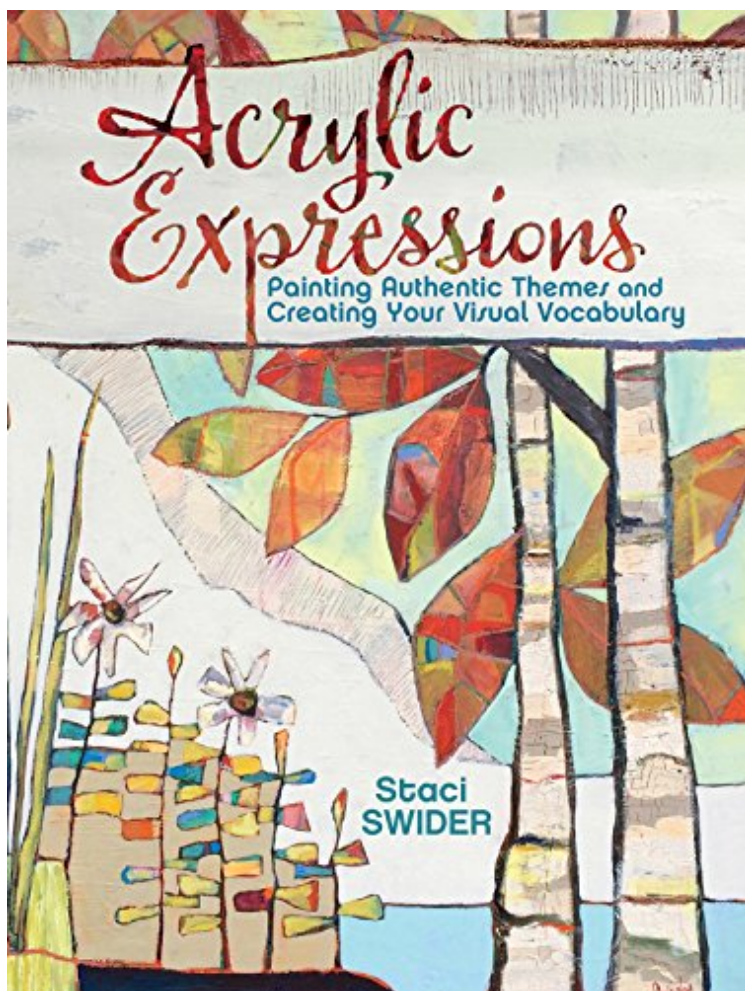


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full of beautiful images and clear step outs and directions to create your own. Inspirational writing. I devoured it in one night and cleared a few hours the next day to use some of the ideas and inspiration. I'll be re-reading this one many times. Highly recommend.

Create artwork that is a reflection of you! Your artwork is your voice, as unique as your fingerprints, and Acrylic Expressions shows you to how to paint and express your authentic self. Learn to create a consistent and individualized body of work through workshop-style instruction and creative prompts. Discover how to paint intuitively by uncovering meaningful personal symbols and distilling them into a visual vocabulary. Then combine your interpretation and personal inspiration as you use acrylic paints and other materials to create textural, expressive, abstract-style works of art. Develop a signature painting style by discovering your own unique color palette. Find the source of your inspiration--childhood memories, folklore, the natural world--and create a personal library of symbols and marks to use to build complex and layered artworks. Learn to take a common theme and apply it to a variety of compositional approaches to develop your own series of self-reflective paintings. Features 20 step-by-step projects with painting and mixed media. Build intuitive art from scratch and learn to experiment with texture, color and even how to create painting surfaces with power tools.