

## Designing With Pixar: 45 Activities To Create Your Own Characters, Worlds, And Stories

From the hit-makers at Pixar Animation Studios who brought us Buzz Lightyear, Nemo, and Mr. Incredible, now comes Remy, the furry star of Ratatouille. A lovable rat (yes, a rat!), Remy is driven by his passion for fine cuisine to become a chef—against all odds and with madcap adventures along the way—at the most famous restaurant in Paris. The Art of Ratatouille includes more than 200 of the artistic ingredients in this heartwarming film: storyboards, full-color pastels, digital and pencil sketches, character studies, maquettes, and more. In this exclusive movie tie-in book for adults, effusive quotes from the director, artists, animators, and production team reveal the genius at work inside the studio that changed cartoon heroes forever.

Describes ways artists can use traditional animation techniques with computer technology.

A guide to the theory, aesthetics, and techniques of animation features detailed instructions, projects, and discussions on such topics as basic movement, and digital ink and paint.

"Every Pixar movie is connected. I explain how and possibly why." These are the words that began the detailed essay now known as "The Pixar Theory," which came out way back in 2013. It collected over 10 million views on Jon's blog alone, and was syndicated on BuzzFeed, Mashable, Huffpost, Entertainment Weekly, and more - generating over 100 million impressions and now translated into a dozen languages. Now, these thoughts and ideas first written by Jon Negroni have been fully realized inside this book, aptly named The Pixar Theory. In this book, you'll find an analysis of every single Pixar movie to date and how it tells a hidden story lurking behind these classic movies. You'll learn about how the toys of Toy Story secretly owe their existence to the events of The Incredibles. You'll learn about what truly happened to the civilization of cars from Cars before the events of WALL-E. And of course, you'll find out the possible truth for why "Boo" of Monsters Inc. is the most important Pixar character yet. Welcome to the Pixar Theory. Don't forget to fasten your imagination.

Fundamentals of Character Design

How to Draw

A Complete Guide to Animated Filmmaking--from Flip-books to Sound Cartoons to 3-D Animation

100 Principles Every Animator, Comic Book Writer, Filmmaker, Video Artist, and Game Developer Should Know

The Animator's Sketchbook

The Complete Colorscripts from 25 Years of Feature Films (Revised and Expanded)

Twenty-Five Years of Laughter from the Pixar Story Room

Lessons in creativity and business from the president of Pixar and Disney Animation

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'Just might be the best business book ever written.' Forbes Magazine This is the story behind the company that changed animation forever. Here, the founder of Pixar reveals the ideas and techniques that have made Pixar one of the most widely admired creative businesses, and one of the most profitable. As a young man, Ed Catmull had a dream: to make the world's first computer-animated movie. When an early partnership with George

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Lucas led, indirectly, to his founding Pixar with Steve Jobs and John Lasseter in 1986, he couldn't have known what would come. Nine years later and against all odds, Toy Story was released. It was the start of a new generation of animation. Through its focus on the joy of storytelling, inventive plots and emotional authenticity, Pixar revolutionised how animated films were created. Creativity, Inc. is a book for managers who want to lead their employees to new heights, a manual for anyone who strives for originality, with behind-the-scenes examples from Pixar itself. It is a book about how to build and sustain a creative culture with a unique identity. And through this story, we learn what creativity really is. 'Ed reveals, with common sense specificity and honesty, examples of how not to get in your own way and realize a creative coalescence of art, business and innovation.' George Lucas

Celebrate the colorful world of Pixar Animation Studios in this comprehensive miniature art collection. Pixar films bring to life the hidden stories of intrepid toys, culinary rats, forgetful fish, and more. For more than three decades, a dedicated team of artists has created the beautiful concept art that eventually becomes a Pixar film. The Art of Pixar presents gorgeous art selections from various Pixar features and shorts in a delightful pocket-sized collection. From Toy Story, Cars, The Incredibles, and more, celebrate the art of this legendary animation studio through insightful facts and captivating full-color artwork.

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.

What if the asteroid that forever changed life on Earth missed the planet completely and dinosaurs never became extinct? The Good Dinosaur expands on that premise in a humorous and exciting original story about Arlo, a lively Apatosaurus with a big heart. Showcasing the stunning artwork from the film's creation—including sketches, storyboards, maquette sculpts, colorscripts, and much more—The Art of The Good Dinosaur offers the ultimate behind-the-scenes look at the research and design that went into the making of this innovative film. Copyright ©2015 Disney Enterprises, Inc. and Pixar. All rights reserved.

