

## Cinefex Magazine

**Discusses the personal life and professional career of comedy writer/actor/filmmaker Mel Brooks.**

**In the past twenty years, we have seen the rise of digital effects cinema in which the human performer is entangled with animation, collaged with other performers, or inserted into perilous or fantastic situations and scenery. Making Believe sheds new light on these developments by historicizing screen performance within the context of visual and special effects cinema and**

**technological change in Hollywood filmmaking, through the silent, early sound, and current digital eras. Making Believe incorporates North American film reviews and editorials, actor and crew interviews, trade and fan magazine commentary, actor training manuals, and film production publicity materials to discuss the shifts in screen acting practice and philosophy around transfiguring makeup, doubles, motion capture, and acting to absent places or characters. Along the way it considers how performers and visual and special effects crew**

**work together, and struggle with the industry, critics, and each other to define the aesthetic value of their work, in an industrial system of technological reproduction. Bode opens our eyes to the performing illusions we love and the tensions we experience in wanting to believe in spite of our knowledge that it is all make believe in the end. Every film or show that we watch, no matter how great the final cut, has its problems during production. Whether it's a bad performance from an actor, a hole in the story or script, continuity or pacing issues, or something being**

**placed in a shot that shouldn't be, there's no shortage of problems encountered once postproduction has begun. Fixing these problems then becomes the job of the editor. This book provides those editors with creative editing solutions they can employ to overcome these problems and is the key to nursing a sick project back to health in the editing room. Though the book takes an application-agnostic approach, specific solutions are presented for today's most commonly used non-linear editing applications. Solutions more relevant to certain genres are discussed in-depth,**

**as are solutions that editors can employ through the use of simple VFX techniques. Case studies and interviews with Hollywood editors provide readers with real-world problems encountered, and solutions used to overcome them. The companion website provides Quicktime videos and Flash animations visually demonstrating problems and how they were dealt with.**

**Julie A. Turnock tracks the use and evolution of special effects in 1970s filmmaking, a development as revolutionary to film as the form's transition to sound in the 1920s.**

**Beginning with the classical**

**studio era's early approaches to special effects, she follows the industry's slow build toward the significant advances of the late 1960s and early 1970s, which set the stage for the groundbreaking achievements of 1977. Turnock analyzes the far-reaching impact of the convincing, absorbing, and seemingly unlimited fantasy environments of that year's iconic films, dedicating a major section of her book to the unparalleled innovations of Star Wars and Close Encounters of the Third Kind. She then traces these films' technological, cultural, and**

**aesthetic influence into the 1980s in the deployment of optical special effects as well as the "not-too-realistic" and hyper-realistic techniques of traditional stop motion and Showscan. She concludes with a critique of special effects practices in the 2000s and their implications for the future of filmmaking and the production and experience of other visual media.**

**Comic Art of the United States Through 2000, Animation and Cartoons**

**The Art and Making of the Dark Knight Trilogy  
From Prince of Splatter to Lord of the Rings**

**Bodies in Heroic Motion  
Screenwriting in the Era of  
Media Convergence  
Creative Techniques for  
Perfecting Your Movie  
String City**

Behind the scenes—and the mask—of the great Batman film trilogy, including stunning illustrations. In 2005, director Christopher Nolan reimagined and forever redefined the Batman legend when he began his epic trilogy of films—Batman Begins, The Dark Knight, and The Dark Knight Rises—starring Christian Bale as the Caped Crusader in a fresh, dynamic reboot of the franchise. All three films would go on to blockbuster success

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and critical acclaim—including an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for Heath Ledger's unforgettable performance as Batman's eternal nemesis, the Joker. *The Art and Making of the Dark Knight Trilogy* tells the complete story of these three monumental films. Based on in-depth interviews with Nolan and all of the films' key cast and crew—including cowriters David S. Goyer and Jonathan Nolan, cinematographer Wally Pfister, and more—the book reveals the creative process behind the epic *Dark Knight Trilogy*, supported by lavish art and on and off-set photos. This is a fascinating glimpse into the minds

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that gave new life to one of the most beloved and renowned superheroes in history.

