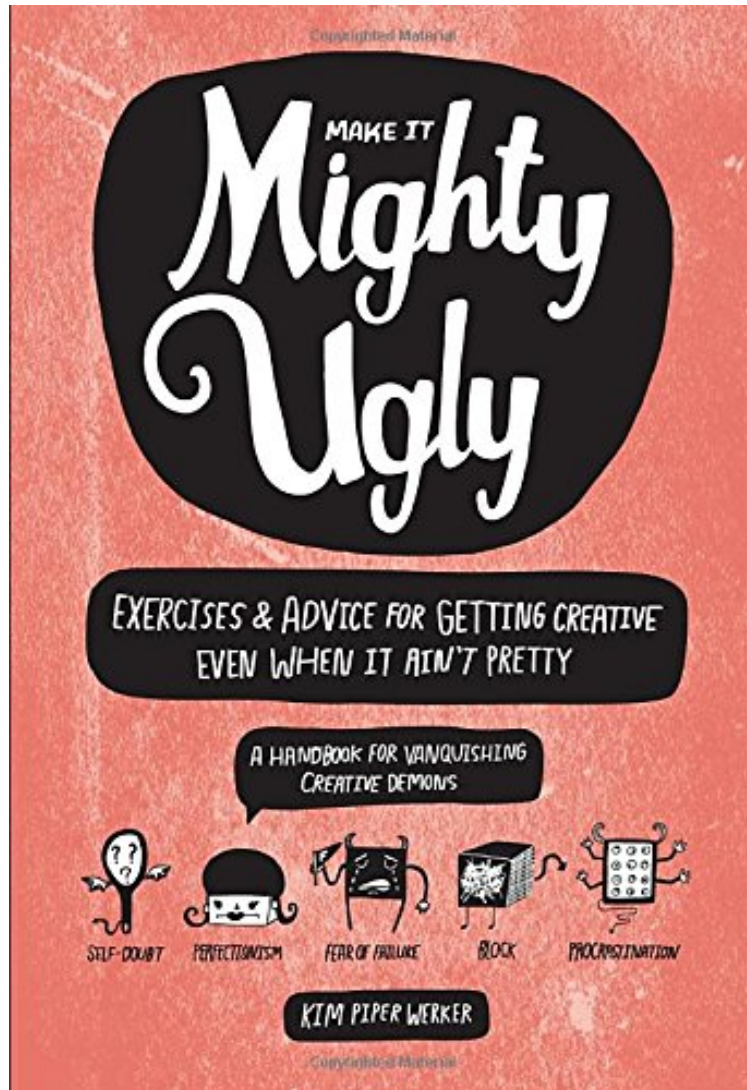


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appreciate her honest, down to earth writing style. It is like she is talking to you over a cup of coffee. She is not "Preachy", but out to honestly inspire others that may be stuck due to one's own creative insecurities. And as I am going thru this book, (not completed yet, as I am savoring it a bit), I am realizing that this book, can be applied not just to my many creative interests, but other aspects of my life. For me, I am glad I bought this book. (and hope she writes another....hmmm should probably check!) Cheers! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A must read for all makers By L. Press This book is full of practical advice for the creative or maker who is wrestling with all of the classic demons--self-doubt, procrastination, fear of failing, changing course, regretting, etc... Kim Werker has clear and reassuring advice for all of these things. Her advice is a rare combination of philosophical thoughts with concrete tangible solutions. Most of all, she is witty, which counts a lot for me. I loved the book and think it is a must read for all makers and creatives. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Ok book. More for beginners. By desds This book was recommended to me by a fellow maker and small biz owner. Book is full of activities for self reflection and growth. I didn't find it particularly enlightening but I do think it's a must for people just beginning to turn their crafts into a biz.

Fans of DIY projects and crafts will conquer their fear of failure and create their own masterpieces using this fun and inspiring handbook. Get Crafty. Make Great Stuff. Be Creative! The number one fear of all creative types crafters, DIYers, makers, artists is that failure lurks right around the corner. Crafty blogger and creativity guru Kim Piper Werker urges everyone to pick up their pen or paintbrush or scissors and make something mighty ugly: get that failure out of the way. This friendly book offers up a multi-pronged approach to overcoming creative fears through inspiring essays and anecdotes, interviews, exercises and prompts, and sage advice from all over the creative spectrum to help individuals slay their creative demons.

