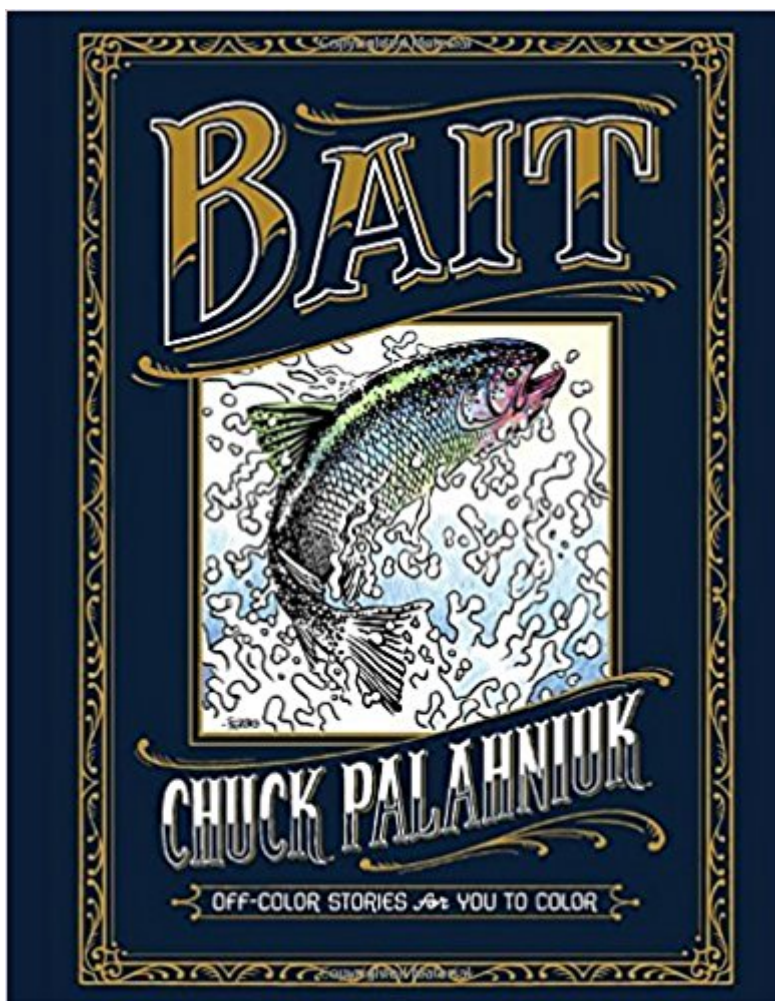


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# Bait: Off-Color Stories For You To Color



## Synopsis

An all-new collection of short fiction from the author of *Fight Club*, that also doubles as an adult coloring book! New York Times bestselling novelist Chuck Palahniuk presents *Bait: Off-Color Stories for You to Color*, his first ever coloring book for adults. *Bait* is both the coloring book debut and the second short story collection for Palahniuk, author of *Lullaby* and *Fight Club*. The 8.5 x 11 inch hardcover album contains eight bizarre tales, illustrated in detailed black and white by JoAnn Jones (Lady Killer), Lee Bermejo (The Suiciders), Duncan Fegredo (Hellboy), and more. Each story is paired with pieces of colorable original art, nearly 50 in all! Palahniuk invites readers to collaborate on this unprecedented hardcover edition: "Maybe between your colors, the artists' designs, and my stories we can create something that endures. Something worth keeping. Let's create a well-bound book that can sit on any shelf and be available for a new generation to discover and enjoy." Palahniuk's short stories are provocative and not for the faint of heart. (His public readings are notorious for making audience members pass out.) Kirkus Reviews described Palahniuk's 2015 short story collection *Make Something Up: Stories You Can't Unread* as "Pathos and panic and penitence from one of the darkest and most singular minds in contemporary American lit." *Bait* continues in that vein with stories about: A passenger on the Titanic who finds a surgical solution to the obstacle of "women and children first". A Hollywood star whose fading brand faces a viral (and scatological) internet campaign. An animal psychic who coaxes a statement from a fish that witnessed a political assassination. Increasingly terrible birthday gifts that place a girl at the center of an extinction-level event. Reviews for 2015's *Make Something Up*: "Palahniuk finds sincerity among his characters even in disreputable occurrences." -- Publishers Weekly "He makes it absolutely clear that he's still the man who wrote 'Guts,' the infamous story that made fans pass out at readings." -- Kirkus Reviews Reviews for *Fight Club 2*: "At turns deeply poignant and very funny, Palahniuk's freakish fables capture a twisted zeitgeist and add an oddly inspirational and subversive voice to the contemporary canon . . . In the post-9/11 present, a hyperactive, Internet-obsessed, war- and recession-weary America apparently needs Tyler again." -- The Atlantic "Chuck Palahniuk's *Fight Club 2* is as much a kinetic read as it is a pivotal watermark for the comic industry to receive such a high-profile cross-media debut. We are Jack's eager eyes." -- Paste