This ambitious work provides single-point, unified access to some of the most significant books, articles, and news reports in the science fiction, fantasy, and horror genres. Entries are arranged in two sections-author (subarranged by title) and subject-and may have up to 50 subject terms assigned. No other reference tool addresses the secondary literature of this fast-growing and dynamic field with such in-depth subject coverage as this work, nor approaches its breadth of coverage. Aimed at academic libraries, large public libraries, some school and

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medium-sized public libraries, and individual scholars, this index supplements Science Fiction and Fantasy Reference Index: 1985-1991 (Libraries Unlimited, 1993) and Science Fiction and Fantasy Reference Index: 1878-1984 (Gale Research, 1987). In *Sugar Roses, Oklahoma*, events tumble rapidly toward the End of the World. We're introduced to a cross-section of this fervently Baptist college town as it struggles to comprehend a series of supernatural phenomena: roadkill returned to life, a little girl who speaks classical Greek, an ominous shortwave signal, and a demonic voice that calls itself the Megatron. No less

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foreboding is the news from around the world, in which Christian fundamentalists and Muslim terrorists alike seem hellbent on hastening the Apocalypse. Who or what caused these mysterious events? And if they do presage the foretold Rapture, what on earth--or beyond--will come after? *Lightfall* is a secular, satirical thrill ride, in which all humanity's glories and vanities can be seen in one lyrical, hypocritical microcosm.

Profiles jobs in film such as actors, animators, camera operators, film writers, screenwriters, stunt performers, and more.

The Healthy Edit

Talus and the Frozen King

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Off the Page

Entertainment Engineering

The Visual Effects Arsenal

Theory and Practice, Second Edition

Fantasy Freaks and Gaming Geeks

Guides students on the path to a career working in the field of animation. Job profiles include animators, college professors, directors, and editors.

Just about every major film now comes to us with an assist from digital effects. The results are obvious in superhero fantasies, yet dramas like Roma also rely on computer-generated imagery to enhance the verisimilitude of scenes. But the realism of digital

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effects is not actually true to life. It is a realism invented by Hollywood—by one company specifically: Industrial Light & Magic. *The Empire of Effects* shows how the effects company known for the puppets and space battles of the original *Star Wars* went on to develop the dominant aesthetic of digital realism. Julie A. Turnock finds that ILM borrowed its technique from the New Hollywood of the 1970s, incorporating lens flares, wobbly camerawork, haphazard framing, and other cinematography that called attention to the person behind the camera. In the context of digital imagery, however, these

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aesthetic strategies had the opposite effect, heightening the sense of realism by calling on tropes suggesting the authenticity to which viewers were accustomed. ILM's style, on display in the most successful films of the 1980s and beyond, was so convincing that other studios were forced to follow suit, and today, ILM is a victim of its own success, having fostered a cinematic monoculture in which it is but one player among many. How digital visual effects in film can be used to support storytelling: a guide for scriptwriters and students. Computer-generated effects are often blamed for bad Hollywood movies. Yet when a

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critic complains that "technology swamps storytelling" (in a review of *Van Helsing*, calling it "an example of everything that is wrong with Hollywood computer-generated effects movies"), it says more about the weakness of the story than the strength of the technology. In *Digital Storytelling*, Shilo McClean shows how digital visual effects can be a tool of storytelling in film, adding narrative power as do sound, color, and "experimental" camera angles—other innovative film technologies that were once criticized for being distractions from the story. It is time, she says, to rethink the function of digital

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visual effects. Effects artists say—contrary to the critics—that effects always derive from story. Digital effects are a part of production, not post-production; they are becoming part of the story development process. Digital Storytelling is grounded in filmmaking, the scriptwriting process in particular. McClean considers crucial questions about digital visual effects—whether they undermine classical storytelling structure, if they always call attention to themselves, whether their use is limited to certain genres—and looks at contemporary films (including a chapter-long analysis of Steven Spielberg's use

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of computer-generated effects) and contemporary film theory to find the answers. McClean argues that to consider digital visual effects as simply contributing the "wow" factor underestimates them. They are, she writes, the legitimate inheritors of film storycraft.

