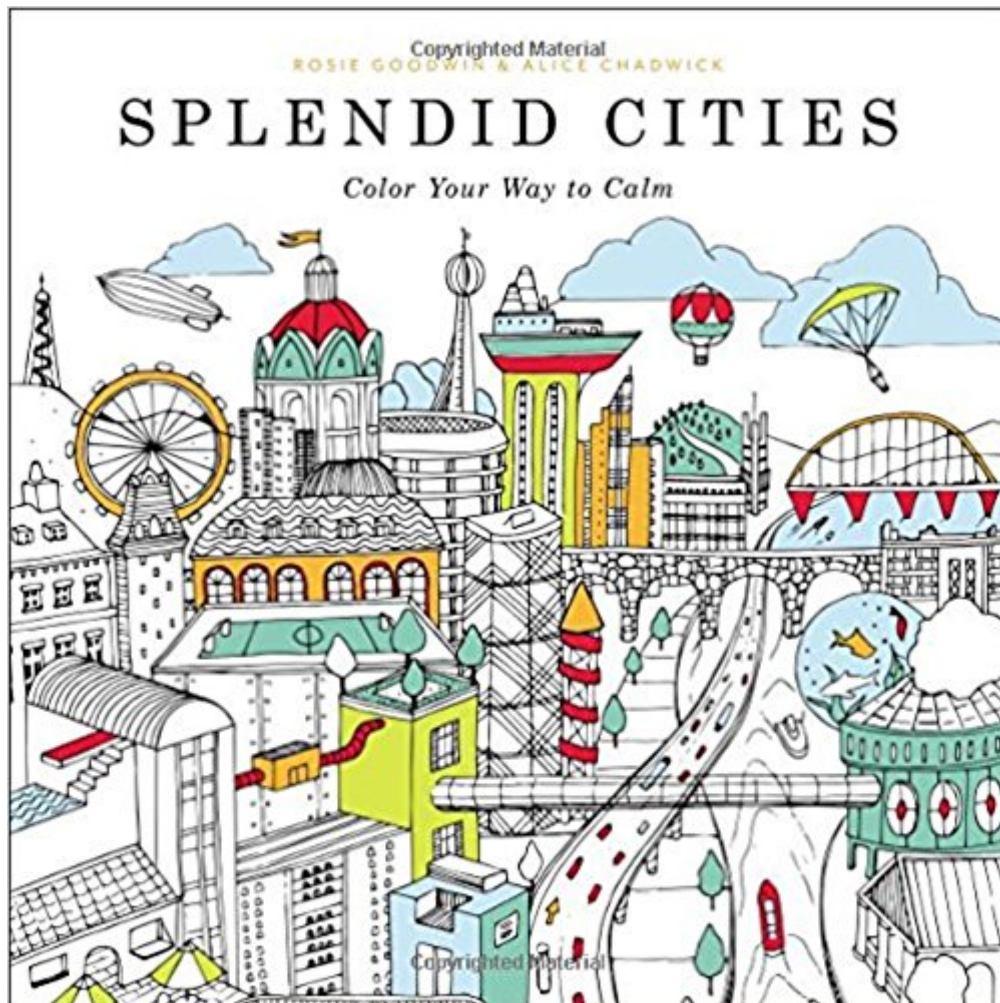




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# Splendid Cities: Color Your Way To Calm



## Synopsis

A coloring book that will relax and inspire--all the while transporting you to the world's most wonderful cities. The most splendid cities in the world--some real, others imagined--come alive under your hand. Open this book and let yourself be drawn into a world tour dotted with floating kingdoms in the sky and spooky cities, and taking you from the domes of Moscow to the top of the Eiffel Tower. This journey knows no limits! So take your time, relax, and let your imagination run free! Get out your markers or pens and discover the calming pleasure of coloring. Safe travels!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Rosie Goodwin lives and works in east London. Her London walks and more distant travels inspire her work in film and media. Alice Chadwick is an illustrator who lives and works in East London. Her work appears in newspapers, magazines and books.