All about Techniques in Drawing for Animation Production

The Culture Code

Fairy Dust and the Quest for the Egg

Bridging the Gap Between 2D and CG

The Making of a Company

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Cartoon Animation with Preston Blair, Revised Edition!

Animation, Storytelling, and Digital Culture

*The easy way to start animating today! Creating Digital Animations is your ticket to learning animation! Learn how to animate your very own characters using Scratch—the free multimedia tool that lets you create interactive stories, games, and animations. Designed specifically for kids aged seven and up, this easy-to-follow, full-color guide introduces you to important game design concepts through three simple projects. Step-by-step instructions walk you through the four major phases of animation design, showing you how to turn your idea into a real animation with sound effects and more! You'll work just like the pros as you sketch out your main idea, add your own details, and develop a complete, workable character from scratch. If you're curious about coding, animation is the perfect place to start exploring. The Scratch platform doesn't require an actual programming language, but it gets you used to thinking like a programmer while you develop your very own animation. Short on rules but big on fun, this book is your friendly animation coach to get you started on the right foot. Use stick figures to design your characters' 'bones' Flesh out your design and animate movements Create scenes and background locations Add sound to take your animation to the next level Animation is fun! Building your own characters is exciting! And putting the finishing touches on your animation project shows you just how much you can learn while you play. Coding is a valuable skill that will serve you throughout school and beyond, and this book teaches you the basics in a way that leaves you hungry for more. Where will you take your new animation skills next? Creating Digital Animations takes you on the first steps of your journey to wherever you want to go!*

*The Art of Soul presents the story behind this thrilling feature film from Pixar. This companion book features stunning artwork from the film's creation, along with character explorations, storyboards, color scripts, and much more from the creative team. • A comprehensive volume to accompany Pixar's feature film, Soul • Reveals the behind-the-scenes story of this unique film • Filled with exclusive interviews from the creative team behind it all The Art of Soul showcases concept art details that bring this epic story to life in a brand new way. • Part of the fan-favorite, collectible Art of series—books that explore production art and exclusive making-of details • A perfect gift for Pixar fans, animation and filmmaking students, film buffs, and more • Add it to the shelf with other books like The Art of Zootopia by Jessica Julius, The Art of Pixar: The Complete Color Scripts and Select Art from 25 Years of Animation by Amid Amidi. Copyright © 2020 Disney Enterprises, Inc. and Pixar. All rights reserved.*

*Learn from a master animator how to bring your cartoons to life through movement with Cartoon Animation with Preston Blair.*

*Contains more than 100 stickers. Take a trip into the magical world of Disney Pixar! The Disney Pixar Ultimate Sticker Book contains more than 100 colorful stickers and fun facts about your favorite Pixar characters and their exciting adventures. Read about Buzz Lightyear, Sully, Elastigirl, Joy, Hector, and more, and meet exciting new characters from Pixar's latest movie, Toy Story 4. The Disney Pixar Ultimate Sticker Book is a must-have for any young Disney Pixar fan.*

*Onward: 1001 Stickers Book (Disney-Pixar)*

*The Art of Pixar*

*Overcoming the Unseen Forces That Stand in the Way of True Inspiration*

*Art of Soul*

*Animation Studio*

*The Art of Monster, Inc.*

*The Animation Book*

**Join Ian and Barley for a special quest, packed full of exciting stickers, puzzles**

and games! This 1001 sticker book features all your favourite characters from Disney and Pixar's Onward. Inside you will find foiled stickers, a giant wall sticker and character AND mosaic stickers, as well as loads of activities. This book will provide hours and hours of fun!

**PIXAR STORYTELLING** is the first book to offer an in-depth analysis of the screenwriting techniques that make Pixar's immensely popular films so successful and moving. Learn what Pixar's core story ideas all have in common, how Pixar creates compelling conflict and stakes, and what makes their films' resolutions so emotionally satisfying.

Beautiful hardback treasury edition of Gail Carson Levine's fairytale written for Disney's Fairies. This is the untold story of Never Land fairies Tinker Bell, Prilla and the magical Mother Dove and their quest to save the island.