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## Customer Reviews

“Not content with displaying the underbelly of modern American society in projects like *Fight Club*, *Survivor* and *Choke*, author Chuck Palahniuk has turned his attention to an unexpected new medium: the coloring book. —THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER “Chuck Palahniuk is pushing boundaries again. —COMICBOOK.COM “Chuck Palahniuk brings his twisted vision to the humble coloring book. —PLAYBOY “Within eight salacious short stories, *Bait* presents problematic parents, taboo-centric sex clubs, scatological celebrity satire, and a Titanically-twisted *Pygmalion* variant, all with that Palahniuk edge fans have come to anticipate, with equal measures of excitement and anxiety. —CBR “Remember those adult coloring books with all of those repetitive floral, sometimes tribal, most times trippy designs? Yes, that’s the inspiration. But instead of giving you some peace of mind with mindless coloring, you’re given eight short stories of *Fight Club* quality, drawn by nine renowned artists. —EPICSTREAM “The bestselling author of *Fight Club* and *Make Something Up* is famous for penning macabre tales that haunt readers, and his latest does not disappoint. *Bait* pairs eight disturbing short stories with gorgeous (and twisted) illustrations from eight artists, forming a short story/coloring book hybrid created solely for adults. —PASTE MAGAZINE “The mind that changed our perspectives on the childish idea of an imaginary friend is taking the innocent notion of a coloring book and warping it into a complex emotional symphony dealing with ideas such as legacy, fame, and survival. —COMICS BEAT “Those evocative images of Palahniuk’s prose are brought to the page with crisp black-and-white linework, inviting readers to contribute their own creative vision through coloring. |Joelle Jones’s illustrations enrich the story with art nouveau-inspired visuals that are as beautiful as they are haunting. Like most adult coloring

books, there's an intricacy to the linework that demands a certain degree of focus, and Jones goes overboard with detail to make the coloring process even more involved. Readers can join the fun with the release of Bait this Wednesday, and the impressive hardcover package makes Bait a great gift idea for any Palahniuk fans during the holiday season.

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"Some of the best comic book artists in the industry have lent their talents to Bait. FREAK SUGAR "Too sick, too profane and too disturbing to be within arm's reach of anyone who isn't prepared to be scarred by Palahniuk's biting prose. But, more importantly, it is an amazing read, and if you're going to get any coloring book aimed at adults (and by god, this must be the adult-iest on the market), it should be this one.

AL.COM "The conceit is a blast. Ingenious...Palahniuk likes to involve his readers, and maybe even have them be co-conspirators. I loved this book. It's smart in a new way that deserves to be recognized. Congratulations once again to Palahniuk for showing us a new way to do things and to make us involved.

FORCES OF GEEK "Kids will want to stay far away from Chuck Palahniuk's new coloring book, entitled Bait, but kids at heart will enjoy indulging their creepy creative side by filling in illustrations to gruesome stories like "Salvation.

SIGNATURE

Chuck Palahniuk's ten previous novels are the bestselling *Fight Club*, which was made into a film by David Fincher; *Survivor*; *Invisible Monsters*; *Choke*, which was made into a film by director Clark Gregg; *Lullaby*, which is currently in development for film; *Diary*; *Haunted*; *Rant*; *Snuff*; and *Pygmy*. He is also the author of *Fugitives and Refugees*, a nonfiction profile of Portland, Oregon, published as part of the *Crown Journeys* series, and the nonfiction collection *Stranger Than Fiction*. He lives in the Pacific Northwest. Chuck's *Make Something Up*, a collection of short stories and one novella, was released in 2015, and *Fight Club 2* the follow up to the enormously successful *Fight Club*, debuts June 2016 from Dark Horse Comics.

I have been staring at this in my cart for months, I finally treated myself for my bday. I love Chuck, so I'm looking forward to being his colorist! I want to read the stories before I color the illustrations, but you could just color them. Great, detailed drawings. It just matters to nerdy me to want to be inspired by his stories, as if I really am part of this book. I will probably make some copies of the drawings to practice on. The pages are nice and thick. Perfect for crayons/pencils. If you're a Chuck fan, you can't go wrong buying this. But, as another reviewer mentioned, coloring this will be fun, though not necessarily relaxing. I wish more authors did this. Looking forward to the next one. Will

update once I've, maybe, colored something. The book itself is nice, fairly sturdy for the price, especially. Will look great in home. Have just started to read two of the stories inside. So far, I love them. Keep in mind that I adore just about all things Chuck Palahniuk

Everything happened as the seller said it would. The product is high quality, and it exceeded my expectations. I'm very pleased! And as far as I'm concerned, Chuck Palahniuk can do no wrong.

Good stories if you're a Chuck fan, and if you can get past someone maybe calling you a snowflake for adult coloring, it's pretty cool. The pictures are very detailed, so if you want them to look nice it's not really a relaxing experience to color them. Fun, maybe, but not relaxing. I'd suggest a 50 box of colored pencils, and prepare for a lot of decisions and careful in-line coloring, if you care how they turn out.

My son bought this book for me to color before he reads it ( he lives in a different state), and I'm enjoying coloring the pictures before I send it to him. Chuck recommends using colored pencils, as markers will bleed through. He now has another fan; I read the stories before coloring to get a better feel for the color scheme.

Loved the hard cover and great paper quality! Amazing gift for any Chuck Palahniuk fan!!

Love Palahniuk and love this book. It's gorgeously made and the stories are the typical twisted writing you would come to expect from him. Recommend if you're a little twisted too.

Looking for a coloring book with a little strange and naughtiness, the pick this up. Highly recommend it. Chucks books are the best. Nice guy to meet also.

The illustrations are absolutely breathtaking, the stories are brilliant

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