Production Studies, The Sequel! is an exciting exploration of the experiences of media workers in local, global, and digital communities—from prop-masters in Germany, Chinese film auteurs, producers of children's television in Qatar, Italian radio broadcasters, filmmakers in Ethiopia and Nigeria, to seemingly-autonomous Twitterbots. Case

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studies examine international production cultures across five continents and incorporate a range of media, including film, television, music, social media, promotional media, video games, publishing and public broadcasting. Using the lens of cultural studies to examine media production, *Production Studies, The Sequel!* takes into account transnational production flows and places production studies in conversation with other major areas of media scholarship including audience studies, media industries, and media history. A follow-up to the successful *Production Studies*, this collection highlights new and important

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research in the field, and promises to generate continued discussion about the past, present, and future of production studies.

Making Believe

Creating Your Career in Communications and Entertainment

An International Subject and Author Index to History and Criticism

Production Studies, The Sequel! Digital Storytelling

From Mickey to WALL-E

Music on Film Series

**Any questions you have about 2D or 3D animation in this new digital age are answered in this**

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comprehensive guide for all budding digital animators, games artists and media production students. It is lavishly illustrated with inspirational colour throughout to show you what you can achieve. Whether you want to create moving digital imagery for TV, computer games, or new media you need to understand the production and creative processes, the constraints of each and how they fit together. Ensure you have all you need at your fingertips to compete in this fast-

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moving arena with this unique book and web package. [www.guide2computeranimation.com](http://www.guide2computeranimation.com) provides the moving imagery outcomes of some of the animation discussed in the case studies chapter, where top FrameStore-CRC and 3 Ring Circus creatives give you their invaluable behind the scenes perspectives. In addition there are non-software specific 3D tutorials and direct links to a comprehensive range of related websites with further downloadable resources to make sure you

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stay up-to-date. Marcia Kuperberg is Deputy Head of the School of Media, Arts & Technology, West Herts College, UK. Contributions are also included from Martin Bowman, Rob Manton and Alan Peacock. \* Clear coverage of the principles and techniques of digital animation, with step-by-step colour illustrations, to put you ahead of the rest \* Get the best from your software and hardware - understand the constraints and demands when creating for different media \* Expert

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advice and a huge range of resources to help you make the most of animation opportunities in TV, games, multimedia and web. In the world of film and theatre, character transformation takes a lot of work, skill, and creativity...Dedicated solely to SFX, this book will show you tips and techniques from an seasoned SFX makeup artist with years of film, TV, and theatrical experience. Not only will this book take you through the many genres that need a special effects makeup artist,

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like horror, fantasy, and sci-fi, but it will also tell you about the tools you will need, how to maintain your toolkit, how to take care of the actor's skin, how to airbrush properly when HD is involved, and all about the exclusive tricks of the trade from an experienced pro who knows all the latest tips and techniques. The author shows you how to sculpt and mold your own makeup prosthetics, focusing on how human anatomy relates to sculpture, thus creating the most

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realistic effects. Case studies feature some of the top makeup artists of today, such as Neill Gorton, Christopher Tucker, Miles Teves, Jordu Schell, Mark Alfrey, Matthew Mungle, Christien Tinsely, Vittorio Sodano, and Mark Gabarino. You will also learn about human anatomy as it relates to sculpture and will be able to profit from lessons from today's top make-up artists that are highlighted. Put your new techniques into practice right away with the step-by-step tutorials

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on the must-have DVD, which will show you exactly how some of the looks from the book were achieved.

Engineering lies behind almost every type of entertainment, from the press that printed this book, through special effects in many movies, to the creation of "rides" based upon flight simulators and industrial robots.

Introduces the film industry, presents information about careers in this field, and suggests what to do now to

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prepare for future work in this area.