Design an awesome manga world and create your own manga hero adventures! Konnichiwa and welcome to the world of Japanese manga comics! Imagine rocketing through space on a sci-fi adventure, embarking on a magical fantasy quest, befriending anthro allies, or hanging out with adorable chibis--with Ka-Boom! Create Your Own Manga Adventures, you can do all of this and more in this stellar blank comic book for kids. Featuring easy-to-follow prompts from a comic book pro, this blank comic book for kids teaches you to develop a main character as you learn about the manga art style. Design sidekicks and villains and deck out your hero with gadgets, vehicles, and accessories. Draw an incredible world for your characters to live in--real or fantasy. Then, bring it all together with unique stories only you can create in this fantastic blank comic book for kids. This blank comic book for kids includes: Manga sensei--Pro tips cover everything from outlining your story and planning your panels to sound effects and sketching an amazing cover. Space to create--This beginner blank comic book for kids comes with layouts with a variety of panels that provide tons of space for you to create three manga comics, complete with covers. Tools of the trade--Get an essential list of the proper tools you'll need to succeed like erasers, pens, pencils, and more. If you're looking for a spectacular blank comic book for kids, look no further than Ka-Boom! Create Your Own Manga Adventures.

**The Art of Up**

**The Psychosocial Implications of Disney Movies**

**The Art of Ratatouille**

**Designing with Pixar**

**Sketching for Animation**

**Learn to animate step by step**

**Disney Ideas Book**

After Toy Story, Ratatouille, WALL-E, and other award-winning blockbusters, where else could Pixar Animation Studios go but Up? Their film is the heartwarming story of Carl Fredrickson (voiced by Ed Asner), a 78-year-old widower who feels that life has passed him by--until a twist of fate takes him on a journey across the globe. The Art of Up contains more than 250 pieces of concept art developed for the feature, including storyboards, full-color pastels, digital and pencil sketches, character studies, color scripts, and more. Quotes from the director, artists, animators, and production team

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reveal the sky-high creativity that elevated this whimsical film to new heights. From an adventurous balloon ride above the clouds to a monster-filled metropolis, Academy Award®-winning director Pete Docter ("Monsters, Inc.," "Up") has taken audiences to unique and imaginative places. In Disney•Pixar's original movie "Inside Out," he will take us to the most extraordinary location of all—inside the mind. Growing up can be a bumpy road, and it's no exception for Riley, who is uprooted from her Midwest life when her father starts a new job in San Francisco. Like all of us, Riley is guided by her emotions - Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust, and Sadness. The emotions live in Headquarters, the control center inside Riley's mind, where they help advise her through everyday life. As Riley and her emotions struggle to adjust to a new life in San Francisco, turmoil ensues in Headquarters. Although Joy, Riley's main and most important emotion, tries to keep things positive, the emotions conflict on how best to navigate a new city, house and school. In this groundbreaking and illuminating film, Pixar Animation Studios examines the extraordinary depths of the mind and the powers of emotion and imagination. The Art of Inside Out provides an exclusive look into the artistic exploration that went into the making of this vibrant film. Featuring concept art—including sketches, collages, color scripts, and much more—and opening with a foreword by actress Amy Poehler and introduction by the film's writer and director Pete Docter, this is the ultimate behind-the-scenes experience of the making of this landmark film. Copyright ©2015 Disney Enterprises, Inc. and Pixar. All rights reserved.

Creating an animated film takes a lot of work, from the texture of a character's hair to the shot sequence of a high-speed car chase. This Pixar-branded sketchbook is comprised primarily of blank pages for animators of all skill levels to fill in with ideas, storyboards, and sketches. Conveniently divided based on the core preproduction stages of Concept, Color, Story, Characters, and Worlds, each section begins with a brief introduction, a handful of inspiring quotes from some of the best artists working at Pixar, and a few key examples of related art before launching into blank templates, ready to be filled. Useful and inspiring, this journal provides a structured space for aspiring filmmakers to workshop their ideas through all phases of development. From Toy Story to The Good Dinosaur, some of the most iconic and hilarious moments in Pixar's films were first conceived by the artists featured in this book. But there are hundreds of gags that don't make it past the cutting room floor, like Frozone cooling some beers with his breath and Sadness wearing mom jeans. Funny! explores this material in depth, showcasing classic moments from all of Pixar's films to date, plus never-before-published illustrations and doodles from the Pixar archives. With an introduction by veteran story man Jason Katz, this book is a must-have for any Pixar fan. Copyright ©2015 Disney Enterprises, Inc. All rights reserved.