For every person who produces creative works there are legions who do not because of their fear of failing or of producing "bad" work. Werker (Crochet Me) encourages everyone to push through that fear and just go ahead and make something, no matter how it turns out. Divided into three parts: "name the demons," "make stuff," and "keep on making stuff," the book highlights the most common creative demons and discusses how to move beyond them in an engaging and friendly manner. The author uses prompts, exercises, and her own and others' personal experiences to show that creativity does not have to be beautiful; in fact, it can be mighty ugly. VERDICT Werker provides a thoughtful look at the internal voices that keep people from expressing their creativity in a book that will work well beyond the crafting world; anyone needing to identify their own blocks will find this inspiring title useful in their own lives. Library Journal Make It Mighty Ugly: Exercises and Advice for Getting Creative Even When It Ain't Pretty, by Kim Werker, has us aim directly for failure so we can get it over with. Upbeat without being saccharine, Kim invites us to identify our personal monsters and listen to what they have to say in a series of exercises designed to loosen up our creative muscles. Even if you think you don't have any creative blocks, you may find the exercises to be a little scary. You didn't think there was a monster under your bed...until you really looked, and found one. The author is up front about this, and says you are on the right track if you are feeling anxious when you start to look. Sprinkled throughout the book are recommendations for additional material, including links to projects and talks, as well as anecdotes and quotes from people Kim interviewed about their creative demons. Knitty.com So you want to live a more passion-filled, purposeful and creative life...riiiight after you watch that Seinfeld re-run, organize your Tupperware drawer, talk to your cat Professor Snuggles, and water your cactus plant. Sound familiar? The anxiety over starting a creative project and making it perfect can be so overwhelming at times that we'd rather do almost anything else. Solution? Do it and make it ugly. In fact, Make it Mighty Ugly says Kim Piper Werker, the author behind the motivating handbook for vanquishing creative demons. Sad Mag Even if you're living your passion at a full time job and looking for a guide to help you become a "creative person" this book is absolutely worth the buy. . .you don't have to have been a girl scout with a sewing machine to be creative! And Make It Mighty Ugly teaches readers how to do just that. How to embrace your inner child who wasn't afraid to make ugly things (and mistakes) and create. Hands Occupied The Mighty Ugly project is about making things that are ugly on purpose, "in a continuing effort to challenge our definitions, perceptions, and expectations of failure." Creator Kim Werker has a whole book coming out on the subject in 2014, if you're moved to make some of your own (very liberating) failure-successes. BuzzFeed If you are creative, you need this book. If you want to be creative? You needed this yesterday. I seriously love it. I would read a page or two and then launch myself off my couch to Do Something Awesome. Rachael Herron, Yarn-a-Go-Go I haven't read a book this helpful to artists and other creative types since reading a little book called The Artists Way. . . Sew Country Chick A great book for anyone who creates or wants to (from writers, crafters, painters, etc.), with a step-by-step approach using exercises that gently instruct readers to push their boundaries, identifying strengths and weaknesses and encouraging readers to get their hands dirty, working through creative blocks, procrastination, and finally sharing one's work. Poppytalk. . .What we loved most about Mighty Ugly is that it retains its inspiration and effectiveness even as you return to it time and again. It's rare to find a self-help-for-creativity book that is so very accessible, with the perfect mix of humor and thoughtfulness. . . Crafting Connections At the root of so many human

endeavors is creativity and this book is here as a guide through the messy, uncomfortable, untidy spectacular mess of it all. A Happy Stitch Kim does an amazing job of connecting with us as creative readers. I really believe that this book can be useful to more than just the creatives that it is geared towards. The exercises challenge you to dig deep and gather all of your demons and then tell them off. Casa Crafty About the Author KIM PIPER WERKER is a writer and freelance editor who tries to make something anything every day. Many of those things are awful; some are not. Originally from Brooklyn, NY, she lives in Vancouver, BC. Learn more about her work, teaching schedule, and rag-tag adventures at [KimWerker.com](http://KimWerker.com). For more on Mighty Ugly, including links to resources and a book-club guide, visit [MightyUgly.com](http://MightyUgly.com).