The Seriously Funny Life of Mel Brooks

Animation

A Guide to Computer Animation

Cultural Studies of Global Media Industries

Guide to Computer Animation

Screen Performance and Special Effects in Popular Cinema

Indian Puppets

*An exhaustive, well-organized bibliography on all aspects of comic art, animation, caricature, and cartooning from Canada and the United*

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*States. Its more than 11,000 entries make it and the other ten volumes in the series the definitive references on comic art.*

*First published in 2010. Go behind the scene of the behind the scenes to learn how the business of producing the dazzling visual effects we see in movies and on TV works.*

*With decades of combined VFX production and supervisory experience in Hollywood, the authors share their experience with you, illuminating standard industry practices and tips on:*  
*\* preproduction planning \* scheduling \* budgeting\* evaluating vendors*

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*and the bidding process \* effective data management \* working on-set, off-set, or overseas \* dealing with changes in post-production \* legal issues (contracts, insurance, business ethics), and more. Also included are interviews with established, successful Hollywood VFX Producers about their career paths and how they got to where they are now. From pre-production to final delivery, this is your complete guide to visual effects production, providing insight on VFX budgeting and scheduling (with actual forms for your own use) and common*

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*production techniques such as motion control, miniatures, and pre-visualization.*

*Updated to include the road to Bond 25 For over 50 years, Albert R. Broccoli's Eon Productions has navigated the ups and downs of the volatile British film industry, enduring both critical wrath and acclaim in equal measure for its now legendary James Bond series. Latterly, this family-run business has been crowned with box office gold and recognised by motion picture academies around the world. However, it has not always been plain sailing. Changing financial regimes forced 007 to*

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*relocate to France and Mexico; changing fashions and politics led to box office disappointments; and changing studio regimes and business disputes all but killed the franchise. And the rise of competing action heroes has constantly questioned Bond's place in popular culture. But against all odds the filmmakers continue to wring new life from the series, and 2012's Skyfall saw both huge critical and commercial success, crowning 007 as the undisputed king of the action genre. Now, with Daniel Craig back for a fifth turn as Ian Fleming's spy in October 2019,*

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*Bond's reign shows no signs of diminishing. Some Kind of Hero recounts this remarkable story, from its origins in the early fifties right through to the present day, and draws on over a hundred unpublished interviews with the cast and crew of this iconic series.*

*This fascinating look at the now-celebrated director tells of the inspiration that led to the making of the three world-famous Lord of the Rings films - and the six other films that preceded them. This unauthorized biography, Peter Jackson: From Prince of Splatter to Lord of the Rings, traces the journey of a young*

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*movie fanatic, from Sunday afternoons spent fooling around with a camera, through low-budget cult movies, to control of the most ambitious film project ever, on what is probably the best-loved fantasy novel ever written. This in-depth biography explores the many talents of the young Peter Jackson: the making of Bad Taste, Meet the Feebles, Braindead, Heavenly Creatures, Forgotten Silver, The Frighteners, and the Lord of the Rings trilogy. The story behind the Rings - which tells how Jackson got the rights to make the film and the permission and funding to*

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*make three films rather than collapsing the story into just one or two films, interviews, and other behind-the-scenes material from the making of the landmark films. Past and future - in which author Ian Pryor considers Jackson's achievements and possible future - including his remake of King Kong. From casts of zombies, traumatized puppets and murderous teenagers, to deal-making in Hollywood, this book is about following one's visions wherever they might lead.*

*The Seduction of Reality  
The Dinosaur Filmography  
Film*

*The Empire of Effects  
Understanding the Art and  
Business of VFX  
An International Bibliography  
For TV, Games, Multimedia  
and Web*

Animators work within a strictly defined, limited space that requires difficult artistic decisions. The blank frame presents a dilemma for all animators, and the decision of what to include and leave out raises important questions about artistry, authorship, and cultural influence. In *Animating Space: From Mickey to WALL-E*, renowned scholar J. P. Telotte explores how animation has confronted the blank template, and how responses to that confrontation have changed. Focusing on American animation,

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Telotte tracks the development of animation in line with changing cultural attitudes toward space and examines innovations that elevated the medium from a novelty to a fully realized art form. From Winsor McCay and the Fleischer brothers to the Walt Disney Company, Warner Bros., and Pixar Studios, *Animating Space* explores the contributions of those who invented animation, those who refined it, and those who, in the current digital age, are using it to redefine the very possibilities of cinema.