Cartooning: Animation 1 with Preston Blair

Pixar Storytelling

Animate Stories with Scratch!

Pixar Museum

Game Feel

Funny!

Ka-Boom! Create Your Own Manga Adventures: Blank Comic Book for Kids

**An eye-opening, visual-led exploration of the fundamental aspects of character design, including narrative, shape language, proportion, and**

expression.

**FOREWORD BY GUY KAWASAKI** Presentation designer and internationally acclaimed communications expert Garr Reynolds, creator of the most popular Web site on presentation design and delivery on the Net — presentationzen.com — shares his experience in a provocative mix of illumination, inspiration, education, and guidance that will change the way you think about making presentations with PowerPoint or Keynote. Presentation Zen challenges the conventional wisdom of making "slide presentations" in today's world and encourages you to think differently and more creatively about the preparation, design, and delivery of your presentations. Garr shares lessons and perspectives that draw upon practical advice from the fields of communication and business. Combining solid principles of design with the tenets of Zen simplicity, this book will help you along the path to simpler, more effective presentations.

Bring your love of Disney to life with more than 100 amazing and creative projects and activities. Let your imagination run wild with Disney inspired arts and crafts, party games, puzzles, papercraft, and many more fun and practical activities. With clear, step-by-step instructions, the Disney Ideas Book guides you through each exciting activity from creating a recycled Wall-E robot and performing a puppet show in an Aladdin shoebox theatre, to playing skittles with the Seven Dwarfs and growing grass hair on Frozen Trolls. Featuring family favourite characters from animation and live-action movies and TV, including Frozen, Toy Story, Moana, Inside Out and Cinderella. The activities are suitable for kids and adults alike, whatever their level of ability. There are top tips on every page from expert crafters to help make your creations a success, as well as fun Disney facts to pore over. With the Disney Ideas Book, your family will never be bored again. © 2018 Disney/Pixar

From the bestselling author of Rise of the Rocket Girls, the untold, "richly detailed" story of the women of Walt Disney Studios, who shaped the iconic films that have enthralled generations (Margot Lee Shetterly, New York Times bestselling author of Hidden Figures). From Snow White to Moana, from Pinocchio to Frozen, the animated films of Walt Disney Studios have moved and entertained millions. But few fans know that behind these groundbreaking features was an incredibly influential group of women who fought for respect in an often ruthless male-dominated industry and who have slipped under the radar for decades. In The Queens of Animation, bestselling author Nathalia Holt tells their dramatic stories for the first time, showing how these women infiltrated the boys' club of Disney's story and animation departments and used early technologies to create the rich artwork and unforgettable narratives that have become part of the American canon. As the influence of Walt Disney Studios grew -- and while battling sexism, domestic abuse, and workplace intimidation -- these women also fought to transform the way female characters are depicted to young audiences. With gripping storytelling, and based on extensive interviews and exclusive access to archival and personal documents, The

**Queens of Animation reveals the vital contributions these women made to Disney's Golden Age and their continued impact on animated filmmaking, culminating in the record-shattering Frozen, Disney's first female-directed full-length feature film. A Best Book of 2019: Library Journal, Christian Science Monitor, and Financial Times**

**Pixar: A Miniature Art Collection (Mini Book)**

**How to Create Engaging Characters for Illustration, Animation and Concept Art**

**45 Activities to Create Your Own Characters, Worlds, and Stories**

**A Game Designer's Guide to Virtual Sensation**

**Learn Techniques for Drawing and Animating Cartoon Characters**

**Simple Ideas on Presentation Design and Delivery**

**The Art of Sanjay's Super Team**

*Animation is a powerful tool for communication. This book reveals key principles, useful for both professional and beginner animators, which will help them harness the full power of this exciting and ever expanding medium.*

*Aesthetic storytelling: a tradition and theory of animation -- The uncanny integrity of digital commodities (Toy story) -- From the technological to the postmodern sublime (Monsters, Inc.) -- The exceptional dialectic of the fantastic and the mundane (The Incredibles) -- Disruptive sensation and the politics of the new (Ratatouille)*

