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Simplifying Maya



Synopsis

While Autodesk® Maya® is a technically complex 3D application, learning it doesn't have to be! There are lots of Maya tutorials out there but Simplifying Maya is the only user-friendly training guide on the market that breaks down and demystifies the many parts of this massive program in an all-in-one-resource. Simplifying Maya will teach you to work in the fastest, most practical way possible while also learning the concepts behind the specifics – because in 3D to use something like radiosity, you have to understand the lighting concepts beyond the 3D application. And when you know why it is you're doing something in Maya, it will give you a jump start to help what you're actually doing and also boost you to the next level. And it makes it easier to move from one application to another. So whether you're a Maya® novice, game designer, visual effects freelancer, or generalist – Simplifying Maya has all the knowledge to help you answer any of your questions and get you working better and faster. Simplifying Maya focuses on Workflows, Cameras, Modeling, Texturing, Lighting and Rendering – all of which shouldn't be learned separately since there's no ignoring the delicate dance and often codependency between them. Lighting, for instance, will drive some of your material choices since materials interact with light. And How Tos, Tips and Why elements will become invaluable at-your-fingertips resource.

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if wrestling with Maya is one of your chores, then Simplifying Maya is the guide for you. The book describes in an extremely clear and logical fashion the uses to which Maya can be put and how to tackle them step by step. Each section also includes handy "tips and tricks" to ease your work, and often has handy hyperlinks to other parts of the book on related topics. For example, the section on modeling, one of my interests, tied back into the discussion on lighting to help you bring it all together. Highly recommended.

great reference to have in kindle form. you inevitably forget key steps in a workflow when you are using a tool you haven't touched in a long while - this book provides swift navigation to a spot-on description of the process you are looking for. Great lighting section with step by step descriptions of setups that actually work and a reminder of basic lighting concepts! Also enjoy the Tips scattered throughout the book and the clear elegant graphics. thanks for taking the time to write this Jana!

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