Translated faithfully from the Japanese edition, this coffee table book contains all the FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST color artwork by manga artist Hiromu Arakawa from 2001 to 2003. The Art of Fullmetal Alchemist contains over 90 pages of gorgeous painted illustrations, including all the title pages as printed in color in the Japanese magazine Shonen Gangan; Japanese tankobon (graphic novel) and promotional artwork, with source listings; portraits of the main characters; and character designs from the PS2 game Fullmetal Alchemist and the Broken Angel. Includes a special two-page message from Hiromu Arakawa.

My Personal Review:
It may be confusing as to what exactly the Fullmetal Alchemist artbook contains. It's not the artbook for the anime, but the manga. Therefore, the book is mostly a compilation of the manga artist's traditional works. Hiromu Arakawa has mastered a medium that is rarely used by anime artists; acrylic paint. This makes her pieces stand out against what is typically seen in the anime world, but at the same time they are as polished, beautiful, and dynamic as any other anime artbook images I've seen. What the other reviewer said is true, it's mostly character art-but that's the focus of most artbooks of manga illustrators. If you want the components of the anime, backgrounds, a detail of Ed's watch, etc, you should look to fanbooks. If you've never read the manga before, you should know that Arakawa's characters in print look a little different than their animated counterparts, so you might enjoy the original take on them here. (They're still easily recognizable and Arakawa makes their personality come out in her paintings.) There are also a small number of images from the FMA game.

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