

The Art Of Stop Motion Animation

Packed with step-by-step tutorials and inside tips and advice from professional animators, Stop-motion Animation is the ultimate handbook for anyone seeking to explore the exciting possibilities afforded by stopmotion animation. With its highly accessible approach and use of inspirational, bang up-to-date examples, the book is guaranteed to appeal to a hip new generation of recreational animators, as well as artists, photographers, and creatives of all stripes seeking new outlets for their creativity. Combining a winning formula of practical instruction and creative inspiration, Stop-motion Animation examines a wide range of stop-motion techniques, covering traditional forms such as claymation and cut-out animation, as well as innovative new techniques that use everyday items such as Lego and post-it notes. Engaging interview-style case studies explore the work of some of today's most exciting stop-motion practitioners, providing readers with an invaluable insight into their working processes, while detailed tutorials illustrate a range of both basic and more advanced techniques, from making a basic puppet to shooting with an iPhone. QR codes (readable from any smartphone) accompany each tutorial, linking directly to online videos which reveal the finished piece of animation, as well as to videos of digital tutorials

which provide a moving screen capture. Readers will also learn easy post-production techniques for editing files and creating animated movies on both Macs and PCs.

Take an in-depth look at the art and techniques of stop-motion animation. The *Advanced Art of Stop-Motion Animation* helps experienced stop-motion artists enhance their craft by exploring the professional methods and advanced technology used by top film studios today. This book features expanded coverage of the basic principles of animation, including specific applications for character performance and visual effect compositing techniques. All the newest technology is touched on, including detailed information on camera rigs, effects, and shooting stop-motion in stereoscopic 3D. Discover new puppet building techniques, including the technology behind the rapid prototyping of computer models for stop-motion production. You'll even find a thorough history of early feature-length stop-motion films. The practical techniques and skills presented are enhanced by interviews with many of the most celebrated stop-motion artists as well as coverage of the work of several artists working in the online stop-motion community. Whether your focus is low-budget indie filmmaking or big studio productions, *The Advanced Art of Stop-Motion Animation* provides a comprehensive look at both the latest methods and the artists who are driving the

revival of stop-motion animation.

The Oxford Handbook of Screendance Studies offers a full overview of the histories, practices, and critical and theoretical foundations of the rapidly changing landscape of screendance. Drawing on their practices, technologies, theories, and philosophies, scholars from the fields of dance, performance, visual art, cinema and media arts articulate the practice of screendance as an interdisciplinary, hybrid form that has yet to be correctly sited as an academic field worthy of critical investigation. Each chapter discusses and reframes current issues, as a means of promoting and enriching dialogue within the wider community of dance and the moving image. Topics addressed embrace politics of the body; agency, race, and gender in screendance; the relationship of choreography to image; constructs of space and time; representation and effacement; production and curatorial practice; and other areas of intersecting disciplines. The Oxford Handbook of Screendance Studies features newly-commissioned and original scholarship that will be essential reading for all those interested in the intersection of dance and the moving image, including film and video-makers, dance artists, screendance artists, academics and writers, producers, composers, as well as the wider interested public. It will become an invaluable resource for researchers and professionals in the field.

The Art of Missing Link is a lushly illustrated volume that goes behind the scenes of LAIKA's new stop-motion adventure. The charismatic Sir Lionel Frost (voiced by Hugh Jackman) considers himself to be the world's foremost investigator of myths and monsters. The trouble is none of his small-minded high-society peers seems to recognize this. Sir Lionel's last chance for acceptance by the adventuring elite rests on traveling to America's Pacific Northwest to prove the existence of a legendary creature. A living remnant of Man's primitive ancestry. The Missing Link. Zach Galifianakis voices Mr. Link: the surprisingly smart, funny and soulful beast upon whom Sir Lionel's dreams depend. As species go, he's as endangered as they get; he's the last of his kind, and he's lonely. Proposing a daring quest to seek out his rumored distant relatives, he enlists Sir Lionel's help in an odyssey around the world to find the fabled valley of Shangri-La. Together with Adelina Fortnight (voiced by Zoe Saldana), an independent and resourceful adventurer who possesses the only known map to the group's secret destination, the unlikely trio embarks on a riotous rollercoaster of a ride. Along the way, our fearless explorers encounter more than their fair share of peril, stalked at every turn by dastardly villains seeking to thwart their mission. Through it all, Mr. Link's disarming charm and good-humored conviction provide the emotional and comedic foundation of this fun-filled family film. From LAIKA, the

