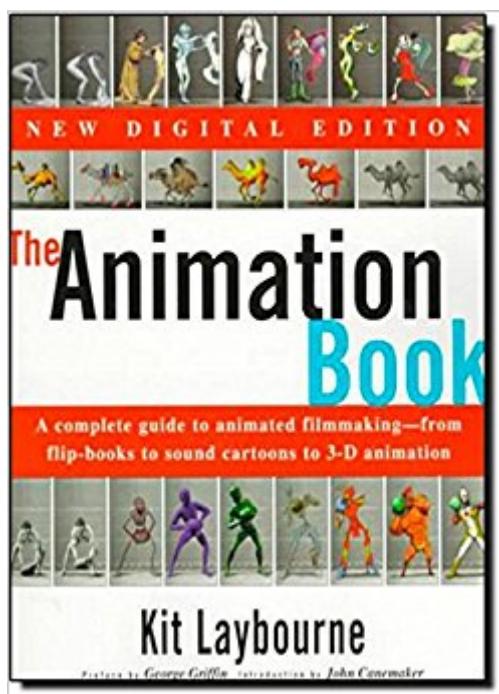


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The Animation Book: A Complete Guide To Animated Filmmaking--From Flip-Books To Sound Cartoons To 3- D Animation



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This animation book is the food equivalent of Thanksgiving at a pot-luck, or a buffet. I can sample

one bite of everything, end up so full I can't walk. The ingredients and all it's parts are a mystery, but I get to sample the end product. Anotherwords, this book will not teach you how to operate complicated software, such as Photoshop, but it will teach you what software you want to sample. Sort of like going to the video store and reading the captions, but not actually watching the movie, just get an idea for what movie you want to see. Anyway, I really like it and look forward to reading the whole thing. So far I have read chapter 1 and skipped to chapters 23 and 24(about software and hardware), then will return to chapter 2.

good book but obsolete in technology. The book tells you different methods of making animation besides traditional animation. One the materials they used aren't even on the market no more. Still, the contains a lot of education for alternative method for producing animation....

I once owned the original 1979 edition of this book and missed it for a while. I had been wanting the more modern version of this book anyway. Although it was printed in 1998, it still is relevant. I would recommend this book for anyone who wants to learn the basics of animation drawing, at least. Outdated, but still good. That is why I love this book. Thanks for letting me share.

This book is a bit dated but most of the info in it is timeless. As a former computer animator, I picked this up out of interest without any expectations. I found it an incredible guide to animation, as complete as you could hope in any book. The author covers all aspects of the art and gives a fairly good rundown of each technique. Its an overview book but a very, very good one.I highly recommend it.

I have no idea how great the information was in this book I recommended it to anyone who who is interested in animation , specially it's history, the bases of animation.

well written and offers detailed information from start to finish

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