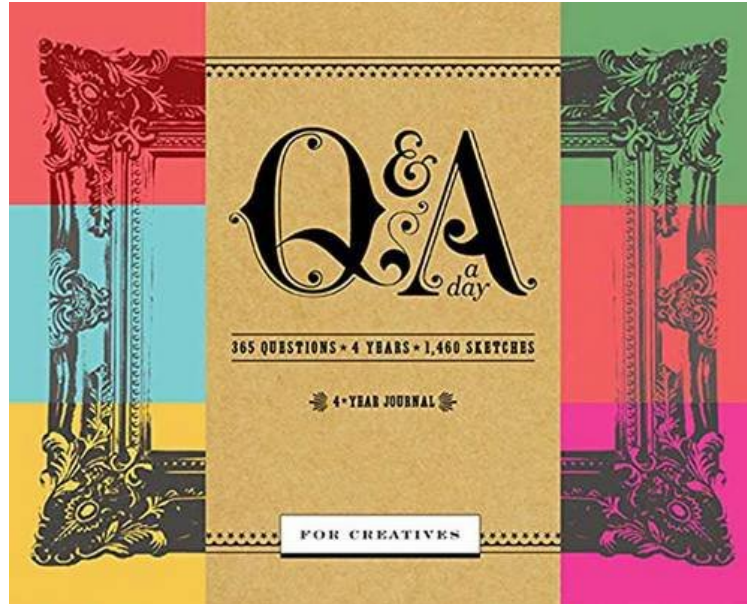


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Potter Style : QA a Day for Creatives: A 4-Year Journal before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised QA a Day for Creatives: A 4-Year Journal:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good also for a family of 4 for one year. By Chai Tea Latte There are 4 members in my family, so instead of doing one sketch by myself for 4 years, we EACH do a sketch for a year. It's another great way for families to bond. :) 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fun activity. I enjoy looking at what I have ... By AKF Fun activity. I enjoy looking at what I have already drawn from the beginning of the year. The questions are quite challenging sometimes especially for non-artist. 29 of 29 people found the following review helpful. Unique and Imaginative; Not Just for Illustrators and Sketch Artists By Kelly Garbato QA A DAY FOR CREATIVES: A 4-YEAR JOURNAL is the latest in a series of guided journals produced by Potter Style, a "lifestyle gift" imprint of The Crown Publishing Group. Other specialized titles are aimed at moms, teenagers, book lovers, college students, and list-makers. My first foray into Potter Style's QA A DAY journals was the QA A DAY: 5-YEAR JOURNAL, which features 365 writing prompts – one for each day of the year, with enough space to record five years worth of entries. It's a pretty rad idea, but the design of the book makes it difficult to use. At nearly 1 1/4" thick and 6 1/4" tall by 4 1/4" wide, it's a little smaller than a mass market paperback – but just as thick. Since my hand starts dropping off the end of the page about halfway down, I find it terribly difficult to write in. Plus the lines are tiny! I used it for about a month before personal issues proved too much of a distraction; looking back, I'm not surprised to see that many of my entries are borderline illegible thanks to the ill-devised layout. So I was kind of psyched when I saw the oversized, rectangular cover of QA A DAY FOR CREATIVES. The book is significantly larger than its predecessor – 9 1/2" wide by 7 1/2" tall (those measurements are for the cover; subtract 1/4" off each the width and height for the pages) – and MUCH easier to use. The soft cover also makes it easier to open and lay flat for comfortable use. Each page features a prompt, along with four 3 3/4" x 3 3/4" squares to sketch your entry. While the

book's obviously aimed at illustrators and sketch artists (and possibly even painters; e.g., "Draw a human skeleton without looking at reference images."), anyone with an interest in the visual arts can bend the rules to play along. Can't draw or paint? No worries! Scrapbook the heck out of this sucker! Treat it like a Pinterest board. If you're into graphic art, complete the prompt using Photoshop and print out and paste in your answer. When Potter asks you "What was the happiest purchase you made in the past few weeks?," attach a picture of your rescue dog wearing that shiny new ladybug outfit you bought her – or just include a clipping of the catalog listing. Some of the prompts are even open to written answers, traditional journal style. That said, I'd caution against cutting and pasting in every answer: all that additional paper will add up, eventually making the journal too thick to close or even easily flip through or store away. (I've had similar problems with various dog and cat memory books I've purchased over the years.) Just to give you an idea of what you'll be asked to draw, here's a random sampling of ten prompts:- "What does your hair look like today?" (June 25)- "Draw yourself drawing. What are you drawing in the drawing of you drawing?" (October 10)- "This page is full of bugs!" (March 28)- "A four-parter! Over the course of the next four years, fill each panel with the life of a tree, from acorn to sapling, and onward to maturity." (March 19)- "Dream up a creative way to combine two animals into one. A frog and a goat? A seal and a blowfish?" (December 3)- "Draw a key. What does it open?" (April 9)- "What monster lives under your bed?" (August 16)- "Draw a tiny desert island. Who is on it?" (October 4)- "How would you illustrate a smell that you love?" (May 20)- "What's the one item you're most embarrassed you own?" (March 7) I really love these guided journals; they're an excellent choice for people who want to keep a daily journal, but don't have a whole lot of time or discipline to maintain the habit. The short, specific entries help keep you focused and motivated, and the four-year span offers a fun way of comparing your answers over a longer period of time.** Full disclosure: I received a free copy of this book for review through Blogging for Books. **

QA a Day for Creatives is your go-to source for inspiration, whimsy, and idea generation. Each page of this four-year journal features a compelling question designed to get you thinking drawing, and dreaming. Open the journal to today's date and fill in the appropriate space as you see fit. (Pencil doodles? Watercolor? Musical scales?) As the journal fills year after year, you'll own a showcase of your ever-growing creative output.

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