animation studio behind the Academy Award–nominated *Kubo and the Two Strings*, *Missing Link* is a stunning stop-motion epic and raucous comedy. Featuring concept art from the film’s creation—including sketches, storyboards, character designs, and much more—and illuminated by in-depth interviews with the film’s creative team, *The Art of Missing Link* is a must-have companion to the film.

Aardman Animations are, unquestionably, one of the biggest success stories in animated films: their masterpieces include *Wallace and Gromit*, *Chicken Run* and *Shaun the Sheep*, as well as much-loved characters such as Morph. *Cracking Animation* is entertaining, inspiring and essential reading for all Aardman enthusiasts, students of animation or anyone who wants to try making an animated film. This revised edition includes two new chapters. Chapter 7 looks in depth at the development and teamwork involved in a major animated film or television production, using *The Pirates! In an Adventure with Scientists!* as an exemplar, and Chapter 8 presents exclusive behind-the-scenes insights into the making of Aardman's most recent feature film, *Shaun the Sheep the Movie*. Packed with practical, fully illustrated and step-by-step descriptions of all the elements involved, this is quite simply the best publication on stop-motion animation.

Clay animated superstar Gumby has made an indelible impact on our culture and continues to enchant and entertain generations. Filmmaker Art Clokey's personal story is one of mystical adventure, tragedy, triumph, art, and most of all, love. This lavish career-spanning retrospective explores the legendary creator's life and complete works. All of his many creations, including Gumby and Davey & Goliath, are interwoven with a rich tapestry of rare photos and stories — the ingredients for a fascinating tale.

Single frame film-making has been around as long as film itself. It is the ancestor to modern day special effects and animation. Despite its age-old practice, Single frame film making and stop-motion animation continues to influence media and culture with its magic. Current advances in technology and classic stop motion techniques, such as pixilation, time-lapse photography and down shooting have combined to form exciting new approaches. Tom Gasek's Frame-By-Frame Stop Motion offers hands-on experience and various tricks, tips, and exercises to help strengthen skills and produce effective results. Interviews from experts in the field offer not only offer inspiration but also help readers learn how to apply skills and new applications. The companion website offers further instruction, recommended films, tools and resources for the both the novice and the expert. Based on a world-class curriculum and cutting-edge industry practices, Stop

Motion Filmmaking offers step-by-step instruction in everything from puppet making and studio set-up to animation and filmmaking. Reflecting exciting advancements in the medium, animator and educator Christopher Walsh focuses closely on digital filmmaking techniques, and offers specific instruction for creating 3D designed and printed puppet components as well as hand-crafted elements. The book is enriched by exclusive online content in the form of detailed tutorials and examples, and by dynamic sidebars and inserts. Further accented by interviews with leading professionals from both the independent and major studio worlds, Stop Motion Filmmaking is designed for dedicated students of the art form, and provides invaluable training for any serious artist who is driven to bring frame-by-frame worlds to life through puppet animation.

