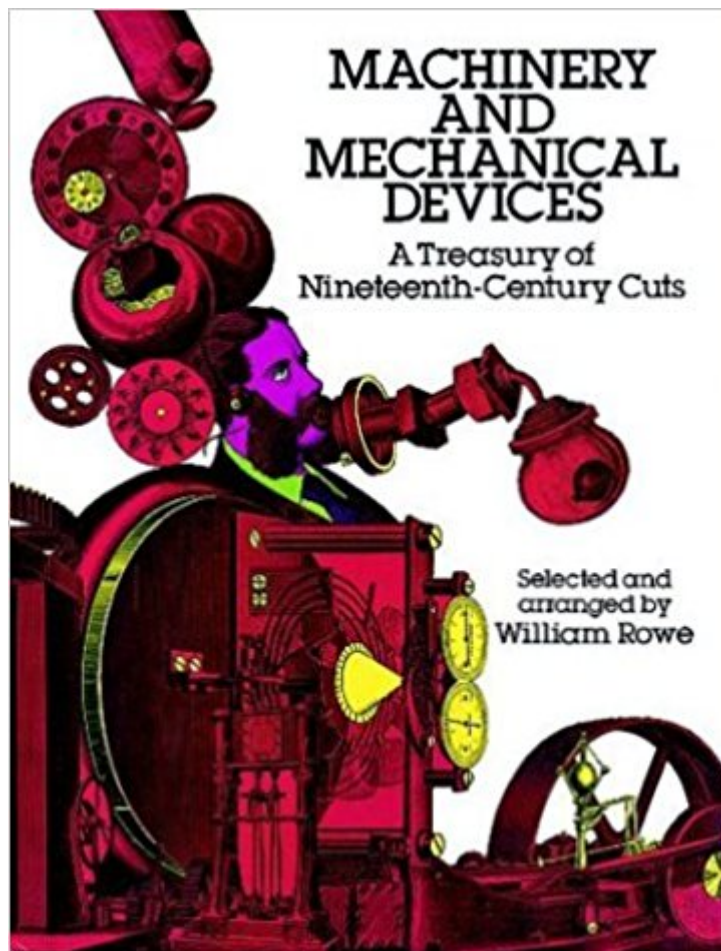


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Machinery And Mechanical Devices: A Treasury Of Nineteenth-Century Cuts



Synopsis

Bizarre tableaux featuring amalgams of vintage machines, contraptions, and gizmos of the 19th century. Hundreds of exotic illustrations.

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Customer Reviews

A confusing display of old engravings.

Don't waste your money. I had expected this book to be a visual record of machine and device designs - something that would be useful in terms of designing my own mech. systems (gear structures, mechanical interfaces, etc.,) Instead, the book is a v. thin (60 pages) set of Victorian era etchings of miscellaneous machines and parts. not useful from an engineering perspective. And, as they have pasted anywhere from four to twelve pictures on each page with haphazardly random orientations, the pictures have little to no artistic/aesthetic value. The phrase "Bizarre tableau" in the product description doesn't even begin to describe it. The worst purchase I have made since 1996 - which is saying something. Whatever it is you are looking for, this book isn't it.

The Book Came On Time and Was What it Was Supposed to Be. I Don't Expect it to Get Much Better than That.

Machinery and Mechanical Devices, isn't just a clip-art book. This sixty-page presentation of

copyright free illustrations from the 1800's is a humorous personal expression of the wonderment and fear associated with functionally obscure mechanical devices. Unlike other clip-art books which present the material as individual objects separated by a lot of white space, this book is brought to much higher levels of interest. The way Rowe does this is by creating collages of illustrations on each page - not simply displaying them piece-by-piece. He even goes so far as to make up names for many of his concoctions, and adds other details such as twinkling stars and abstract patterns. The result is a highly entertaining picture book useful not only for the art it displays, but also as a catalog of visual and humorous ideas. Enjoy!

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