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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Legos have been a building block of childhoods around the world for decades (the Danish company, the Lego Group, was founded in 1949), but as graphic designer Doyle demonstrates in this impressive collection of 360 Lego models, they're far from child's play. The book showcases the work of 77 artists, who offer a wildly divergent results: from portraits of Freddie Mercury and the monsters from Alien to dissected frogs, space stations, and chromed-out hot rods. Though Doyle humbly waits until the middle of the book to showcase a few of his own sculptures, they are among the most striking. His stark black-and-white renderings of an elegant Victorian house damaged by an uprooted tree, as well as the book's cover (a massive futuristic city with countless spires) are nothing short of breathtaking. Brief bios of the creators accompany each entry, with the artists discussing what drew them to Lego bricks and their approach to design. One featured artist, Jordan Schwartz, may have achieved the ultimate goal: landing a job at Lego as a product designer due in part to his creations. Surprisingly, the book doesn't include specifications such as the dimensions of the pieces or the number of bricks used, nor are there images of works-in-progress. If readers can forgive that, they will be mesmerized by this astonishing collection. Full-color illus. (Nov.)

Review

"A stunning array."

—**Today.com**

"LEGO! It really doesn't get any better than this."

—**Wired.com, Raw File**

"One man's quest to prove LEGO can be art."

—**The Los Angeles Times**

"Delightful."

—**The San Francisco Chronicle**

"A stunning new book proves the versatile LEGO blocks aren't just kids' stuff."

—**Reader's Digest**

About the Author

Internationally acclaimed LEGO artist Mike Doyle is known for his stunningly realistic, grand-scale designs. *Contact*, the majestic fantasy cityscape featured on this book's cover, uses more than 200,000 bricks. His award-winning *Abandoned House* series has been showcased at Gallery1988 in LA and now has a home in Boston's Museum of Realist Art. When not constructing unique LEGO art, Doyle works as a graphic designer. He lives with his wife and two children in New Jersey.

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