Nature*, she's taught sketching and painting for the Sierra Club and other nature centers.