*Drawing and sketching are central to the art of animation and can be crucial tools in designing and developing original stories, characters and layouts. Sketching for Animation offers a wealth of examples, exercises and tips from an army of professional animators to help you develop essential sketching, technical drawing and ideation techniques. With interviews and in-depth case studies from some of today's leading animators, including Bill Plympton, Glen Keane, Tori Davis and John Canemaker, this is a unique guide to turning your sketchbook - the world's cheapest, most portable pre-visualisation tool - into your own personal animation armory.*

*Provides coverage of every aspect of cartoon animation art in traditional media and includes descriptions of tools and materials and techniques to render facial expressions, clothing, props, and body postures to give characters individuality.*

*Thinking Animation*

*The Art of Inside Out*

*Pixar and the Aesthetic Imagination*

*Creativity, Inc.*

*The Pixar Touch*

*Presentation Zen*

*The Secrets of Highly Successful Groups*

*In the new short film from Pixar Animation Studios, Sanjay's*

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*Super Team*, accomplished artist Sanjay Patel uses his own experience to tell the story of a young, 1st generation Indian boy whose love for western pop culture comes into conflict with his father's traditions. This art-filled peek behind the curtain of this groundbreaking film is sure to excite Sanjay's legion of fans, and thrill animation lovers around the world. Copyright ©2015 Disney Enterprises, Inc. and Pixar. All rights reserved.

In this revised and expanded edition for the 25th anniversary of Pixar's feature films, *The Art of Pixar* collects the breathtaking behind-the-scenes visual process of colorscripts. Colorscripts are the sequential paintings that visually represent key story moments from each film and set the lighting, color, and tone during the filmmaking process. This expanded edition features colorscripts from Pixar's feature films and shorts through *Onward* and *Soul*. A must-have for aspiring animators, Pixar enthusiasts, and Art of collectors alike 2020 marks the 25th Anniversary of *Toy Story*. Includes Academy Award-winning *Coco*, *Inside Out*, and *Brave* Since *Toy Story*'s release in 1995, Pixar Animation Studios has set the standard for contemporary animation with a range of classic and influential feature films and shorts. Packaged in a luxe slipcase, this collectible collection is a treasure trove of artwork for aspiring animators and Pixar fans alike. Part of the fan-favorite, collectible Art of series--books that explore production art and exclusive making-of details A perfect gift for Pixar fans, animation and filmmaking students, film buffs, and more Add it to the shelf with books like *The Art of Zootopia* by Jessica Julius, *The Color of Pixar* by Tia Kratter, and *To Infinity and Beyond!: The Story of Pixar Animation Studios* by Karen Paik. Copyright (c) 2020 Disney Enterprises, Inc. and Pixar. All rights reserved.

THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER 'A marvel of insight and practicality' Charles Duhigg, author of *The Power of Habit*  
\_\_\_\_\_ How do you build and sustain a great team? *The Culture Code* reveals the secrets of some of the best teams in the world - from Pixar to Google to US Navy SEALs - explaining the three skills such groups have mastered in order to generate trust and a willingness to collaborate. Combining cutting-edge science, on-the-ground insight and practical ideas for action, it offers a roadmap for creating an environment where innovation flourishes,

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problems get solved, and expectations are exceeded.

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'There are profound ideas on every single page, stories that will change the way you work, the way you lead, and the impact you have on the world. Highly recommended, an urgent read.' Seth Godin, author of *Linchpin* 'Truly brilliant . . . Read it immediately' Adam Grant, author of *Originals* 'Well told stories, with actionable lessons' *Financial Times*

*The Art of Monsters, Inc.* opens the door into Pixar's colorful archives of concept art and to the endearing story of *Monsters, Inc.* Since the very first bedtime, children around the world have known that once their parents tuck them into bed and shut off the light, monsters lie waiting behind closet doors, ready to emerge. But what they don't realize is that these monsters scare children because they have to. It's their job. This superb film from Pixar Studios, the people who brought you *Toy Story*, *A Bug's Life*, and *Toy Story 2*, reveals the truth about monsters with the brilliant techniques that have earned them their reputation as a ground-breaking animation studio. This incredible body of artwork was commissioned from the top artists, illustrators, and animators in the industry and from it the ultimate visual approach of the film was defined. From sketches scribbled on napkins and quickly inked marker drawings, to finished oil paintings and fabulous pastel color scripts, this behind-the-scenes artwork reveals the elaborate creative process behind a blockbuster film.

