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NATIONAL PARKS

COLORING BOOK



Color famous scenes from the national parks in the whimsical style of folk artist Eric Dowdle

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• INTRODUCTION •

Travel to America's "best idea," it's glorious national parks and historical monuments, throughout the pages of this coloring book. Lose yourself in the coloring pages created from Dowdle's intricately detailed artwork. Original full-color illustrations alongside the coloring pages offer inspiration for color choices for hours of relaxing fun. So, grab your colored pencils, markers, or gel pens and start exploring!



Dowdle Folk Art

Dowdle Folk Art was born in the 1990s with Eric going door-to-door, offering to do paintings of homes.

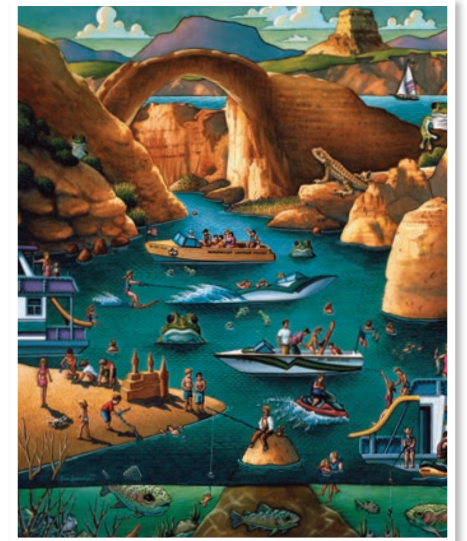
Based on his unique style, he received a commission to paint eight original works featuring historic Salt Lake City. Through years of intense effort and hours of sacrifice, Eric built a unique style, with fluffy "Dowdle clouds," sculpted "Dowdle mountains," and hidden images with stories in each painting.

In 1997 Eric took a chance and had some of his original paintings made into puzzles. The rest is marketing history, as his company has sold more than 10 million puzzles through Costco, Walmart, grocery chains, and small businesses worldwide. His artwork and puzzles have become collectible favorites. Now fans of his art can make art themselves with his intricate coloring pages.

Meet Eric Dowdle

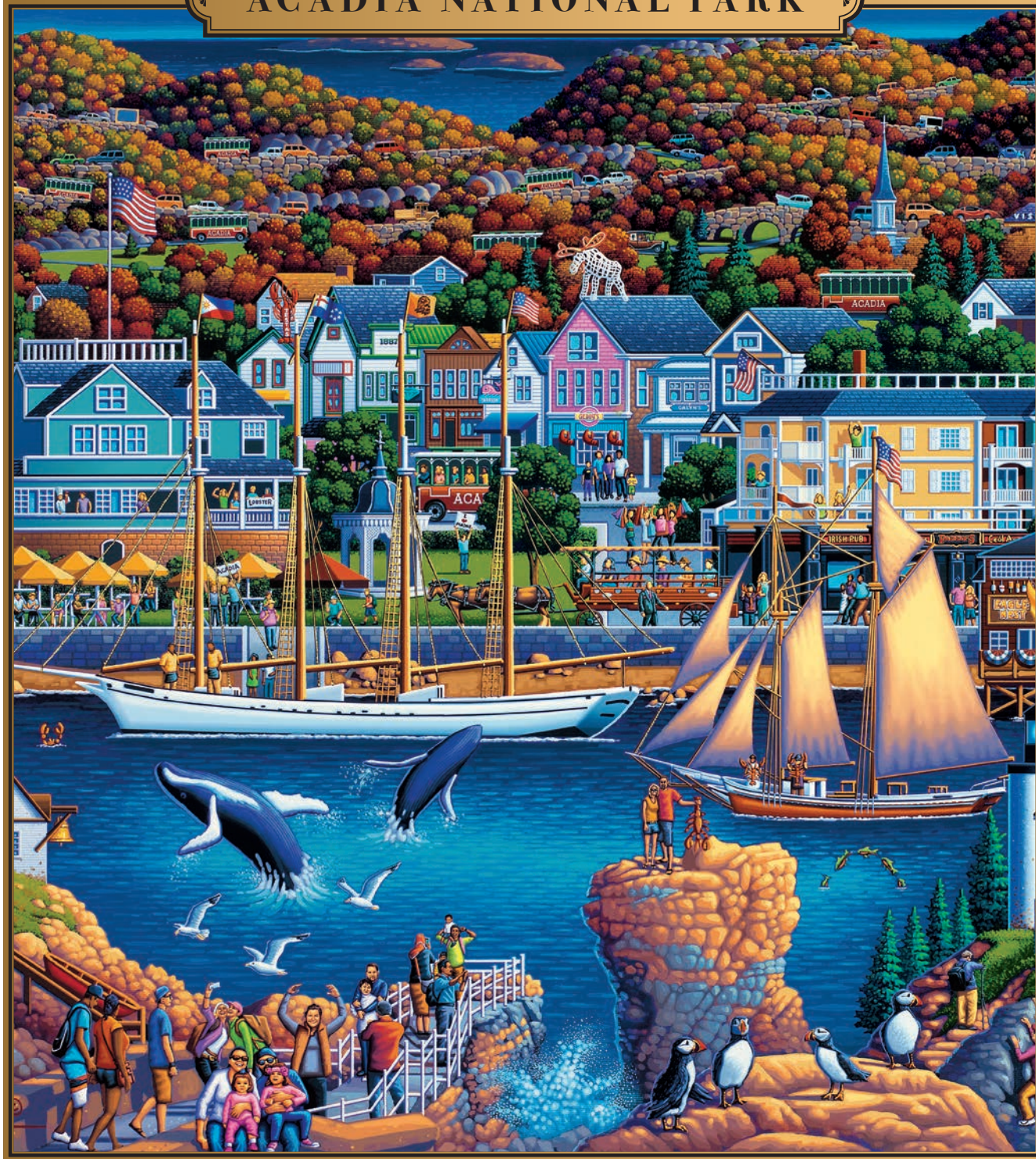
Eric Richard Dowdle was born the 10th of 12 children. After graduating from Green River High School, Eric's family moved to Massachusetts where he was introduced to the art of Charles Wysocki and he began gravitating toward folk art.

Eric says, "I [chose] this style because it tells the story of people interacting with their environment. As a big family, we always told stories, some of which were even true." Eric Dowdle is, above all else, a storyteller. He has hosted a radio program, *Traveling with Eric Dowdle*, a television series, *Painting the Town with Eric Dowdle*, and traveled the world to create his paintings. Though his methods continue to evolve, his art is always about the story.



[From National Parks by Eric Dowdle - learn more!](#)

ACADIA NATIONAL PARK



Acadia National Park is located off the Atlantic coast in Maine and is known for its colorful forests, rocky beaches, and towering granite peaks, such as Cadillac Mountain, the highest point on the eastern seaboard.

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