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A compulsively readable look at the secret language of numbers- their role in nature, movies, science, and everything in between. What do Fight Club, wallpaper patterns, George Balanchine's Serenade, and Italian superstitions have in common? They're all included in the entry for the number 17 in this engaging book about numbers- detailing their unique properties, patterns, appeal, history, and lore. Author Derrick Niederman takes readers on a guided tour of the numbers 1 to 300-covering everything from basic mathematical principles to ancient unsolved theorems, from sublime theory to delightfully arcane trivia. Illustrated with diagrams, drawings, and photographs, plus 50 challenging mathematical brainteasers (with answers), this book will fascinate and engage readers of all levels of mathematical skill and knowledge. Includes such gems as: ? There are 42 eyes in a deck of cards, and 42 dots on a pair of dice ? In order to fill in a map so that neighboring regions never get the same color, one never needs more than four colors ? Hells Angels use the number 81 in their insignia because the initials "H" and "A" are the eighth and first numbers in the alphabet respectively

Level UP and master more manga with YouTube's most popular art instructor, Mark Crilley! It's here! The highly anticipated follow-up to the best-selling Mastering Manga provides everything you need, regardless of your skill-level, to learn how to draw manga like a pro. Graphic novelist and YouTube's most popular art instructor Mark Crilley is back to lead you on your artistic journey. No matter what your experience, Mastering Manga 2 will have you creating manga in no time. You'll master the basics of facial and body proportions as your drawing skills increase to the next level. Clear and easy step-by-step instruction will walk you through the mechanics of how to draw manga. You'll learn to create characters in diverse settings and scenes, as well as a variety of styles. Lessons on background and perspective will

help you pull it all together into a full manga story panel. More than 30 step-by-step demonstrations! • Proportion. Learn to draw all types of bodies, faces, ages and ethnicities in profile, from behind, and more, including how to turn a full-sized character into an adorable chibi. • Clothing and body language. Reveal your character's personality through hairstyles, expressions, clothing styles and accessories. • Useful poses. Tweak 16 classic manga poses to make them your own, or follow along with specific step-by-step demonstrations on drawing characters sitting, fighting, kissing and more. • Environments. Create all types of habitats and moods using forest elements, rain, and the effects of water and weather. • Anatomy of a manga panel. Learn how to choose the correct composition, background, depth and balance to create the most effective panel layout for your story. Grab a pencil and learn all the secrets needed to bring your manga story to life!

A dragon artist's guide to better drawing Magnificent and powerful creatures, these dragons be, with bone-crushing jaws and razor-sharp teeth, it's difficult to tell whether you're dealing with a hotheaded nature or a wise and benevolent beast. Therein lies the trouble with drawing them from life. Make your dragon portraits more authentic (while avoiding loss of life and limbs) with the help of this guide. A follow-up to the fiercely popular DragonArt, this book features ALL NEW dragons and EVEN MORE detailed dragon anatomy instruction. • 60+ step-by-step demonstrations cover a variety of dragons, including medieval, fairy and sea-dwelling varieties • In-depth advice for drawing every part of the beast—eyes, ears, horns, wings, scale patterns, limbs and more • Extra tips and tricks provided by your dragon guide, Dolorosa It's everything you need to draw a variety of dragons—from enormous, ancient beasts with broken scales and fractured horns, to sleek, sinuous creatures with leathery skin and fancy frills. So steel your heart, prepare your trusty inking pen, and

venture forth, brave artist—unleash the ferocious, extraordinary, original beasts that dwell within your fiery imaginings!

This work contains demonstrations for drawing and painting 50 fantasy-art robots, and innovative suggestions for adapting and modifying designs. It covers a range of stylistic approaches, and features advice from professional artists for finding inspiration and rendering details.

Big Eyes, Small Mouth Second Edition Revised

Offers instructions for drawing various robots and futuristic figures in Japanese comics and animation, including spaceships, cyborgs, and weapons.

THE QUESTION: Are there new ways of opening the field of cartooning to any one who likes to draw? THE ANSWER: Yes! Here are tried and proven methods that explain, simplify and teach every one, regardless of age, the art of cartooning. Step by step procedures with more than 3,000 illustrations . . .

