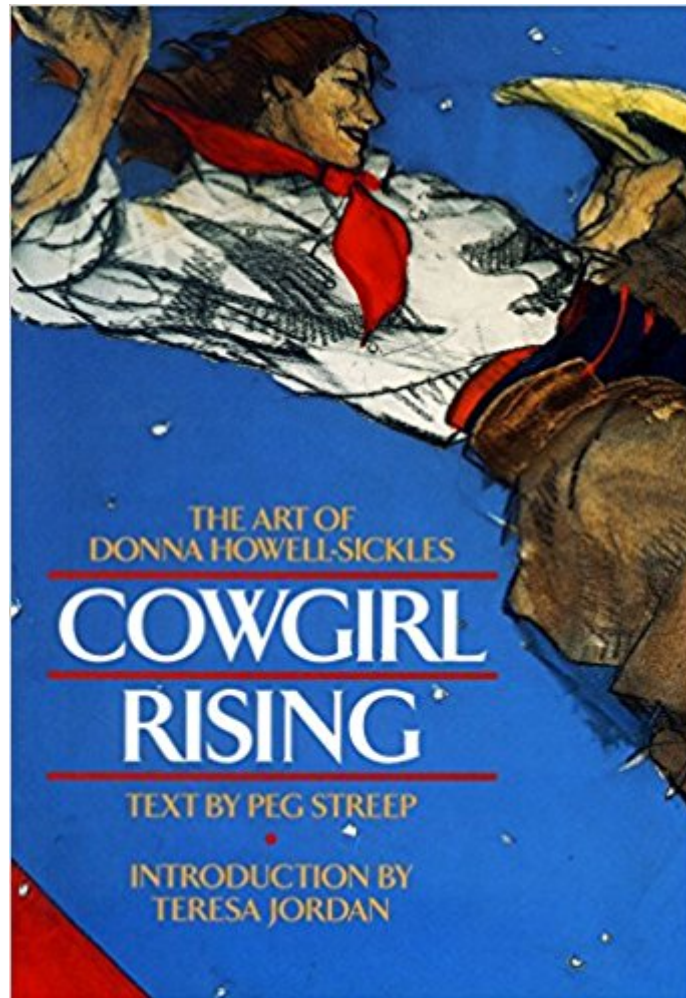




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Cowgirl Rising: The Art Of Donna Howell-Sickles



Synopsis

Cowgirl Rising is a beautifully rendered metaphor for today's woman. Here, Streep weaves the story behind Howell-Sickles' vision of the cowgirl and places her in the context of world mythologies. The result is a celebration of the courage, self-reliance and exuberance of the cowgirl spirit, and indeed of the female spirit today. 120+ full-color paintings.

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Donna Howell-Sickles was born in 1949 in Gainesville, Texas and raised on a 900 acre farm. In 1972, while earning her BFA at Texas Tech in Lubbock, she acquired an old postcard c. 1935 depicting a cowgirl seated on a horse which read, "Greetings from a Real Cowgirl from the Ole Southwest." Attracted by the charm and confidence of the woman in the image, she began incorporating the cowgirl figure into her work, as well as collecting and researching these old-time cowgirl images. Before long, this icon was the central theme in the contemporary settings of Donna's pieces. Donna's works are largely mixed-media. She works on paper and canvas in a mix of charcoal, pastel and acrylic most often leaving her under-drawing visible. In Donna's pieces, the cowgirl achieves the status of a heroine, and her images have brought her national attention and success. Her work is rich with symbolism and allusions to classical mythology, but the viewer does not need to be familiar with the references in order to appreciate the female affirmations of each piece. Her paintings can be found in museum collections throughout the west including the Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville, Texas; The National Cowgirl Hall of Fame

in Fort Worth, Texas; The Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody Wyoming and several others.Â Peg Streep holds advanced degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University and is author of many spiritual titles, including "Spiritual Gardening: Creating Sacred Space Outdoors," "Altars Made Easy: A Complete Guide to Creating Your Own Sacred Space," "Mary, Queen of Heaven," and "Sanctuaries of the Goddess: The Sacred Landscapes and Objects." She lives in a suburb outside of New York City where she devotes equal time to motherhood and writing.

I love the style of Donna Howell-Sickles. Her paintings are light, whimsical, and well thought out. This book does not disappoint. If you can't go out and buy one of her originals, this is the next best thing.

Then this os the book for you. A glorious set of pix of the person who I think has done as good a job of taking the commercial illustration style and taken it to the most admirable level of expression. She always picks the best possible composition and color, and nobody does better combinig the organic with the straight line.

The book was as advertised; new having been in display. For fans of the artist, it's wonderful!

Good review of her work and style. Having seen her draw in person made the book more interesting. I am amazed at how she takes many of the same elements and combines them in so many different ways to make each piece unique.

Great book. Makes a great gift. good service and product

Great artist, great pictures, great book.

Love this woman's work. She really puts thought and spirit into her work. The strength of the woman and the animals always comes thru.

Beautiful book full of wonderful drawings!

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