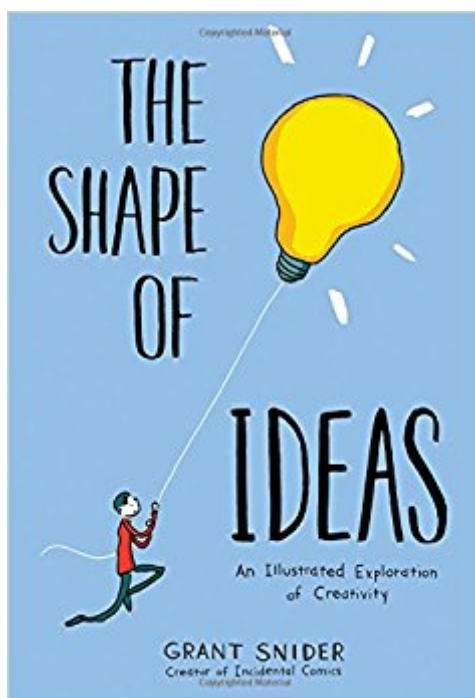


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# The Shape Of Ideas: An Illustrated Exploration Of Creativity



## Synopsis

What does an idea look like? And where do they come from? Grant Snider's illustrations will motivate you to explore these questions, inspire you to come up with your own answers and, like all Gordian knots, prompt even more questions. Whether you are a professional artist or designer, a student pursuing a creative career, a person of faith, someone who likes walks on the beach, or a dreamer who sits on the front porch contemplating life, this collection of one- and two-page comics will provide insight into the joys and frustrations of creativity, inspiration, and process—no matter your age or creative background.

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"Grant Snider's work delivers introspection, humor, and inspiration in visually stunning drawings. They are a colorful look into the creative process—from the moments of quiet contemplation to the days of frenzied desperation." (Susan Cain author of *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking*) "Grant Snider's *The Shape of Ideas* is a creative kaleidoscope of humor, insight, and truth. An inventive window into the creative experience filled with hope and encouragement for daydreamers and doodlers, sketchers and scribblers, inventors, explorers, and spinners of yarns." (Clare Vanderpool Newbery Medal Winner for *Moon Over Manifest* and the Printz Honor for *Navigating Early*)

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American Comics in 2013. He lives in Wichita, Kansas, with his wife and three children. Visit him online at [incidentalcomics.com](http://incidentalcomics.com).

What a lovely book! I haven't ever read one like it, as comic books are not my usual genre, and this author is a very talented comic creator. It is clever, witty, sensitive, funny, and frank. There are many pages I want to share with people I know, like I would if they were on FB or some social media. I love the Needles and Haystacks one because it feels so true for me. Sometimes I can't seem to find the right haystack, or any haystack. Other times, it feels like there is one that is all needles and I fell into it accidentally, not even looking for any hay. I am a creative person too, although I have never stopped before to reflect upon where my ideas come from or how they develop. It's a very interesting thing to do. I just love this, going to share with all my friends. Appropriate for kids too, would make a really nice gift, as you never know where inspiration will strike, as the author so deftly points out to us. Besides the really thoughtful conceptual comics, the illustrations are just fabulous. I want to cut some out and put them on my fridge. I think I will if I can figure out how to make that happen from my Kindle copy. Please write more Grant Snider. You have a new fan!

I just couldn't put this down! He nails every artists' dreams, nightmares, creative process, observations, hopes, fears, and beauty in simple, wonderful, concise pictures that have left me speechless, warm and fuzzy, and hoping for more! So unique and original...thoughtful and inspiring. Incredible! I hope there is much more to come. I am now a fan for life!   

Great book! I've been following Grant Snider's comics on facebook for a while, and was super excited to hear that he was releasing a book. The book's beautiful, and I can't wait to read it.

What a clever book! It's the perfect coffee table book. Each page is full of quirky, clever, and filled with inspired ideas and illustrations. Each page has enough detail and stories to be its own chapter. People can't help but pick it up! I can't wait for the next one by this author.

I love Grant Snider's work. I loved all his posters and wished they had been assembled in a book, and then he came out with this wonderful book! I did buy a couple of his posters and they make me smile and think each time I look at them.

I have been enjoying Grant Snider's work online for a couple of years now. I consider him to be a fantastic visual poet, and love how he plays with words and concepts. When this book was announced I pre-ordered 4 copies through right away. I gave each of my 3 adult children a copy. I think you will love his work and be glad you purchased this book.

Fun, insightful look into creative process and struggle. As someone who followed his comics for a while I found being able to read them in the right order made me appreciate them more.

I thought that the comics were thought provoking and inspiring, but was also very impressed with the overall quality of the book. Feels like a piece of art that is perfect for a coffee table or living room.

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