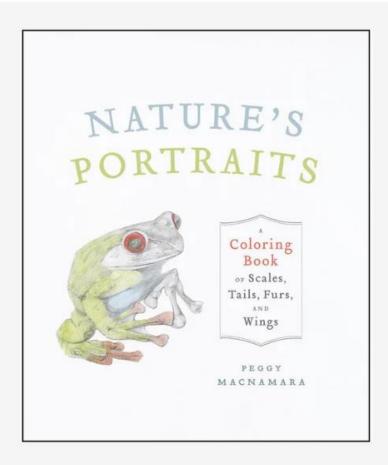


Without the thrill of travel, frequent fliers are turning to new ways to experience their favorite places from home—and for those unacquainted with the idea of staying in one place, activities like yoga, reading, and coloring offer proven therapeutic value. In the past decade, adult coloring books in particular have become increasingly popular—touted in various clinical studies for their ability to improve sleep, reduce anxiety, and generate a positive mood. And even if it's just to have some fun while getting your eyes off of a screen, it's worth giving coloring a try. Whether you're looking to explore the depths of the Pacific, the world's biggest cities, or just some quirky roadside attractions, here are the nine best adult coloring books to help you travel vicariously. And if you don't have them in your house already, we suggest stocking up on colored pencils and a sharpener—nothing beats a good ol' fashioned box of Crayola.

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