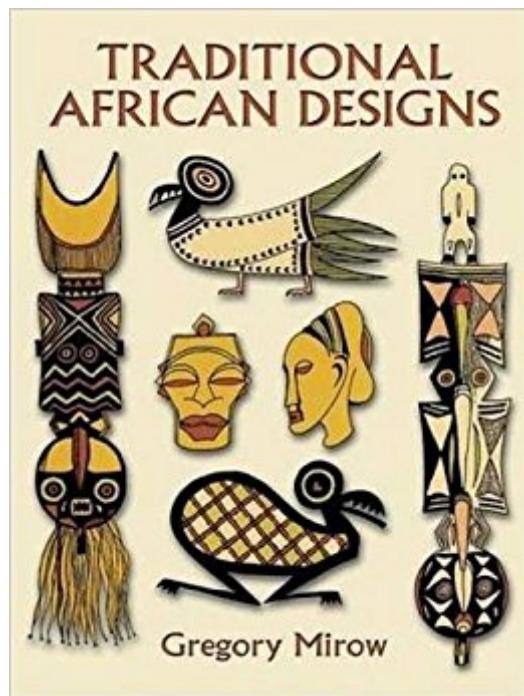


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Nice designs. Could be more bushmen drawings.

I really like this book because have big designs and drawings which help me see clearly the differences and all.

This book had very few clip art designs that were of any use. The concentrated on some masks but no real designs. The other book had a CD in it and had all the same pictures too. This was a better investment. Wish I had known that before I wasted my money on both books. Neither were very good. Have several Dover clip art books and this was one of the most disappointing.

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