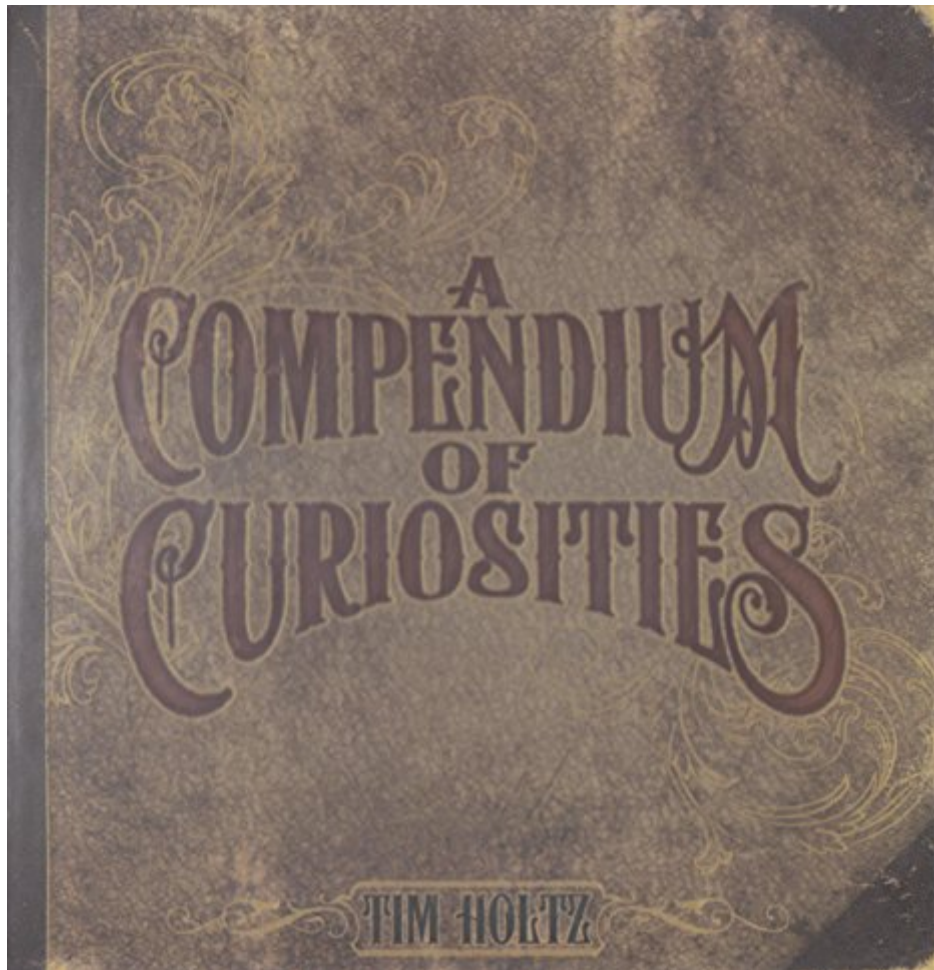


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Customer Reviews

If you're a fan of Tim Holtz, you already own this book. If not, it's a wonderful resource for how to use the many products that carry his name. The first part of the book is an ode to those products; Tim lovingly describes each one and offers a quick roster of suggestions for their use. Then comes the meat of the book; stepped-out instructions featuring multiple photographs that explain over 30 techniques using Adirondack alcohol inks, acrylic dabber paints, Distress inks, Stickles, masks, Grungeboard, etc. If you own any of these products or have seen them and been intrigued by their possibilities but short on ideas for their use, this book is for you. There's enough here to keep a mixed-media artist, scrapbooker or stamper busy for months! The book's thorough coverage of All Things Tim is also its drawback, however, and the reason I gave it only four stars instead of five. If, like me, your inventory of Tim Holtz products was even slightly lacking, you'll need to have a bake sale or live on peanut butter sandwiches for a week while you stock up on all the products. It is also difficult to find them all in one place; I had to shop at five venues to get what I consider the "basics." Yes, you can make certain logical substitutions (such as isopropyl alcohol for the alcohol ink "Blending Solution"), but most of the techniques rely on proprietary products; there's no way you're going to get the same result if you use anything but Distress ink, for instance. (And I'm not saying this is a bad thing! I do love to shop.) The final part of the book is devoted to a gallery of finished creations, each quite wonderful.

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