*Off the Page* examines the business and craft of screenwriting in the era of media convergence. Daniel Bernardi and Julian Hoxter use the recent history of screenwriting labor coupled with close analysis of scripts in the context

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of the screenwriting paraindustry—from “how to write a winning script” books to screenwriting software—to explore the state of screenwriting today. They address the conglomerate studios making tentpole movies, expanded television, Indiewood, independent animation, microbudget scripting, the video games industry, and online content creation. Designed for students, producers, and writers who want to understand what studios want and why they want it, this book also examines how scripting is developing in the convergent media, beneath and beyond the Hollywood tentpole. By addressing specific genres across a wide range of media, this essential volume sets the standard for anyone in the expanded screenwriting industry and the scholars

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that study it.

This is the only book in the After Effects market to focus exclusively on the creation of visual effects, and is a one-stop resource for anyone who wants in-depth explanations that demystify the realm of visual effects and how they were created, thanks to veteran author Mark Christiansen's friendly and accessible style. A thoroughly packed, informative read, this masterful guide focuses on explaining the essential concepts, features, and techniques that are key to creating seamless movie-quality visual effects. Readers will learn how to put After Effects to work to create the shots they need. Users who are comfortable with After Effects will find a helpful review of After Effects

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fundamentals--managing footage, viewing and editing layers, animating type, and more--so they can learn how to work smarter and more efficiently. Readers of all levels will learn core techniques for effects compositing: color matching, keying, rotoscoping, motion tracking, and emulating the camera. The final section of the book delves into creative explorations, demonstrating actual effects that readers might want to re-create. Readers will also find comprehensive coverage of all that's new in this upgrade. Throughout the book, beautiful full-color examples demonstrate what's possible, while the companion DVD offers plenty of sample footage and dozens of demos of the most useful After Effects plug-ins. .

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Maya 4.5 Fundamentals takes the user from a review of 3D fundamentals to a working knowledge of creating content in Maya 4.5. Topics covered include the interface and primary tools, modeling with NURBS and polygons, applying materials and textures, lighting, using modifiers and deformers, animating scenes, using cameras, rendering stills and animations, and using particle systems, dynamics, and paint effects. New features in 4.5 are also included in this updated and expanded version. Special appendices cover making the change from 3ds max or LightWave to Maya. Video-captured movies on the accompanying CD supplement the tutorial foundation of the book and will provide a salient selling point. The

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most exciting thing to be included on the CD is the video-captured tutorial movies created to supplement the tutorials in the book. This feature alone has the equivalent value of several training videos. In addition, the CD will include project files and color screen captures.

An Epic Quest for Reality Among Role Players, Online Gamers, and Other Dwellers of Imaginary Realms

The Remarkable Story of the James Bond Films

Lightfall

The Narrative Power of Visual Effects in Film

The Visual Effects Producer Careers in Focus

Adobe After Effects CS3 Professional Studio Techniques

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this unique book and web package. [www.guide2computeraanimation.com](http://www.guide2computeraanimation.com) provides the moving imagery outcomes of some of the animation discussed in the case studies chapter, where top FrameStore-CRC and 3 Ring Circus creatives give you their invaluable behind the scenes perspectives. In addition there are non-software specific 3D tutorials and direct links to a comprehensive range of related websites with further downloadable resources to make sure you stay up-to-date. Marcia Kuperberg is Deputy Head of the School of Media, Arts & Technology, West Herts

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College, UK. Contributions are also included from Martin Bowman, Rob Manton and Alan Peacock.

