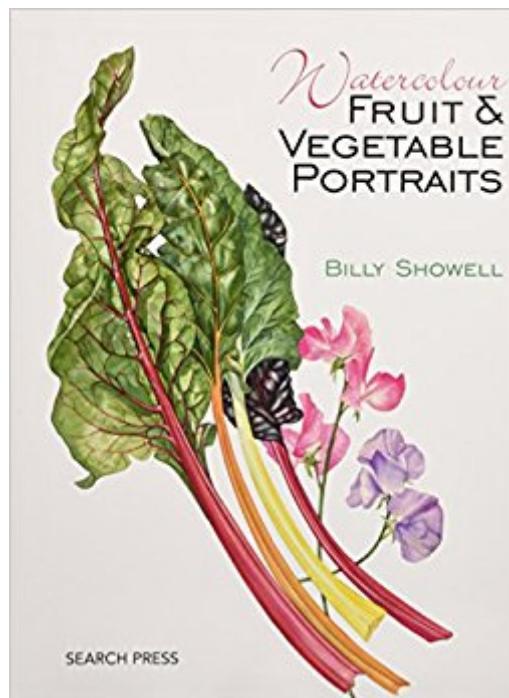


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# Watercolour Fruit & Vegetable Portraits



## Synopsis

Learn how to paint realistic fruit, vegetables and blossom with this beautifully illustrated watercolour course. Billy Showell's amazing paintings and vibrant palette are showcased here as she clearly explains how to create a huge selection of shapes and textures using detailed step-by-step instructions. Starting with basic techniques and use of colour, she shows how to capture the individuality of spiralling artichokes, the smooth contours of aubergines, the sumptuous reds of glossy peppers, the cool yellows of bananas, the subtle hues of blossom and more. Using traditional methods, overlaying washes, dry brush techniques, glazing, masking - she develops pictures that are exciting and different, sometimes with an unconventional and amusing twist that takes the images on to new, contemporary levels. Explanations on drawing, composition, lighting, painting white subjects are included, along with many different ideas and dozens of useful and helpful tips.

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## Customer Reviews

"In this visually striking book the author clearly explains how to create the shapes and textures of fruit, vegetables and blossoms, with detailed step-by-step instruction." *Leisure Painter*  
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Billy Showell graduated from St Martins School of Art with a B.A. in fashion design, but was irresistably drawn to painting and illustration. In 1993 she set course for a career as an artist and now paints, illustrates and teaches botanical painting at her studio and art clubs in the UK, USA and Australia. She lives in Tunbridge Wells, UK with her husband and two sons. Billy has been awarded five Certificates of Botanical Merit from the Society of Botanical Artists and her first book on

watercolour flower portraits has been hugely successful in the UK and abroad. Billy's paintings are collected by her followers the world over and many are available as limited edition prints.

One of the 4 watercolor books produced by Billy Showell. I am currently enrolled in her on-line watercolor class. She is an excellent instructor in both her books and class. The other books that she has written are: Watercolour Flower Portraits, A-Z of Flower Portraits and Botanical Painting in Watercolour.

Great book. Have had this book for awhile can't believe never posted. It is packed with info and very colorful. Makes me happy just looking at it. Not for the beginning watercolorist. This is not a how to step by step book.

Its okay but not as nice as her flower portraits book.

My wife is an artist and she loves this book.

As a teacher of Botanical art I look for books that demonstrate step-by-step samples of how to paint plants. This book is an excellent example of the above. Starting with a tea wash and gradually building the color until the painting is finished. It is easy for a beginner to understand and follow.

This was another of Billy Showell's books on watercolour painting that I love. Being a raw food vegetable eater, the cover on this lovely book alone caught my eye. There is much beauty in vegetables and Billy has caught just how to show you how to capture them in watercolour. The book has many projects to add to my painting list. Once again easy to follow instructions. I would be interested in any of her books in the future. A must have for any beginner and advanced student, certainly on painting table. Prue from Australia

This book has beautiful illustrations of vegetables and fruit to do in watercolor. However, it is not for a beginner. The step by step instructions are very helpful. The author also gives you his color mixes. As a painter for over 8 years, I am still practicing the leaf instructions, to perfect them anywhere near the authors. There are few books on vegetables and fruit in watercolor, this is a good edition to add to your library.

There is a great deal of informative detail in this book and the step by step instructions are excellent for someone deciding fruit and veg. is for me! this is another for the students I teach, which after I had shown them my copy, they all felt this was another good one

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