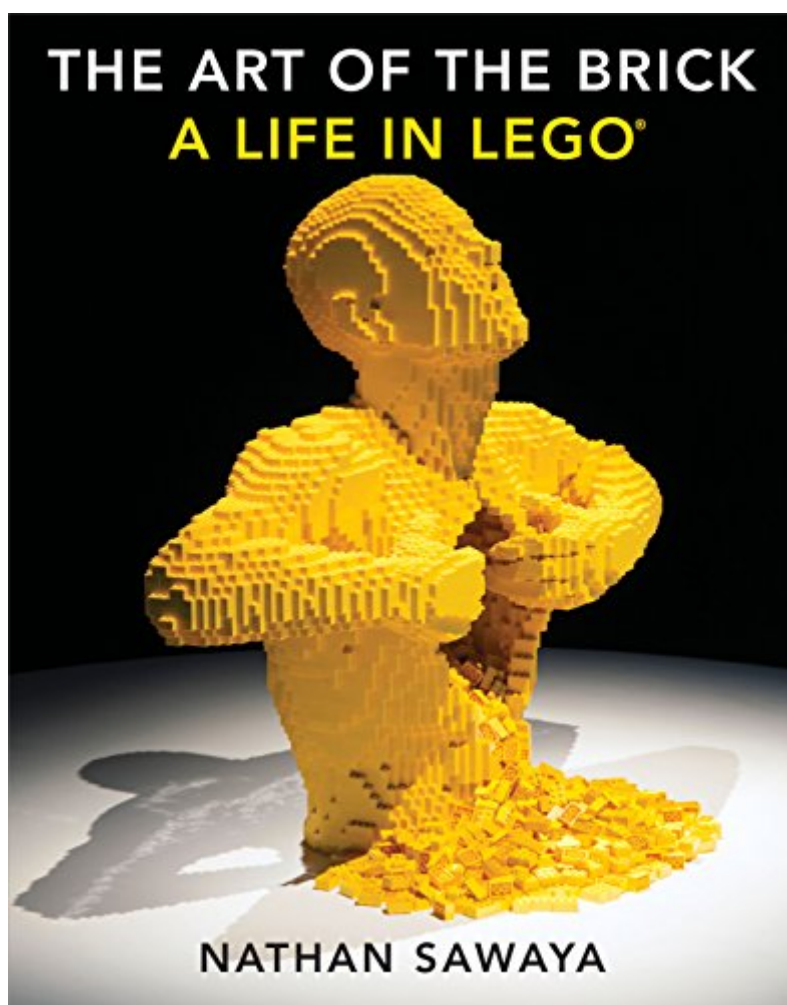


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# The Art Of The Brick: A Life In LEGO



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Nathan Sawaya is renowned for his incredible, sometimes surreal, sculptures and portraits—all made from LEGO bricks. *The Art of the Brick* is a stunning, full-color showcase of the work that has made Sawaya the world's most famous LEGO artist. Featuring hundreds of photos of his impressive art and behind-the-scenes details about how these creations came to be, *The Art of the Brick* is an inside look at how Sawaya transformed a toy into an art form. Follow one man's unique obsession and see the amazing places it has taken him.

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## Customer Reviews

Nathan Sawaya is a celebrity both within and outside of the LEGO building community. He's among a rare breed of humans with the guts to ditch a perfectly lucrative career (in his case, as an attorney) to follow their childhood dreams. So when I got an opportunity to receive and review an early copy of Sawaya's book, I jumped at the chance. This book is Nathan's story. It was not what I was expecting. Most of the LEGO books hitting the shelves these days are glorified idea

books, showcasing hundreds of off the wall creations designed to delight and inspire. Sawaya's book is quite different. It's a cross between an artist statement and his life story. It's a passionate and entertaining story of his quest to find himself through a medium we all know as LEGO bricks. This hardcover book features 247 pages and an interesting LEGO creation appears on nearly every one of them. But the creations aren't designed to stoke a young builder's mind. The pictures evoke emotions, tell a story, or hint at man's struggle to survive in a tortuous world. This book is truly about art. I restate this because this book belongs on a coffee table in a philosopher's workshop, not necessarily alongside LEGO building books. The book begins with a declaration by Sawaya that art is not optional. He notes that art helps fight depression, builds self-esteem and makes the world a better place. From this launching point, Sawaya takes the reader/viewer on a journey through his artistic career ranging from his first contact with the LEGO Company (via a cease and desist letter) to his girlfriend's decision to join him for breakfast rather than visit her 70th floor office of The World Trade Center on 9/11/01.

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