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Scientific Illustration Coloring Page Inspired by Maria Sibylla Merian



Portrait of Maria Sibylla Merian

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What is a Scientific Illustration?

Scientific illustrations are artworks that reflect the findings and ideas of science. Typically, they are very detailed and help us to see important aspects of bug, plant and animal life. Scientific illustrators are artists that also work in science.

Who was Maria Sibylla Merian?

Maria Sibylla Merian (German, 1647-1717) was an entomologist, botanist, naturalist and artist. She illustrated insects, their habitat and food sources, and the process of metamorphosis. Because of her careful observation and documentation in her book *Metamorphosis Insectorum Surinamensium*, Merian is considered to be a significant contributor to the field of entomology (the study of insects).



Maria Sibylla Merian, German, 1647 - 1717

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From *Metamorphosis Insectorum Surinamensium*, Amsterdam

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