



# KRISTEN THORNE

ILLUSTRATION - GRAPHICS

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## SUMMARY

I am an accomplished illustrator with a proven track record of crafting captivating artwork tailored for diverse mediums. My expertise lies in product creation, where I leverage a keen eye for detail and a dedicated passion for storytelling to breathe life into illustrated materials!

## EXPERTISE

- Proficient in digital software such as Adobe Creative Suite, InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, and Clip Studio Paint
- Strong communication skills with the ability to convey ideas clearly and collaborate effectively.
- Experienced working within a preexisting brands.
- Exceptional organizational skills, capable of managing multiple projects simultaneously.
- Self-motivated, positive attitude, and able to thrive in a fast-paced environment!
- Familiarity with corporate software systems: Microsoft Office, Slack, Censhare

## PUBLISHED

- Thorne, Kristen. (2023). Fairy Homes Coloring Book: For Adults with Fantasy Designs for Fun and Relaxation [Paperback]. Jade Summer.
- Thorne, Kristen. (2023). Mandala Coloring Book: For Adults with Beautiful Patterns for Fun and Relaxation [Paperback]. Jade Summer.
- Thorne, Kristen. (Currently Unreleased). Journey to the Stars: Brea and Brantley's Space Adventure [Paperback]. ANNA + POOKIE.

## EDUCATION

- [University of South Carolina - Beaufort 2022](#)  
Bachelor of Arts, Studio Art with a Media Arts Concentration
- [California Institute of the Arts - Online 2023](#)  
Certificate of Graphic Design Specialization

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Coloring Book Illustrator

Jade Summer - Fritzen Publishing LLC 2023

- Developed and implemented new, innovative designs for new coloring books, while being true to the existing product line under the guidance of the Art Director.
- Collaborated closely with fellow digital illustrators to ensure cohesive design execution.
- Provided art direction with management to the artist responsible for inking illustrations.
- Proactively researched product trends to ensure books followed new popular themes and topics, ensuring the product would be advertised to new potential audiences and guarantee sales.
- Created conceptual work for all book illustrations to ensure visual consistency throughout.
- Cultivated knowledge of other publishers and design leaders in similar niches to gain a competitive advantage.
- Highly motivated in managing workload of several projects with different deadlines while ensuring high quality products.

### Children's Book Illustrator

Anna + Pookie 2023

- Adapted the preexisting characters from product packaging into a storybook format that would engage and resonate with children.
- Collaborating closely with the creative team, actively discussed engaging and age-appropriate storylines that aligned with the brand's values.
- Responsible for creating all the illustrations for the book, ensuring consistency with the characters' established appearances while adding depth and detail to enhance their appeal. Additionally, designed the book's layout, cover, and overall visual presentation to align with the brand's image.
- Worked closely with author, and other team members to coordinate innovative design elements, page layouts, and text integration.
- Conducted thorough quality checks to guarantee the final product met the highest standards in terms of content, design, and overall appeal.
- Subsequently brought on for additional children's books for the brand, building a consistent portfolio of engaging and educational content.

### Calendar Illustrator

Foster Dawg 2021

- Worked closely with a talented team to design and create character illustrations for a 2022 calendar, combining creative input and expertise to bring Thomas Sanders' characters to life.
- Collaborated seamlessly with fellow team members, including Thomas Sanders and the Art Director, to ensure a consistent and cohesive look for all illustrations featured in the calendar. This involved maintaining a unified color palette, style, and thematic coherence.
- Ensured that each character illustration was faithful to the well-established personas known to Thomas Sanders' dedicated YouTube audience.
- Successfully met project milestones and deadlines, maintaining a rigorous schedule to ensure timely completion of the calendar for its scheduled release.
- Actively sought and incorporated feedback from Thomas Sanders and his team to refine character illustrations, ensuring they aligned perfectly with the brand's vision and audience expectations.
- The 2022 calendar featuring these illustrations was well-received by Thomas Sanders' YouTube audience and fans, contributing to the brand's merchandise offerings and strengthening its connection with the community.