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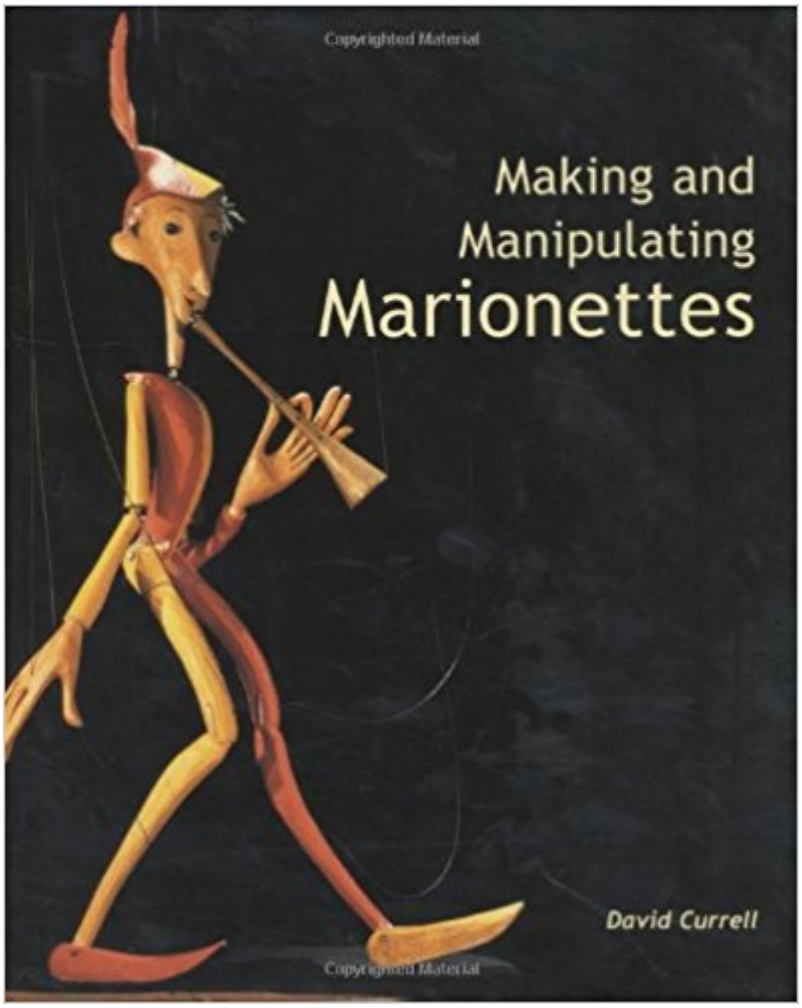

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Synopsis

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I was trying to find a book that I could take my wood carving hobby to a more useful realm. Kind of like giving your sculptures life by having them animated. This book went well beyond anything I ever considered. Like moving eyes,mouth and how to design various movement mechanism to make the puppet interesting. I didn’t want to be too life like as that may scare small children. This book also gave examples of posturing to create mood as well as facial expressions to convey your characters intent. Not only are the puppets in this book made of wood it uses other mediums such as casting forms for different materials. There is much to learn from this book. I may take my hobbie in another direction that may only include wood as a form to pour something into. Never thought I would consider changing mediums. I guess the controls will still be wood. A great creative book that would fit well in a crafters library.

This book is an all-inclusive and very complete reference to all things marionettes-except for staging. There are enough books out there that cover staging anyway. Here, though, you’ll find valuable information on all aspects of construction, design, and manipulation of a variety of marionettes including animal and trick marionettes. The one thing this books describes in detail that very few other books do is how to construct heads with moving eyes and moving mouths. I found this part worthy of the price and then some. David Currell hit a home run with this one. It’s a winner. If I had to have only one book on making and manipulating marionettes it would this one hands down. Good for beginners and I believe even advanced puppetmakers would find something new or inspiring. Great pictures, diagrams and very detailed. I highly recommend this book for anyone interested in making marionettes.

This is one of the best books about marionettes, how they work, a certain amount of history and how to make them. Beautiful photos too.

We’ve wanted this book for some time now. Don’t let the star rating deter you, it’s quite useful. Unfortunately the cover was damaged but the package was not, meaning either failed to check the quality of this book, or they consider this "new".

the combination of collored pictures and the verry dutailed technical explanations are very important to understand the how and what to do ; also all the basics are verry clear and practical..

This is a great book for people who are just starting out. The pictures are colorful and informative. There are a whole bunch of construction options to choose from, so you don’t have to try it just one way. It helps you with demensions and such. My only wish is that it had a list of places to get some of the materials. Or resource websites to help out with finding resources. Other than that, I loved it.

This is a gorgeously printed state-of-the-art book on marionette making. I have so many books from the past on this, but it is so delightful to see something current, and this is it. This is bound to become a collectible book. Be sure and get this one before it is out of print - I doubt many were made. Great stuff on trick marionettes, as well.

This is a semi-non-technical book for the beginner to experiment with and investigate in forming and using these puppets. It is not too technical and a well seasoned or experienced individual might not gain as much insight with this book as a novice or amateur would.

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