Stop-motion Animation teaches the skills required to develop as a creative stop-motion animator. It explores how all the elements of film-making - camera work, design, colour, lighting, editing, music and storytelling - come together in this unique art form. With advice on how to use the particular types of movement, characters and stories that typify stop-motion, this book is packed with tips and suggestions to help you get the most out of your stop-motion films, accompanied by illustrations and case studies demonstrating how film-making masters through the years have used it in feature films, short films and television. This second edition also introduces and explores two of the biggest innovations of recent years - at opposite ends of the industry. At the top-end, for film-makers with serious budgets, there is 3D printing in the

creation of replacement parts for stop-motion characters while at the amateur/student end of the industry there are a variety of cheap, but effective, apps that can turn a smartphone into a mini stop-motion studio. The new edition also includes an extended project in each chapter, covering storytelling techniques, selecting an appropriate style, developing a character, set building and lighting, creating a performance and adding music. These projects combine to lead you through the creation of your first one-minute stop-motion animation. From LAIKA, the Academy Award®-nominated studio behind *Coraline*, *ParaNorman*, and *The Boxtrolls*, comes a new adventure set in a mythical ancient Japan. In *Kubo and the Two Strings*, scruffy, kind-hearted Kubo cares devotedly for his mother while eking out a humble living in their sleepy shoreside village. But when a spirit from the past appears, Kubo suddenly finds himself entwined in a violent struggle against gods and monsters. This fully illustrated book offers a behind-the-scenes view of the amazingly detailed artwork and unique stop-motion animation style involved in the film's creation.

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then replaced with foam by using a plaster mold and injection gun techniques. Finishing techniques described include the making of hair, eyes, eyelids, teeth, horns, nails, and chitinous (insect-shell-like) surfaces. The manual also covers the process of creating replacement heads using rubber molds (such as RTV) and urethane castings. A glossary and bibliography complete the extensively illustrated work.

Hand-Made Television explores the ongoing enchantment of many of the much-loved stop-frame children's television programmes of 1960s and 1970s Britain. The first academic work to analyse programmes such as Pogles' Wood (1966), Clangers (1969), Bagpuss (1974) (Smallfilms) and Gordon Murray's Camberwick Green (1966), Trumpton (1967) and Chigley (1969), the book connects these series to their social and historical contexts while providing in-depth analyses of their themes and hand-made aesthetics. Hand-Made Television shows that the appeal of these programmes is rooted not only in their participatory address and evocation of a pastoral English past, but also in the connection of their stop-frame aesthetics to the actions of childhood play. This book makes a significant contribution to both Animation Studies and Television Studies; combining scholarly rigour with an accessible style, it is suitable for scholars as well as fans of these iconic British children's programmes.

Be inspired by award-winning animator Barry Purves' honest insight into the creative process of making stop motion animations, using his own classic films to illustrate every step along the way. With Barry's enthusiasm for puppets in all their many guises and in-depth interviews from some of the world's other leading practitioners, there is advice, inspiration and entertainment galore in Stop Motion: Passion, Process and Performance. And there's more! Many of the artists and craftsmen interviewed have contributed their own specially drawn illustrations -

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showing their inspirations, heroes and passion for their craft. These beautiful images help make the book a truly personal journey into the heart of the animation industry with broad appeal for anyone with a love of animation.

Presents what you need to create stop-motion videos on your mobile phone or digital camera. In this title, you can learn how to make stop-motion videos like a professional. Using tips and tricks from the experts, it reveals 2-D and 3-D techniques with puppets, clay-modelling, morphing and pixilation.

Entertaining antics and skulduggery abound in the book that inspired Laika Studio's animated film *The Boxtrolls*, in theaters September 26, 2014! Welcome to Ratbridge. But beware—for there is skulduggery afoot. Young Arthur has fallen foul of the appalling outlaw, Snatcher, and is trapped alone in the town with every way home sealed. Meanwhile Snatcher and his men are working tirelessly in secret on a fiendish and dastardly plan to destroy the entire town. With the help of some friendly boxtrolls and cabbageheads, some quirkily townspeople, and the rats and pirates from the Ratbridge Nautical Laundry, can Arthur thwart Snatcher's evil plans and find his way home?

