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# The Silver Way: Techniques, Tips, And Tutorials For Effective Character Design



## Synopsis

The Silver Way: Techniques, Tips and Tutorials for Effective Character Design by Stephen Silver offers invaluable instruction from one of the best teachers in the industry. Whether you're a professional artist interested in improving your drawing skills, or an aspiring designer fresh out of high school looking to add to your portfolio, The Silver Way will help you build your confidence and strengthen your work in order to successfully design characters for any project, in any style. Chockfull of helpful and entertaining drawing techniques and easy-to-follow tutorials developed through his decades of experience as an artist on popular animated shows (Kim Possible, Danny Phantom, The Fairly OddParents) and as the owner of Silver Drawing Academy, The Silver Way is the kind of educational art book you'll revisit again and again for guidance, encouragement, and inspiration.

## Book Information

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“After talking with Stephen I was reinvigorated and hungry to get back to drawing. . . . He is honestly only concerned with teaching and helping other artists improve. Stephen's work has always inspired me to be a better artist, but it was Stephen himself who inspired me to be a generous one.”  
—From Foreword Mike Kraulik, Cartoonist, “Penny Arcade” (Mike Kraulik)

Stephen Silver is an in-demand character designer and seasoned art instructor who founded the art school Silver Drawing Academy, which has served hundreds of students across the country. Based in Los Angeles, the school offers instruction for artists of all levels, from an array of online and classroom courses, to private workshops and one-on-one mentoring. Silver uses his years of

industry experience creating characters for the shows Kim Possible, The Fairly OddParents, and The Penguins of Madagascar, to name a few, and working for Disney Television Animation, Sony Feature Animation, and Nickelodeon Animation, to help other artists realize their creative and career goals.

This book offers a broad range of information, examples and exercises to application. I've learned a lot since I bought it.

Amazed at how much information is packed in this book!

One of the best books on character design a genius at his best.. he is inspiring .... silver thank you for bringing this master piece to life..

As a professional illustrator, this is a MUST HAVE for artists. Definitely more specifically for character designers, but it does have a lot of lessons for general illustrators. I graduated college with very basic knowledge on character design. I saw that the great Stephen Silver was creating a book for it, and I instantly bought it. A couple of hours of reading and I already learned more about character design than what I learned in college. One of the most important things that I learned from this book is necessary communication through silhouette and shapes. These things will give your characters variety and will help them stand out from the rest. I'm still going through and trying to absorb all the knowledge that it has. Thank you Mr. Silver, I hope to meet you one day! You rock!

Awesome book, great tips for drawing and useful guides on coming up with a good character. I'd recommend this to anyone interested in making new characters who needs help designing them. I even took it with me to my professor and I had referred it to my classmates

This book will be a character design bible book. I have never seen this kind of book before. There are so many important and practical design principles and drawing exercises. Thank you so much for making this great book for artists!!

I'm a professional Illustrator as well as an avid book reader and every time a new book on this topic comes out, I order it from and although there are a couple of good ones out there, Stephen Silver's is BY FAR the BEST of them all. Here you will find not just a wealth of information on sketching

techniques, gestures and construction but also easy-to-follow exercises on every chapter. I have been familiar with Stephen's work for several years now and was excited to find out that this book was about to come out. Just take a look at the table of contents to get an idea of how complete it is! This work is for character designers what Tom Richmond's "Mad Art of Caricature" is to caricature artists. DON'T HESITATE TO ORDER IT!

I picked this up at Wondercon a few weeks ago as I missed out on the Kickstarter. This is a wonderful book that gives great insight to creating characters full of life and solid design. Definitely a good book for those looking to hone their craft.

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