Build your VFX arsenal with quick-access, step-by-step instruction on how to create today's hottest digital VFX shots. This essential toolkit provides techniques for creating effects seen in movies such as 300, Spiderman 3, Predator and others, with lessons on how-to: \* splatter blood or digitally lop someone's arm off \* create a scene with actors running from an explosion \* create the "twin effect" (same actor, same location, 2 performances) \* produce space-ship dog

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**fights Organized in a ?cookbook? style, this allows you to reference a certain effect in the index and immediately access concise instructions to create that effect.**

**Techniques are demonstrated in each of the most popular software tools- After Effects, Final Cut Studio, Shake, Photoshop, and Combustion are all covered. Brilliant, 4-color presentation provides inspiration and stimulating visual guidance to the lessons presented, while the companion DVD contains project media files enabling you to put concepts learned into immediate practice.**

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Transforming an actor into a character for film or theater takes a great deal of skill, prowess, and creativity, and in this new edition, author Todd DeBreceni empowers you with just those qualities. From his years of film, TV, and theatrical experience, he shows you tips and techniques that will have you applying your own makeup effects like a pro in no time. Along with walking you through genre-specific considerations (horror, fantasy, sci-fi, and so on) Todd also teaches you about the gear you will need, how to maintain your kit, how to take care of the actor's

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skin, how to airbrush properly when HD is involved, and so much more. Learn how to sculpt and mold your own makeup prosthetics, with a focus on how human anatomy relates to sculpture, to create the most realistic effects. Recipes scattered throughout the book show you exactly what you need and how to use it, helping you to create the best SFX makeup applications. Case studies feature some of the world's top makeup effects artists including Steve Wang, Thom Flouts, Ve Neill, Neill Gorton, Greg Nicotero, Kazuhiro Tsuji, Jordu Schell, Howard Berger,

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**Matthew Mungle, Christien Tinsely, Vittorio Sodano, and Tami Lane. Put your new techniques into practice right away and see how some of the looks from the book were achieved with the step-by-step tutorials on the companion website, [www.focalpress.com/cw/debreceeni](http://www.focalpress.com/cw/debreceeni). New to this edition: \***

**Animatronics \* Specialty contact lenses \* Collapsible core molds \* Contoured or conforming molds \* Making resin and silicone eyes \* Even MORE information about silicone**

**Puppetry Originated In India And Travelled Across The Seven Seas To The Eastern And Western World As Vouched**

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By Many Scholars. Puppets Dated Back To A Period Well Before Bharata S Natya Shastra And Have Continued Unabated Throughout The Centuries In Almost All Indian States. Puppetry Is One Enduring Form, Which Has Entertained Masses And Educated People. The Famous Puppeteers Of Rajasthan Are Really Acrobats, Who Only Put On Puppet Shows When They Move Out Of Villages. These And A Thousand Other Scintillating Facts Come Out Of This Exciting Book For The Reader S Entertainment And Elucidation. Puppets Are By No Means For Only Children, -- As The Puppeteers Of Orissa Sing

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**And Dance About The Romantic Love Of Radha And Krishna, And Keralan Puppets Narrate Kathakali Stories In The Same Make-Up And Costumes. The Book Aims At Giving A Connected Account Of The Indian Puppets: Their Variety, Their Multiple Functions, Their Craft, Their Animation And Their Connections With Other Related Arts In Five Separate Parts. The Book Also Contains For The First Time In Any Book On Puppetry -- Four Important Appendices: Museums In India Containing Puppets, Directory Of Indian Puppeteers, Global Bibliography On Puppets And**

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**A Relevant Glossary. The World Of Indian Puppets Is Seen In Vivid Colours With Scores Of Coloured Photographs And Many Line-Drawings And Half-Tone Pictures --- In Their Many-Sided Splendour: Variety Of The Glove, Rod, String, Shadow, And Human Puppets And A Myriad Background Stories Of The Puppet-Masters And Their Imaginative Landscape Of Free Creativity. Industrial Light and Magic and the Rendering of Realism Special Effects, Technology, and the Emergence of 1970s Blockbuster Aesthetics Focus On: 100 Most Popular American Romantic Drama**

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## Films

**Special Make-up Effects for Stage & Screen**

**Animating Space**

**The Cinema of James Cameron  
Careers in Communications  
and Entertainment**

*An amazing journey through the thriving worlds of fantasy and gaming  
What could one man find if he embarked on a journey through fantasy world after fantasy world? In an enthralling blend of travelogue, pop culture analysis, and memoir, forty-year-old former D&D addict Ethan Gilsdorf crisscrosses America, the world, and other worlds—from Boston to New Zealand, and Planet Earth to the realm of Aggramar. “For anyone who has ever spent time within imaginary realms, the book will*