How to talk dirty and influence people—in Chinese! You can study Chinese for years, but do you really know how to talk like a native speaker? The next book in Plume's foreign language slang series, Niubi! will make sure you learn all the colorful vernacular words and phrases used by Chinese people of all ages in a variety of situations, including flirting and dating, wheeling and dealing, and even specific Internet slang—not to mention plenty of Chinese words that are...well, best not to mention. Accessible and useful to complete novices (Niubi! newbies), intermediate students of Mandarin Chinese, or just anyone who enjoys cursing in other languages, this irreverent guide is packed with hilarious anecdotes and illustrations, mini cultural lessons, and contextual explanations. So whether you're planning a trip to Beijing, flirting with an online acquaintance from Shanghai, or just want to start a fight in Chinatown—Niubi! will ensure that nothing you say is lost in translation.

The exploits of Yuri Gagarin, John Glenn, and Neil Armstrong ignited a worldwide ob-

session with futuristic living, but where did it all go? Intense optimism for a space-age future invaded every aspect of design, from fashion and furniture to architecture and typography. But, all of a sudden, it vanished, and euphoria about the future gave way to anxiety. *Where's My Space Age?* charts the rise and fall of the space age aesthetic and highlights a trend among contemporary artists to question this deceptively complex period. A unique examination of a fascinating era, *Where's My Space Age?* is one giant leap into a world of nostalgia. Featured artists and designers include: Joe Colombo, Verner Panton, Quasar Khanh, Eero Saarinen, AJS Aerolande, Pierre Cardin, Courreges, Paco Rabanne, Frutiger, Haus-Rucker-Co, Archigram, Matti Suuronen, Jean Maneval, Coop Himmelb(l)au, Kisho Kurokawa, Andrew Grassie, Mariko Mori, Brian Cyril Griffiths, Fergal Stapleton, Anthony Dunne and Fiona Raby, Aleksej Iskos, LOT/EK, Martin Ruiz de Azua, Monica Forster, Softroom, Ushida Findlay.

Collects three stories of the Ninja Turtles fighting such villains as Carnage and Leatherhead.

"This book supports my own 30-year crusade to demonstrate that games are an art form that undeniably rivals traditional arts. It gives detailed explanations of game art techniques and their importance, while also highlighting their dependence on artistic aspects of game design and programming." — John Romero, co-founder of id Software and CEO of Loot Drop, Inc. "Solarski's methodology here is to show us the artistic techniques that every artist should know, and then he transposes them to the realm of video games to show how they should be used to create a far more artful gaming experience ... if I were an artist planning to do video game work, I'd have a copy of this on my shelf." — Marc Mason, Comics Waiting Room Video games are not a revolution in art history, but an evolution. Whether the medium is paper or canvas—or a computer screen—the artist's challenge is to make something without depth seem like a window into a living, breathing world. Video game art is no different. *Drawing Basics and Video Game Art* is first to examine the connections between classical art and video games, enabling developers to create more expressive and varied emotional experiences in games. Artist game designer Chris Solarski gives readers a comprehensive introduction to basic and advanced drawing and design skills—light, value, color, anatomy, concept development—as well as detailed instruction for using these methods to design complex characters, worlds, and gameplay experi-

ences. Artwork by the likes of Michelangelo, Titian, and Rubens are studied alongside AAA games like *BioShock*, *Journey*, the Mario series, and *Portal 2*, to demonstrate perpetual theories of depth, composition, movement, artistic anatomy, and expression. Although *Drawing Basics and Video Game Art* is primarily a practical reference for artists and designers working in the video games industry, it's equally accessible for those interested to learn about gaming's future, and potential as an artistic medium. Also available as an eBook

For nearly two thousand years, the future was a realm reserved for prophets, poets, astrologers, and practitioners of deliberative rhetoric. Then in 1659 the French writer Jacques Guttin published his romance *Epigone*, which carried the subtitle "the history of the future century." Unlike the stories of space travel that were popular at the time, or the tales of travel to distant earthly lands which had long been a familiar literary genre, Guttin's romance described human societies displaced by time as well as by space and heroes not of his own day but of a future age. Paul Alkon's *Origins of Futuristic Fiction* examines the earliest works of prose fiction set in future time, the forgotten writings of the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth centuries that are the precursors of such well-known masterpieces of the form as H.G. Wells's *The Time Machine*, Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*, and George Orwell's *1984*. The first secular story to break the imaginative barrier against tales of the future, *Epigone* marked the emergence of a form unknown to classical, medieval, or renaissance literature. Guttin's courageous displacement of narrative into future time was followed by writers such as Samuel Madden, Louis-Sebastien Mercier, *Cousin de Granville*, Mary Shelley, and Emile Souvestre, who wrote books with such titles as *Memoirs of the Twentieth Century*, *The Year 2440*, *The Last Man*, and *The World As It Will Be*. Most extraordinary, though, may be Felix Bodin's great metafictional *Le roman de l'avenir*, "the novel of the future." Both a narrative of the future and a poetics of the new genre, this book identified in the previous isolated works set in future time a situation rarely encountered in literary history, in which the possibility for a new form clearly existed without yet being altogether achieved. In the introduction to his uncompleted novel, Bodin presented his vision of the futuristic novel as a literature of realism, morality, and fantasy. His remarkably astute attempt to define the aesthetics of a major transformation in the relation between literature and time still stands as the basis for the poetics of futuristic fiction. Tracing the early