Since its debut on YouTube, Tanya Davis's beautiful and perceptive poem "How to Be Alone," visually realized by artist and filmmaker Andrea Dorfman, has become an international sensation. In this edition of *How to Be Alone*, they have adapted the poem and its compelling illustrations for the page in a beautiful, meditative volume—a keepsake to treasure and to share. From a solitary walk in the woods to sitting unaccompanied on a city park bench to eating a meal and even dancing alone, *How to Be Alone*, reveals the possibilities and joys waiting to be discovered when we engage in activities on our own. As she soothes the disquietude that

accompanies the fear of aloneness, and celebrates the power of solitude to change how we see ourselves and the world, Tanya reveals how, removed from the noise and distractions of other lives, we can find acceptance and grace within. For those who have never been by themselves or those who embrace being on their own, *How to Be Alone* encourages us to recognize and embrace the possibilities of being alone—and reminds us of a universe of joy, peace, and discovery waiting to unfold.

Lights...camera...action! Bring your LEGO minifigures to life with this beginner-friendly guide to stop-motion animation. Ten "Mini Movies" walk you through using your phone, tablet, or computer to make short, funny clips with step-by-step instructions. Set the stage with any of the six included background settings and thirty-six LEGO elements, including a pizza, banana, baseball cap, six minifigure heads, and more! Plus, learn the tricks of the trade as you dive into more advanced skills, such as lighting, sound effects, and camera angles. With these tips and tricks, every movie you make is guaranteed to be a successful smash hit.

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LAIKA, the studio behind the hit films *Coraline* and *ParaNorman*, introduces audiences to a new breed of family: the Boxtrolls, a community of quirky, mischievous creatures who have lovingly raised an orphaned human boy named

Eggs in the amazing cavernous home they've built beneath the streets of Cheesebridge. When the town's villain, Archibald Snatcher, comes up with a plot to get rid of the Boxtrolls, Eggs decides to venture above ground where he meets and teams up with fabulously feisty Winnie to devise a daring plan to save Eggs' family. The Art of The Boxtrolls features the amazingly detailed artwork that went into this film's creation, including character sketches, puppets, textiles, set dressing, and 3-D printed facial models, alongside the story of the film's development.

See the iconic, energetic art of Aardman Animations like never before! The Art of Aardman takes readers on an unforgettable, behind-the-scenes journey through the studio's archives. This collection features original character sketches and never-before-seen concept art, offering a unique look inside the studio that created Chicken Run, Morph, and, of course, Wallace & Gromit. Kicking things off with forewords from founders Peter Lord and David Sproxton, this celebration of all-things Aardman is a must-have for all animation fans.

Stop-motion animation has long been perceived as a technical practice rather than a creative, demanding art. Though stop-motion requires considerable technical knowledge, it also involves aesthetics and artistry that go beyond the technician's realm. Just as important as puppet mechanics are lighting, filters,

lenses, camera angle and placement, and dramatic pose and movement. This manual is a complete guide to the aesthetics of stop-motion animation. Information is organized in an intuitive, easy-to-use structure, following the order an animator uses in setting up and then executing a scene. The first half concentrates on the aesthetics of lighting and cameras, a primary concern in any shot, with details of camera placement, various lenses and myriad lighting techniques. The second half deals with the process of performance art, an oft-overlooked aspect of stop-motion animation. Included is a commentary on body language, facial expression, gesture, movement and emotion—key concepts that are exemplified through the acting process. The work also offers an introduction to narrative form and a glossary of related terms.

