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"According to Okun, it had been five years since the inception of the book and it took the last three to write and pull it together. What they have created is the definitive visual effects textbook for our times and there is no doubt that it will remain the bible for those laboring in our business for many years to come. If you're in the vfx, animation, gaming or production business in general, you've got to have this book. Not on your shelf, but in your hand as you commence each new project. It's the most definitive book on the market today."--*Animation World Network Online*

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*The Handbook of Visual Effects* is the most complete depository for visual effects techniques and best practices available today. It is filled with hard facts and techniques learned from research, trial and error, and practical experience. Contained in these pages are the tricks, short cuts, lessons, best practices, and wisdom garnered throughout the history of visual effects. Wisdom from the best and the brightest in the industry, this visual effects bible belongs on the shelf of anyone working in or aspiring to work in VFX. The book covers techniques and solutions all VFX artists, producers, and supervisors need to know, from preproduction, to digital character creation and compositing of both live-action and CG elements. In-depth lessons on stereoscopic moviemaking, color management, and digital intermediates are included, as well as chapters on interactive games and full animation authored by artists and experts. Written by 89 top leading visual effects practitioners and covering everything about visual effects from preproduction, production, and postproduction. Simply a must-have book for anyone working in or wanting to work in the VFX industry.

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The Visual Effects Society (VES) is the entertainment industry's only official organization representing the

worldwide community of visual effects practitioners including supervisors, artists, producers, technology developers, educators, and studio executives. Its members contribute to all areas of entertainment from film, television, and commercials to music videos, games, and new media. VES strives to advance the art and science of visual effects through its many domestic and international events, screenings, and programs, highlighted by the annual VES Awards.

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