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Joel Meadows, Gary Marshall : Studio Space before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Studio Space:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A little disappointing
By Snow man 001
The book itself is OK, the artist interviews read like an email survey, but there are some interesting answers here and there, and it's not a bad read, just not good or great. And very little of the art samples are really you haven't seen before if you've read any of the similar books out there or if you've read comics at all. But the real disappointment is in the artist portraits. Each section starts out with a blank white empty full page on the left hand side, and the right hand page starts out with a small portrait. ONE SMALL PORTRAIT EACH! Some of the artist portraits include some of the artist's studio, some are tighter close ups, barely showing any workspace at all. But each only has the one photo. For a book whose title is "studio space" and whose cover shows two great color studio photos, I was a little disappointed to find there was one black and white photo per artist and very few photos ACTUALLY showing a decent look at the studio. I would have

liked to at the very least, seen one shot of each artists work space. Maybe that blank white page to the left could have been a full shot of the work space in addition to the portrait on the right hand page? If you are looking for books that show a little more photos of artists studio spaces try, an older book, Dream Makers by Chris Evans, which features decent interviews along with one or more nice color shots of six artists, not all from comics some are illustrators and fantasy artists, (Artists included; Michael Kaluta, Berni Wrightson, Charles Vess, Melvyn Grant, Julek Heller Chris Moore). Or for a book which features a more serious focus on photographs of artists studios, there is a newer book, The Artist Within by Greg Preston which features hundreds of artists, and lots of great photos shot exclusively for the book, but unfortunately much less text, and is not as satisfying to read, but it is so full of rich photography, if you are fascinated by artist's workspaces you'll find this a much more satisfying book than Studio Space. (The Artist Within, includes artists like Frank Miller, Al Hirschfeld, Joe Barbera, Jack Kirby, Joe Simon, Moebius, Walter and Louise Simonson and lots more). 15 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Great Content, Not Exactly What I Expected By Stango Tigerfists This book gets an easy four stars just for the wealth of content about the methods and backgrounds of the featured artists, and I would definitely recommend it on that basis. But based on the original solicitation prior to its release, I had expected a book with lots of images of physical working spaces. Instead, there's just one photo of each artist's studio, and some of those pictures aren't particularly revealing. That's my hang-up, but I thought it might be useful info for those weighing a purchase. The text suffers from poor editing (a sentence stopping midway through, words used incorrectly), and the interview material seems to be culled together from various sources in a way that occasionally makes for jagged reading. Additionally, the editors are from the UK, and I doubt Alex Ross uses the word "whilst". Still, these are petty complaints if you just want lots of info on each artist at a reasonable price. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The interviews and photos are fine, but the text is incredibly sloppy tons of surface ... By A.S. The interviews and photos are fine, but the text is incredibly sloppy tons of surface errors throughout the book. Disappointing.

Offering a unique glimpse at the way that the finest comic artists work, visiting their studios and getting into their mindset, Studio Space also discusses the training that the artists undertook, their big break, and whether their working methods have changed over the years. Showcases the creators of Watchmen, 300, Sin City, Hellboy, and many more!