This fun imaginative coloring book is filled with 42 whimsical illustrations of both real and imaginary cities from around the globe, under the sea, and high in the clouds. With every illustration covering two pages this is a wonderful book to spend quality time actually coloring the same picture with your children. My grandchildren love two page illustrations that two of them can color together or color with me. 1. This square (9 3/4" x 9 3/4" inch) book has 84 pages to color, front and back of each page, printed on heavy weight, bright white paper. 2. Each of the 42 illustrations cover two

pages.3. Each illustration includes traveling companions to locate as you color, they include, dolphins, swans, bees, seahorses, geese, birds and more.4. This book is great for colored pencils, crayons, and the following coloring mediums DID NOT leak through the pages in my test (Fiskars Gel Pens, Irma Gel Pens, Staedtler Triplus Fibre tip pens, and Staedtler Triplus Fine liners,)5. These markers leak through the pages and will ruin the illustration on the back of the page you are coloring so actually would ruin 2 illustrations because they are all 2 pages. (Bic mark it (fine and ultra Fine), Sharpie (Ultra fine and fine), Pentel color pen Fine point color markers, Stabilo fineliner 30 point 88 (these leaked through the least of the markers that leaked through the pages with spotty leakage in heavily colored areas, but I wouldn't trust them)6. The details vary within each illustration from small to medium. Illustrations include: :, the jungle, circus tents, sky scrapers, forest, Montreal, seaside cities, Amsterdam, Medieval city, adobe village, enchanted world, Bombay, Moscow and more.

Since each of the 42 illustrations cover two pages, the center of the drawing is uncolorable. Check out some of the images people have posted. Without a margin by the seam, the pictures are tucked into the seam. Very bad design.

I love the designs; they range from easy to color to very intricate. The paper quality is very good, but I do have 2 issues with the book. 1- Images are printed back to back, thus am limited to using only coloring pencils. Some designs have a lot of fine details, and I would have loved to do them just using very fine tip markers. 2- The actual designs are comprised of two pages. Essentially you have a legal-sized design to color. I would not mind this IF the pages didn't have another design on the opposite page.

Coloring has become my new favorite pastime & this book has been the perfect jumpstart to my adult coloring madness! I enjoy the combination of architecture & cityscapes. It allows me to be a little more conservative in my color schemes or run wild with my imagination. I color at night while listening to audio books. It's such an enjoyable [& very inexpensive] hobby! My husband says I've become a true 'Arteest' ;-).

This is four of four books I bought for hubby who is recovering from shoulder surgery. Was able to take the sling off and I knew he needed something to do to keep him from damaging his shoulder. He has enjoyed the coloring of the cities, is working on one with the sun behind skyscrapers. I

asked him his opinion and was surprised at how pleased he is, he is usually quite fussy about such activities. He complained non-stop about a couple of similar crafts I bought for him. Fortunately, we had three boxes of coloring/watercoloring pencils besides the one I bought so he has a good selection of colors. My only negative aspect is that many of the pictures consists of being on two pages, hard to get to the section in-between the two pages. I would prefer that they be perforated so they could be taken out and then taped together when finished to make the whole picture.

Really wanted to like this adult coloring book, but poor construction has left me quite frustrated. The paper rag content is quite low and my color pens bled through not only the other side, but they even bled onto the next page! Since the publishers decided to save money by printing on every sheet, there's a whole 2 page spread ruined. I thought it might be my new markers, but tried them on a different coloring book with zero bleed. Add this to the fact that illustrations go right through the seam and it makes coloring difficult. There are no perforations so you cannot cleanly remove pages; binding is like a normal book. Some of the illustrations are nice, but if you want to use pens and not colored pencils, you will be sorely disappointed.

Prior to receiving the book, I assumed it would be something I could get through in one day; I was completely wrong. Each page has such wonderful, extremely detailed pictures, making it a very enjoyable and lasting experience. It has brought out a more creative side as well when it comes to using the colors to bring each city to life. Once I get started, it is truly calming. I get into a "coloring zone" and I am able to block or momentarily forget any possible discomforts. I even let my daughter coloring the wider spaces. I recommend this book for leisure, as a stress reliever, or a travel activity. I never knew coloring could be so relaxing and fun for adults!!!(An older or very skilled child would also enjoy. As a past teacher, I observed that children who had trouble focusing or behavioral issues always enjoyed the freedom of art.)I just went back to design my inside cover; I don't want to give away the amazing pictures inside the book. You have to buy it and see for yourself.

I have to say coloring was one of my favorite past times and this totally had brought that to a new level. This book has some many cool pictures that when brought to life with what ever color choices you choose are simply exciting. I can sit for hours and color and sometimes have lots track of time. My wife who laughed when I told her I bought a coloring book now sits down and colors one side of the page while I color the other. Its become a total blast for us both and is very relaxing.

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