literary history of what became a major form of modern fiction, *Origins of Futuristic Fiction* examines the key works of the earliest writers of the genre not for what they betray of past expectations but for what they reveal about the formal problems that needed to be resolved before tales of the future could achieve their full power in the works of later novelists.

Create Your Own Fantastic Realms! An arduous journey leads you to a hilltop. Before you stretches a land of castles filled with noble knights, elven warriors and fearsome goblins and gargoyles. At your feet lies a book... Within its pages you will discover the secrets to sketching, drawing and coloring wondrous worlds - realms filled with creatures friendly and foul, beautiful princesses and stealthy magic-users, ancient ruins and dragons' lairs. Begin your journey by following the steps within, which will guide you from simple sketches to fully colored works of art. Take heart, brave traveler, for you'll be aided in your quest by:

- Texture and coloring keys that show you exactly how to create dozens of different effects
- A brainstorming game that, with a roll of the dice, allows you to mix and match character, creature and scene characteristics

But beware, friend: Along the way, you will be powerless to resist the temptation to explore the strange and twisted detours of your own utterly original imaginings. Wield your pencil bravely - so begins your adventure... 30+ step-by-step demonstrations make it easy to create your own fantastic worlds!

- The Characters: Human or elf, fighter or princess ... learn to outfit your characters with specialized clothing, weaponry and magical items, and tell their tales with dynamic gesture and motion.
- The Creatures: Evoke dragons, demons, griffins and other edgy beasts of your own twisted imaginings, with special attention to key details that make them look regal or demoted.
- The Settings: Construct convincing environments that set the tone and atmosphere of your story, be it a mysterious tower, ancient ruins or a peaceful village.

"War World: Titans"! *Sentinel Prime* has a secret—something that could change the fate of Cybertron—something that Megatron wants. It's a battle for control of the Forge as the Autobots and the Decepticons come face-to-face in battle for the first time!

Combining precise technical drawing with unique and imaginative mechanized creations can be a difficult skill to master. In this volume, some of today's best technical manga artists reduce the seemingly meticulous task of drawing mechs to an easy skill that you too can master. Sharing

their tricks and tips for drawing Japanese-style mechanical constructs, this volume will prove that You Can Draw Mecha! While Pixar Animation Studios was creating beloved feature-length films such as *Monsters Inc.*, *Ratatouille*, and *WALLE*, it was simultaneously testing animation and storytelling techniques in dozens of memorable short films. Andre and Wally B proved that computer animation was possible; Tin Toy laid the groundwork for what would become *Toy Story*; and Mike's New Car exposed Pixar's finely tuned funny bone. In *The Art of Pixar Short Films*, animation expert and short film devotee Amid Amidi shines a spotlight on these and many more memorable vignettes from the Pixar archive. Essays and interviews illuminate more than 250 full-color pastels, pencil sketches, storyboards, and final rendered frames that were the foundation of Pixar's creative process.

Alien fever is running high: the Alien movies and reissue of the Star Wars trilogy have made outer space fascinating to a whole new generation of children. And who better to help budding artists master their drawings of the friendly folk from the final frontier than Lee Ames--creator of the phenomenally successful Draw 50 series? An ideal tool for young artists or the parent or teacher seeking to help a child master their artistic skills, Draw 50 Aliens includes creatures from every walk of the galaxy: Ames gives instructions for drawing UFOs, Nebula Nomads, Milky Way Marauders, and every other type of extraterrestrial. And, in the tradition of the Draw 50 series, all of these characters are humorous, lovable, and very accessible for children. With over two million copies in print, the Draw 50 series has successfully shown children how to create everything from a robin to a spaceship, Tyrannosaurus rex to John the Baptist. But with Draw 50 Aliens, Ames has--perhaps as never before--hit upon a deeply appealing subject, one that taps into children's sense of wonder and will keep them endlessly entertained and forever sketching away.

Well-crafted and class-tested, this guide by a noted instructor features more text than typical art instruction books. Ample illustrations accompany 30 detailed lessons that particularly stress the depiction of the figure in action.