The Wes Anderson Collection: Isle of Dogs is the only book to take readers behind the scenes of the beloved auteur's newest stop-motion animated film. † Through the course of several in-depth interviews with film critic Lauren Wilford, writer and director Wes Anderson shares the story behind Isle of Dogs's conception and production, and Anderson and his collaborators reveal entertaining anecdotes about the making of the film, their sources of inspiration, the ins and outs of stop-motion animation, and many other insights into their moviemaking process. Previously unpublished behind-the-scenes photographs,

concept artwork, and hand-written notes and storyboards accompany the text. The book also features an introduction by critics and collaborators Taylor Ramos and Tony Zhou, and a foreword by critic Matt Zoller Seitz. The fourth volume of the New York Times bestselling Wes Anderson Collection, *Isle of Dogs* stays true to the series with its rich design and colorful illustrations, capturing Anderson's signature aesthetic vision and bringing the series's definitive study of Anderson's filmography up to date. *Isle of Dogs* tells the story of Atari Kobayashi, 12-year-old ward to corrupt Mayor Kobayashi. When, by Executive Decree, all the canine pets of Megasaki City are exiled to a vast garbage-dump called Trash Island, Atari sets off alone in a miniature Junior-Turbo Prop and flies across the river in search of his bodyguard-dog, Spots. There, with the assistance of a pack of newly-found mongrel friends, he begins an epic journey that will decide the fate and future of the entire Prefecture. The film features the voices of Bryan Cranston, Koyu Rankin, Edward Norton, Bob Balaban, Bill Murray, Jeff Goldblum, Kunichi Nomura, Akira Takayama, Greta Gerwig, Frances McDormand, F. Murray Abraham, Tilda Swinton, Akira Ito, Yoko Ono, Mari Natsuko, Harvey Keitel, Courtney B. Vance, Ken Watanabe, Scarlett Johansson, Fisher Stevens, Nijiro Murakami, and Liev Schreiber.

This edition features the exact same content as the traditional book in a

convenient, three-hole- punched, loose-leaf version. Books a la Carte also offer a great value--this format costs significantly less than a new textbook. The Tobey/Slater/Blair/Crawford series builds essential skills one at a time by breaking the mathematics down into manageable pieces. This practical "building block" organization makes it easy for students to understand each topic and gain confidence as they move through each section. Students will find many opportunities to check and reinforce their understanding of concepts throughout the book. With this revision, the author team has added a new Math Coach feature that provides students with an office hour experience by helping them to avoid commonly made mistakes. With Tobey/Slater/Blair/Crawford, students have a tutor, a study companion, and now a coach, with them every step of the way. This package contains: Books a la Carte for Beginning Algebra: Early Graphing, Third Edition

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armatures for film industry stop-motion puppets and the technical aspects of how to machine metal into the desired shape. It describes in detail the milling machine and the metal lathe, the two main tools used in constructing the armature, other cutting tools, and how the anatomical makeup of the puppet determines the armature design. The book then examines the six main types of joints used in armature construction: the sandwich plate ball-and-socket joint, the ball-and-socket collet joint, the step-block ball-and-socket joint, the swivel joint, the hinge joint, and the universal joint. Also described are the different types of metals used in armature construction.

Now available in paperback, *The Art of Ray Harryhausen* focuses on the lifetime of work that Harryhausen has preserved, much of which is published here for the first time. His collection includes preliminary sketches, elaborate drawings of key scenes, carefully plotted storyboards, and the models that were used in films. Harryhausen begins by exploring his early work and influences, then takes readers through projects divided by theme – fairy tales, dinosaurs and aliens, for example. This body of work lets readers discover how the artist develops an idea from his imagination to the breathtaking character that appears on the screen.

Introduce kids to stop-motion animation and animated filmmaking. Animation is everywhere--from movies and TV to apps and video games--and today's tech-savvy

kids know all about it. With the accessibility and ease of use of cameras and video-editing software, people of all ages are learning how to make stop-motion animation. In "Animation Lab for Kids," artists, teachers, and authors Laura Belmont and Emily Brink present exciting, fun, hands-on projects that teach kids a range of animation techniques. From the classic zoetrope, flip book, and cel methods (which don't require any devices or technology) to different methods of shooting, the lessons require no previous experience for either child or adult. Experimenting with a variety of art materials (drawing, clay, and paper cut-outs), young animators will learn to plan a film through writing, storyboarding, and creating sets. The book also features helpful and informative sidebars on the history of the early animation techniques as well as the inspiring work of innovative and influential animators, including Kirsten Lepore, PES, Hailey Morris, and William Kentridge. The authors are co-founders and lead teachers of The Good School, an arts-education school that cultivates and combines traditional art-making skills and the technologies involved in stop-motion animation filmmaking. They teach animation techniques at camps, schools, and events, including the New York International Children's Film Festival.