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*speaking volumes. For those who have not, it will educate and enlighten.”*  
—*Wired.com* “Gandalf’s got nothing on Ethan Gilsdorf, except for maybe the monster white beard. In his new book, *Fantasy Freaks and Gaming Geeks*, Gilsdorf . . . offers an epic quest for reality within a realm of magic.” —*Boston Globe* “Imagine this: *Lord of the Rings* meets Jack Kerouac’s *On the Road*.” —*National Public Radio’s* “Around and About” “What does it mean to be a geek? . . . *Fantasy Freaks and Gaming Geeks* tackles that question with strength and dexterity. . . . part personal odyssey, part medieval mid-life crisis, and part wide-ranging survey of all things freaky and geeky . . . playful . . . funny and poignant. . . . It’s a fun

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*ride and it poses a question that goes to the very heart of fantasy, namely: What does the urge to become someone else tell us about ourselves?"*

*—Huffington Post*

*The journal of cinematic illusions. This timely volume explores the massively popular cinema of writer-director James Cameron. It couches Cameron's films within the evolving generic traditions of science fiction, melodrama, and the cinema of spectacle. The book also considers Cameron's engagement with the aesthetic of visual effects and the 'now' technology of performance-capture which is arguably moving a certain kind of event-movie cinema from photography to something more akin to painting. This book is explicit*

*in presenting Cameron as an authentic auteur, and each chapter is dedicated to a single film in his body of work, from The Terminator to Avatar. Space is also given to discussion of Strange Days as well as his short films and documentary works.*

*Digital characters are a driving force in the entertainment industry today. Every animated film and video game production spends a large percentage of its resources and time on advancing the quality of the digital characters inhabiting the world being created. This book presents the theory and practice behind the creation of digital characters for*  
*Special Makeup Effects for Stage and Screen*

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*It's Good to Be the King*

*Cinefex*

*Digital Visual Effects in Cinema*

*VFX Solutions for the Independent*

*Filmmaker*

*Making and Applying Prosthetics*

*Amadeus*

MUSIC ON FILM: AMADEUS

From classics like King Kong, to beloved B-movies like The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms, to blockbusters like Jurassic Park, it's easy to see that filmmakers and audiences alike love to see dinosaurs on the screen. This comprehensive filmography, arranged alphabetically by title, contains entries that include basic facts (year of release, country of origin, studio, and running time), followed by a concise plot summary, the author's critical commentary, information on the production and the people behind it, and secrets of the often-

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ingenious special effects. Three useful appendices feature films with minor dinosaur content, planned but unfinished dinosaur movies, and the quasi-dinosaurs of Toho Studios. To be included, a movie must depict one or more representations of a “prehistoric reptile.” Inaccurate portrayals are included, as long as the intent is to represent a real or fictional dinosaur. Not eligible are films featuring prehistoric mammals, prehistoric humans or humanoids, and beasts of mythology—unless, of course, the movie also has a dinosaur.

The Universe is made of string. When the knots tighten, the Cosmos quakes. It's a tough job being a gumshoe in an interdimensional city full of gods, living concepts and weirder things. Good thing I'm a stringwalker, able to jump between realities. It started when I was hired to investigate an explosion at a casino. A

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simple heist, I thought, but it turned into a race to stop the apocalypse. So I rolled the dice, and now I'm up against the ancient Greek Titans, an interdimensional spider god and a mysterious creature known as the Fool. I'm going to need more than just luck to solve this one. If I fail, all things—in all realities—could be destroyed. Just another day in String City. This volume provides a survey of careers throughout the communications, media, and entertainment industries. Intended for readers interested in pursuing careers in media and entertainment.

Peter Jackson

Digital Character Development

Plastic Reality

For Tv, Games, Multimedia and Web

Some Kind of Hero

Science Fiction and Fantasy Reference

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