*Disney Pixar Ultimate Sticker Book, New Edition*

*The Queens of Animation*

*Creating Digital Animations*

*The Untold Story of the Women Who Transformed the World of Disney and Made Cinematic History*

*More than 100 Disney Crafts, Activities, and Games*

*Rules for Effective Storytelling Based on Pixar's Greatest Films*

*Developing Ideas, Characters and Layouts in Your Sketchbook*

Learn the basics of cartoon animation from acclaimed cartoon animator Preston Blair! Join acclaimed cartoon animator Preston Blair as he explains and demonstrates the magic of cartoon animation. Learn to develop a cartoon character's shape, personality, features, and mannerisms; how to create movements, such as walking, running, skipping, and sneaking; and tips on using lines of action and creating realistic motion. From cartooning basics to more advanced animation techniques, *Animation 1* is a welcome introduction for artists ready to

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bring their drawings to life. Designed for beginners, the How to Draw & Paint series offers an easy-to-follow guide that introduces artists to basic tools and materials and includes simple step-by-step lessons for a variety of projects suitable for the aspiring artist. Animation 1 allows artists to widen the scope of their abilities, demonstrating how to animate a character, from character development to movement and dialogue.

Bold and beautiful, this volume presents hundreds of film stills from the Pixar archives in a glorious spectrum of color. Starting with bright white images and seamlessly flowing through the colors of the rainbow, it becomes crystal clear how each frame tells a story. Bound into a gorgeous volume, *The Color of Pixar* encapsulates everything there is to love about the studio: the attention to detail, the playful characters, and the sheer scope of their work in over 20 years of iconic feature films. Copyright ©2017 Disney Enterprises, Inc. and Pixar. All rights reserved.

Charts the turbulent history of Pixar Animation Studios in the context of the changing fortunes of computer animation, discussing the rocky early years, the volatile personal relationships involved, and the making of the studio's innovative films.

Creativity abounds in this one-of-a-kind activity book from Pixar Animation Studios. Inspired by behind-the-scenes work of Pixar's animators, it encourages fans and artists to explore their own imaginations through Pixar's favorite characters and iconic scenes. Prompts from films such as *Toy Story*, *Cars*, *Brave*, *Inside Out*, and more invite discoveries about color, shape, character design, and scene setting—and how all of these interact to tell a visual story. This is a dynamic and inventive activity book like no other!

*The Color of Pixar*

*The Art of the Good Dinosaur*

*The Pixar Theory*

*Animation Unleashed*

***"Game Feel" exposes "feel" as a hidden language in game design that no one has fully articulated yet. The language could be compared to the building blocks of music (time signatures, chord progressions, verse) - no matter the instruments, style or time period - these building blocks come into play. Feel and sensation are similar building blocks where game design is concerned. They create the meta-sensation of involvement with a game. The understanding of how game designers create feel, and affect feel are only partially understood by most in the field and tends to be overlooked as a method or course of study, yet a game's feel is central to a game's success. This book brings the subject of feel to light by consolidating existing theories into a cohesive book. The book covers topics like the role of sound, ancillary indicators, the importance of metaphor, how people perceive things, and a brief history of feel in games. The associated web site contains a playset with ready-made tools to design feel in games, six key components to creating virtual sensation. There's a play palette too, so the designer can first experience the importance of that component by altering variables and feeling the results. The playset allows the reader to experience each of the sensations described in the book, and then allows them to apply them to their own projects. Creating game feel without having to program, essentially. The final version of the playset***

*will have enough flexibility that the reader will be able to use it as a companion to the exercises in the book, working through each one to create the feel described.*

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*In this volume of 15 articles, contributors from a wide range of disciplines present their analyses of Disney movies and Disney music, which are mainstays of popular culture. The power of the Disney brand has heightened the need for academics to question whether Disney's films and music function as a tool of the Western elite that shapes the views of those less empowered. Given its global reach, how the Walt Disney Company handles the role of race, gender, and sexuality in social structural inequality merits serious reflection according to a number of the articles in the volume. On the other hand, other authors argue that Disney productions can help individuals cope with difficult situations or embrace progressive thinking. The different approaches to the assessment of Disney films as cultural artifacts also vary according to the theoretical perspectives guiding the interpretation of both overt and latent symbolic meaning in the movies. The authors of the 15 articles encourage readers to engage with the material, showcasing a variety of views about the good, the bad, and the best way forward.*