What do we mean by the term "animation" when we are discussing film? Is it a technique? A style? A way of seeing or experiencing "a world" that has little relation to our own lived experience of "the world"? In *Animated Worlds*, contributors reveal the astonishing variety of "worlds" animation confronts us with. Essays range from close

film analyses to phenomenological and cognitive approaches, spectatorship, performance, literary theory, and digital aesthetics. Authors include Vivian Sobchack, Richard Weihe, Thomas Lamarre, Paul Wells, and Karin Wehn.

In a world that is dominated by computer images, alternative stop motion techniques like pixilation, time-lapse photography and down-shooting techniques combined with new technologies offer a new, tangible and exciting approach to animation. With over 25 years professional experience, industry veteran, Tom Gasek presents a comprehensive guide to stop motion animation without the focus on puppetry or model animation. With tips, tricks and hands-on exercises, *Frame by Frame* will help both experienced and novice filmmakers get the most effective results from this underutilized branch of animation. Practical insight and inspiration from leading filmmakers like PES (Western Spaghetti Creator, Time Magazine's #2 Viral Video of 2008), Dave Borthwick, of the Bolex Brothers and more! The accompanying website will include further content driven examples, indexes of stop motion software, a recommended film list and tools and resources for the beginner and intermediate stop motion artist, animators and filmmakers.

Animating with Stop Motion Pro is comprehensive, hands-on guide to achieving professional results with Stop Motion Pro 7.0 software. Gone are the days of stop motion guesswork and waiting to see the finalized result of your meticulous, labor intensive animations. With the push of a mouse button and the Stop Motion Pro

software, animators have ten times the capability of simple camera stop motion capture. Re-visualize stop motion character movements, graph these movements and composite characters into a flawless animations with the techniques and step by step tutorials featured in *Animating with Stop Motion Pro*. Detailed exercises allow you to develop professional animations with the included free trial of *Stop Motion Pro 7.0*. Offers a behind-the-scenes peak at the forthcoming animated feature film *ParaNorman*, a movie about a boy destined to save his town from hordes of zombies, made by the same film studio as *Coraline*.

To make great animation, you need to know how to control a whole world: how to make a character, how to make that character live and be happy or sad. You need to create four walls around them, a landscape, the sun and moon - a whole life for them. You have to get inside that puppet and first make it live, then make it perform. Susannah Shaw provides the first truly practical introduction to the craft skills of model animation. This is a vital book in the development of model animation which, following the success of Aardman's first full-length film '*Chicken Run*', is now at the forefront of modern animation. Illustrated in full colour throughout you are shown step by step how to create successful model animation. Starting with some basic exercises, readers will learn about developing a story, making models, creating sets and props, the mechanics of movement, filming, post production and how to set about finding that elusive first job in a modern studio.

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Harryhausen - The Movie Posters showcases the posters from all of Ray's movies, from 1949's *Mighty Joe Young*, to *Clash of the Titans* in 1981. There has never been a book published devoted solely to the promotional art associated with the films themselves. Featuring posters from all over the world, as well as commentary from The Ray & Diana Harryhausen Foundation, this is an essential addition to any fan's library. 100 objects selected by the animator Ray Harryhausen's daughter - packed with personal stories that have never previously been heard or published. A fascinating examination of the work of the pioneer of the special effects that we see in modern cinema. Contributions from experts in the field and in conjunction with the Ray and Diana Harryhausen Foundation. A broad readership drawn from those who appreciate art, film, science fiction and fantasy. Tells the story of the man who changed the face of modern cinema - the pioneer of stop-motion animation. Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks are among his legion of fans. Entries often include earlier versions of finished models and sketches of scenes that illustrate how Harryhausen worked and developed his models. Accompanies a major exhibition at the National Galleries of Scotland from October 2020. Special effects superstar Ray Harryhausen elevated stop-motion animation to an art during the 1950s to 1980s. With material drawn from his incredible archive, his daughter, Vanessa, selects 100 creatures and objects that meant the most to her as she watched her father make world-famous films that changed the course of cinema. The book includes many newly restored works and items that have never

