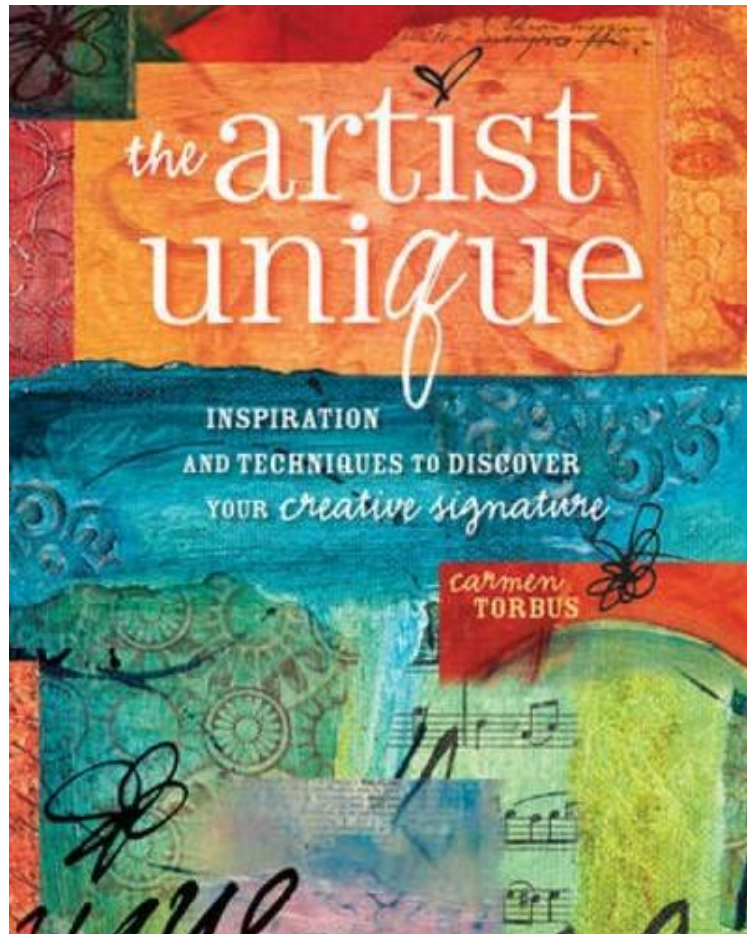


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**Carmen Torbus : The Artist Unique: Discovering Your Creative Signature Through Inspiration and Techniques** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Artist Unique: Discovering Your Creative Signature Through Inspiration and Techniques:

32 of 33 people found the following review helpful. Delicious "Recipes" for Fresh, Creative JourneysBy mary anne radmacherThis is the colorful and inspiring equivalent of a new, favorite cookbook - except it's a recipe book for ART! Artists have long understood the profound connection between cooking food and creating art. They are both highly artful pursuits. However, with food, the creation is consumed and lives only in memory. With created ART, there is an end product that is sustained. That lives in the home or perhaps as a gift to a friend.Carmen delivers a powerful message in this beautifully illustrated and well presented book. Learn from the professionals. Yes! Learn the technique but discover the way to articulate that technique that is unique to you. Carmen calls out the courageous creator and challenges her/him to develop a personal, signature style. Carmen has assembled a community of artists who

generously share some of their trademark techniques. I say generously because they are not shielding their awesome, signature style in a cloak of mystery. They are giving a materials list and providing the guidance to learn the skill. In your own way. It surprises people who ask me what I do in my spare time when I tell them I make art for myself and my friends. Not the commercial endeavors that people might associate with me, but experiments. Fun journeys in style and media that I'm just trying out. Carmen's book is invitation to new roads. I've already started in and just like a new recipe might call for a trip to the grocery store, I'm inspired to try tools and materials that I've never used before. So I'm off to the art supply store. Bye!

11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. My Go-To Book for Creative Inspiration!

By Sharyn Eccles I absolutely LOVE this book! Carmen has written a book that is insightful and inspiring. She shares her story as a self taught artist and features the personal stories and techniques of other artists. I cannot recommend this book highly enough - in fact, I told my best friend that she had to read this book because it would kickstart her creativity. She bought a copy and loves it also!

I returned to art after too long an absence by getting into art journaling this year as it isn't as scary as a blank canvas, but thanks to Carmen I don't fear the blank canvas anymore! This book really is my go-to book. After reading review after review on every single similar book imaginable and giving a number of books at the library a test-drive which only left me feeling ho-hum, *The Artist Unique* resonated with me immediately. Seeing the art and reading the stories of these amazing women has inspired my confidence in my own artistic ability, I can feel it every time I sit at my art table to paint. Our stories are unique and our art should be too. I'm a creative person and always have been, but I just needed something special to get me thinking positive about making art, allowing me to experiment and create without making a carbon copy of another person's work. I'm not great at following step-by-step instructions - call me a rebel - because I like to tweak things and make them mine and Carmen's book is a showcase of techniques to try out and incorporate into your own art. The thing to remember is to have fun and enjoy the time you spend making art. I really like the format of this book, it has the right balance for me. Even if you aren't creative or artistic but would like some inspiration in getting started, I would recommend this book to you - it covers materials and balances techniques with inspirational stories and advice on how to find your creative signature. I can't wait to see what Carmen's publishes next :)

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. *The Artist Unique* - What a pleasant surprise!

By sabknits When I opened this book I wasn't impressed. It looked like more of the same old mixed-media stuff and way too cute for my taste. But when I started actually READING I discovered that the interviews with the artists are nourishing, inciteful and inspiring. I'm REALLY glad I got this book! It will be one of my well worn favorites.

Make your mark your way!

Every artist seeks to stand apart from the crowd. But how? Let author Carmen Torbus inspire you to new creative highs in this collection of hands-on techniques and heartfelt stories from 16 artists who have worked through their own artistic struggles and stalls to emerge triumphant, with looks uniquely their own. Whether art is new to you, or you have been at it awhile and are having trouble discovering your own style, this encouraging book will guide you to experiment with different mediums, techniques and possibilities to make a mark that is exclusively yours. Inside you'll find:

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- Beautiful finished art illustrating how individual artists use and combine these techniques in their own work
- Easy worksheets to help reveal your artistic skills, strengths and preferences
- A quick-start guide to various mediums, mark makers and creative paraphernalia
- Lots of tips and advice for putting yourself into your art
- Embrace who you are and find out what defines you as an artist. Make your art far from ordinary--become the artist UNIQUE!

About the Author Carmen Torbus is a self-taught mixed-media artist and workshop instructor. Carmen's workshops focus on combining mixed-media techniques with enthusiasm, passion and participant perspective. She is the founding member of the Treasure Coast Women's Art Alliance, whose mission is to empower women through art. Her blog and artwork can be seen in the winter 2010 issue of Stampington's Artful Blogging.