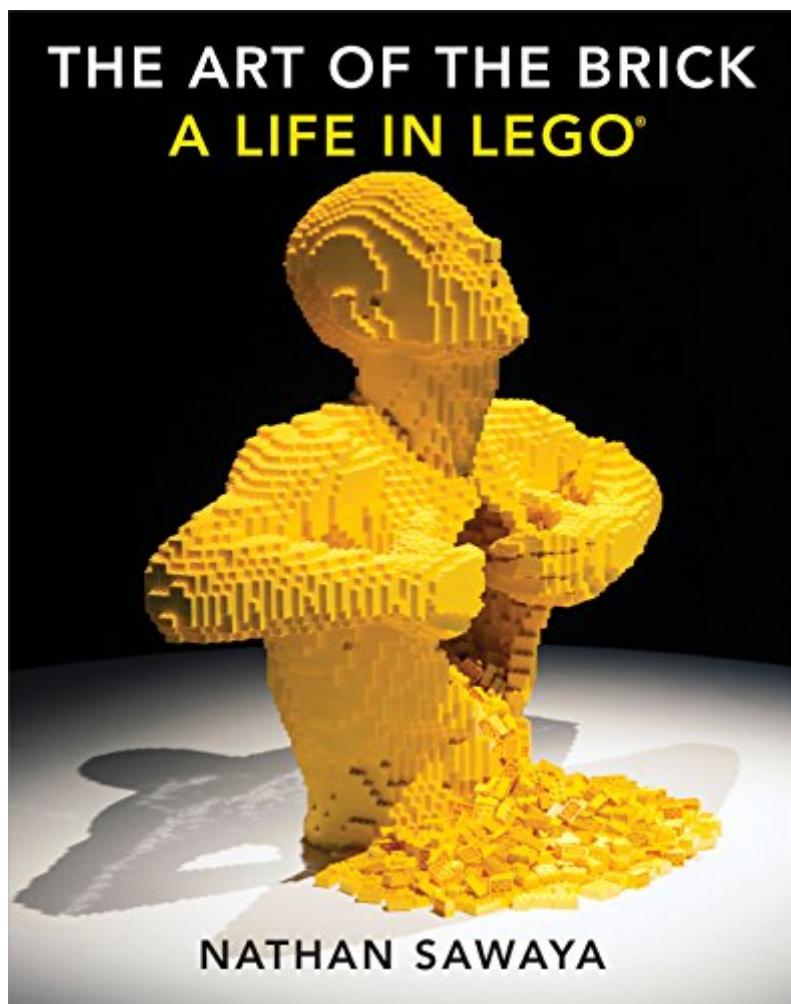


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# The Art Of The Brick: A Life In LEGO



## **Synopsis**

Nathan Sawaya is renowned for his incredible, sometimes surreal, sculptures and portraitsâ "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. Heâ ™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 Sawayaâ ™s book, I jumped at the chance. This book is Nathanâ ™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. Sawayaâ™s book is quite different. Itâ™s a cross between an artist statement and his life story. Itâ™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 arenâ™t designed to stoke a young builderâ™s mind. The pictures evoke emotions, tell a story, or hint at manâ™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 philosopherâ™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 girlfriendâ™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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