previously been seen. In addition to Vanessa's reflections, many of those who worked with Harryhausen or were inspired by him add their own memories and comments. Ray Harryhausen's work included the films Jason and the Argonauts, the Sinbad films of the '50s and '70s, One Million Years B.C and Mighty Joe Young, and a wider portfolio including children's fairy tales and commercials. He also inspired a generation of filmmakers such as Peter Jackson, Tim Burton, George Lucas, and Steven Spielberg, and his influence on blockbuster cinema can be felt to this day. 2020 will be the 100th anniversary of his birth.

Ideal choice for fans of the LEGO movie who want to try stop-motion animation in their own movies Provides practical tips on how to film using stop-motion animation Professional advice on art, lighting, effects, and more Did you love the LEGO movie? Are you inspired by Alfred Hitchcock and other professional filmmakers? Would you like to learn how to use the LEGO blocks in your house for more than building? If so, then this book is for you. From lighting to storytelling, this guide will lead you through making your own stop-motion animation films with LEGOs. You may have seen the LEGO movie. Now it's time for you to be the director and make your own. This guide will walk you through the steps of making a LEGO movie. It covers crafting a story, cinetech, animation, and the dynamics of making your vision come to life. Become a filmmaker and learn about directing with this clever and thorough guide.

Have you ever wondered what your LEGO creations would look like on the big screen?

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The LEGO Animation Book will show you how to bring your models to life with stop-motion animation—no experience required! Follow step-by-step instructions to make your first animation, and then explore the entire filmmaking process, from storyboards to post-production. Along the way, you'll learn how to: –Create special effects like explosions and flying minifigures –Convey action and emotion with your minifigure actors –Design sets for animation—make three buildings look like an entire city! –Light, frame, and capture consistent photos –Add detail and scope to your films by building in different scales –Build camera dollies and rigs out of LEGO bricks –Choose cameras, software, and other essential animation tools Dive into the world of animation and discover a whole new way to play! For ages 10+

Anybody with a computer, camera, internet connection and a little bit of creativity can create animated films for the masses. The Klutz Book of Animation is a how-to-guide for this newly accessible art form. Real-life samples and free downloadable software are available online.

Originally published in 1970, Roald Dahl's *Fantastic Mr. Fox* tells the story of the Fox Family. After twelve years, the Fox Family's quiet home life proves too much for Mr. Fox's natural animal instincts. When his young nephew arrives, Mr. Fox slips back into his old ways as a smart bird thief and, in doing so, endangers not only his beloved family, but the whole animal community as well. In Fall 2009, audiences will cheer as award-winning director Wes Anderson (*Rushmore*, *The Royal Tenenbaums*, *The*

Darjeeling Limited) brings us his take on the tale: a blockbuster stop-motion animation film shot entirely in high definition. Starring the voice talents of George Clooney (Michael Clayton), Meryl Streep (Doubt), Bill Murray (Lost in Translation), and Jason Schwartzman (Marie Antoinette), the movie is sure to please fans of the original story as well as enchant new generations. Fantastic Mr. Fox: The Making of the Motion Picture is a family-friendly behind-the-scenes look at the creation of the film. Filled with photos, script pages, storyboards, and interviews with cast and crew, this book is a delightful and intriguing peek at the magic that happens as the filmmakers bring to life one of children's literature's most beloved characters: the outrageous, audacious, Fantastic Mr. Fox.

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