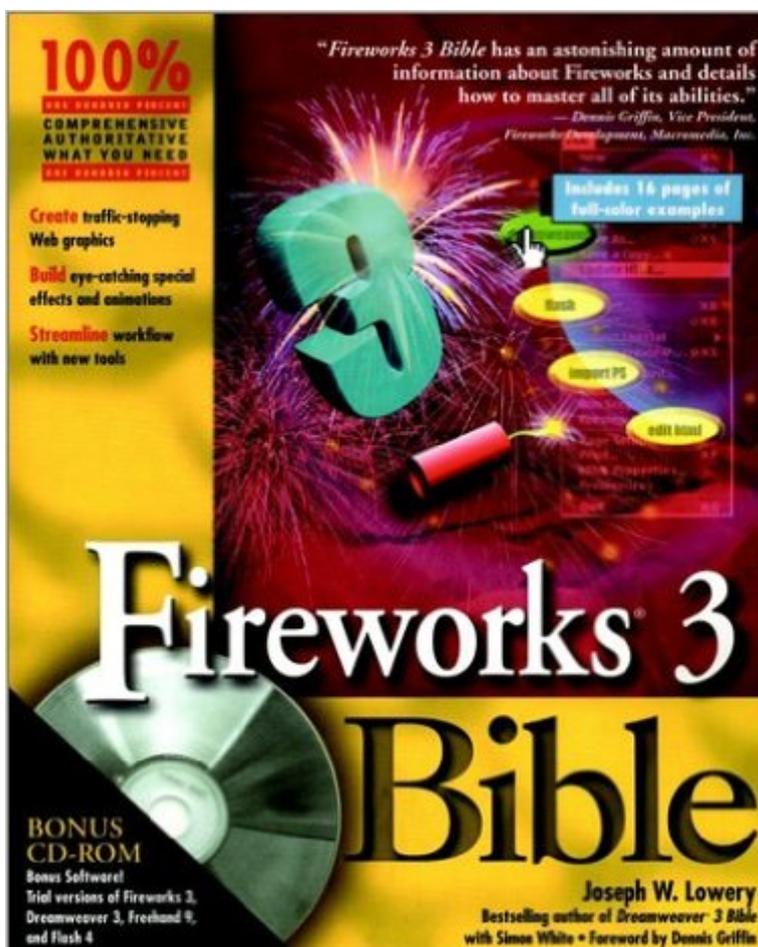# The book was found

Fireworks 3 Bible

Synopsis

From vector drawing to bit map editing to animations, Fireworks 3 puts all the Web graphics tools you need into a single, cohesive package. Packed with timesaving tips and real-world examples, this comprehensive guide shows you how to make the most of Fireworks, whether you're looking for an in-depth tutorial on program fundamentals or savvy advice on the new workflow management tools and enhanced Dreamweaver integration.

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Customer Reviews

If you own Fireworks, or Dreamweaver, you know that the documentation is somewhat limited. Both the Fireworks 3 Bible and the Dreamweaver 3 Bible are the standard referance and documentation for these two products. I am not a graphically gifted person, but by using Fireworks and the Fireworks Bible I can easily create impressive graphics, animated buttons, toolbars, java enhanced pages, split images, etc. But I can only do this because the Fireworks Bible easily tells me how to do it.This is one of those books you can browse through and see something and say "oh cool...I need to try that" and it will step you through how to do it. I would recommend this book to both beginners and experts. It's full of examples, and makes a great reference for the Fireworks 3 program. I've been waiting for this to be available from for months, I was able to put it to good use immediately. Thanks Joseph Lowery...Awesome Job!

This book is, without a doubt, pretty comprehensive, and I'd also have to say it is pretty much the only good Fireworks 3 book out there as of now.The reason why I gave it only 4 stars instead of 5 was because the organization of some chapters were rather annoying. Around the third or fourth chapter, the author starts exhaustively listing all the menu items and options in the software. For somebody who has never used Fireworks before, it was a little frustrating going through all the available options in Fireworks without having really done anything yet. I was expecting a task-oriented instructional style early on where a task would be defined, and it would be followed by steps on how to achieve the defined task, which, along the way, would have familiarized the user with the menu options. This is not to say that the book does not do this, but I had to skip that chapter that comprehensively listed all the menu options to get there. (Perhaps I should learn to jump from chapter to chapter instead of dogmatically treading the book from cover to cover.)Also, in some areas where a graphic sample was presented, steps were provided on how to accomplish such a graphic output via lassos and marquees. I thought the description on lassos and marquees were pretty good, but I had difficulty understanding how to replicate one of the graphic outputs shown in the book, the one where a man's face was surrounded by concentric circle patterns, even after reading and rereading the paragraphs. Perhaps more illustrations might have helped.Other than these few isolated instances, the book is pretty good, and I would recommend it to people, but just don't expect it to be ever-so-perfect. I think 4 stars describes it well.

With my background being primarily in database and application development, reading the Fireworks 3 Bible was somewhat of a sidestep for me. For quite a while I have been writing ASP pages to serve as front ends to my databases-- all the rollovers and DHTML I used was hand-coded. Though fun, writing such things out manually is anything but speedy. Enter Fireworks! Not only is Fireworks speeding up my development, the work I produce is of a decidedly higher order.The Fireworks 3 Bible is the only serious work out there on Fireworks. Luckily it's a good tech manual. I have hardly any background in graphic design, so I sat down and read this book cover to cover (if you know Photoshop/Illustrator you should be able to skim and pick up just the details you need). It was great to get an overview of vector graphic and image editing-- I feel as if I could pick up other Macromedia/Adobe products and fudge my way through basic designs.I would recommend this book to any web developer. My approach to web development has been completely altered.

Hi,Ok, I wanted to create my own personal web site featuring my college work in the field of engineering. I had heard of Photoshop, but a friend told me of FireWorks from Macromedia. I

downloaded the trial version and followed the small tutorial that comes with the program. After a few hours of using FireWorks I could not believe how easy it was to use. I figured the program had to be more powerful, that is when I said hello to Fireworks Bible 3. The book takes you step by step and it is extremely easy to create killer web-ready images! The book also teaches you how to use Fireworks with your scanner. The book, and the software are extremely powerful and extremely affordable. I highly recommend this book if you are thinking, thought, or will think about creating a web page. Five Stars without question.

Macromedia offers yet another incredible product and Lowery offers yet another incredible reference. If you have never used Fireworks first buy the getting started manual: Fireworks 3 for Windows and Macintosh: Visual QuickStart (at a great price here at). If you are familiar with Fireworks it is well worth its cost (if you value your time at all) to have this excellent reference to find and use all the new and wonderful features in the new version of Fireworks (and believe me, there are plenty of them).I was a long time user of Photoshop and just got Fireworks 2 in the packaged deal with Dreamweaver 2 to simplify some wed design tasks (Javascripting behaviors with images-little coding experience needed). Fireworks 3 has all the web design capabilities, but also does many of the same functions as Photoshop (layers, filters, etc.).Speaking of the Dreamweaver/ Fireworks combo- a great value. .... If you do any web development- buy it. The Visual Quickstart Guide and Bible are aslo great books for Dreamweaver 3. Lowery also authors the popular Dreamweaver Bible series. This is nice, since the two tools (FW & DW) are also meant to be used so integrally.Good Luck and Enjoy! ;~)

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