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Perhaps even more important, though, has been his dedication in passing along his knowledge to a new generation of animators so that they in turn could push the medium in new directions. In this book, based on his sold-out master classes in the United States and across Europe, Williams provides the underlying principles of animation that every animator--from beginner to expert, classic animator to computer animation whiz --needs. Urging his readers to "invent but be believable," he illustrates his points with hundreds of drawings, distilling the secrets of the masters into a working system in order to create a book that will become the standard work on all forms of animation for professionals, students, and fans.

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From the Inside Flap

Praise for Richard Williams:

"Arguably the best animator working in the field today." *Hollywood Reporter*

"Richard is a genius." Robert Zemeckis (director, *Back to the Future*, *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, *Forrest Gump*)

"Probably one of the most respected draftsmen in the world." *Los Angeles TV Times*

"Williams is miles ahead of anyone in the world of animation." *New York Times*

"Voted by peers as 'The Animator's Animator'." *Observer*

Richard Williams is best known as the Director of Animation and designer of the new characters for *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, for which he won two Academy Awards including a Special Achievement Award.

Canadian-born Williams has won three US Academy Awards, three British Academy Awards, and an Emmy among 246 international awards-- starting with his first film *The Little Island* in 1958.

Williams has also animated title sequences for *Return of the Pink Panther*, *The Pink Panther Strikes Again*, *What's New Pussycat*, *Casino Royale* and linking sequences for *The Charge of the Light Brigade*, as well as countless prize-winning commercials.

In 1990 he was voted by his peers as "The Animator's Animator," and in 1995 he started giving the Richard Williams Animation Masterclasses for professionals and students worldwide in London, Hollywood, New York, San Francisco, Vancouver, Sydney, Hong Kong, France and Denmark.

He lives with his family in Wales and works as an independent film-maker.

From the Back Cover

The definitive working manual on animation, from the triple Academy Award winning Director of Animation of *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*.

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