When you think of Manga, monsters and robots spring quickly to mind. Best-selling author Keith Sparrow presents hundreds of idea for creative kaiju and exciting mecha; and shows you how to draw each one through simple step-by-step instructions. Learn how to morph everyday animals into terrifying beasts and mutant horrors, and

how to bring the supernatural to horrifying life... before bringing forth the gleaming metal of mecha heroes to do battle with the beasts. Containing everything you need to get started, this action-packed guide will quickly have you drawing robots to save humanity - or crushing it beneath your monster's mighty feet!

UNLOCK YOUR GAME'S NARRATIVE POTENTIAL! With increasingly sophisticated video games being consumed by an enthusiastic and expanding audience, the pressure is on game developers like never before to deliver exciting stories and engaging characters. With *Video Game Storytelling*, game writer and producer Evan Skolnick provides a comprehensive yet easy-to-follow guide to storytelling basics and how they can be applied at every stage of the development process--by all members of the team. This clear, concise reference pairs relevant examples from top games and other media with a breakdown of the key roles in game development, showing how a team's shared understanding and application of core storytelling principles can deepen the player experience. Understanding story and why it matters is no longer just for writers or narrative designers. From team leadership to game design and beyond, Skolnick reveals how each member of the development team can do his or her part to help produce gripping, truly memorable narratives that will enhance gameplay and bring today's savvy gamers back time and time again.

Fan favorites from television and films have exploded into graphic novels! Each *Transformer: Spotlight* helps readers learn more about the look, background, and trait of their favorite bot!

The Ultimate Beginner's Guide to Drawing Figures! To draw an anatomical figure, you don't need a stack of weighty anatomy books. Just take it step by step! In *How to Draw People*, author Jeff Mellem teaches beginning artists how to draw the human figure, from stick figure to anatomically accurate person, in clear, easy-to-follow lessons. More than just a reference, this book provides the step-by-step instruction to teach you to draw the human figure and the anatomical knowledge to draw it realistically. In each chapter, called "levels," you'll learn core concepts for drawing the human figure. Each new chapter builds on the previous one to give you the skills you need to add complexity to your drawing. By the end of each chapter, you will be able to draw the figure with greater detail. By the end of Level 5, you will be able to draw an expressive figure with defined muscle groups in a variety of poses both real and imagined. • Clear goals to

progress from stick figure to anatomically correct • Exercises and assignments to practice new skills • Level-Up Checklists in each chapter to assess your skills before moving on With clear step-by-step demonstrations and check-ins along the way, *How to Draw People* is the beginner's guide to drawing realistic figures.

Covering more than eighty years of anime history and over three thousand titles, the authors show how the anime universe has influenced creative cultures far beyond its native Japanese shores.

500 Manga Characters is the biggest collection of manga clip art ever collected on one disc. Now stunning artwork can be created quickly and easily using this vast collection of hi-res (300dpi) JPEG images that are ready to use in any project. The book accompanying the disc teaches how to use professional coloring techniques, add figures to backgrounds, combine them into a text document and even create original manga stories! An enormous range of characters are included, from the heroic, dramatic, and historical to the comedic. There are also aliens, villains, monsters, and giant mecha robots. *500 Manga Characters* is perfect for any designer or manga fan looking to create amazing artwork without learning to draw. All illustrations are royalty-free and are also supplied as black outlines, offering endless coloring possibilities. The book includes a complete illustrated listing of all the images on the CD. These criteria include: pose, setting, mood, aspect, appearance, expression, characteristics, and physical appearance.

Draw Futuristic Robots that Fly, Fight, Battle and Brawl When it comes to drawing robots, beauty is more than skin deep - try armor deep. Slick surfaces and fancy mechanics aren't enough ... success depends on what makes your robot tick and MechaForce gears your imagination into overdrive! 33 step-by-step demonstrations show you how to render original, memorable robots, and bring them to life on the page. Learn how to: • Draw believable humanoid robots by using tubes, pipes, nuts, bolts, hydraulics and other machinery in place of muscles and bones. • Model robots after horses, spiders, dragons and other creatures. • Give your robots personality, from sleek and athletic to thin, comical or feminine. • Evoke an in-your-face sense of drama and action with extreme perspectives and different poses. • Achieve the realistic look of reflective surfaces and other robotic textures. • Compose dynamic scenes and establish moods with lighting. Don't short-circuit your robot-creations. From the basics of drawing to dynamic battle scenes, MechaForce will

help you create devastating robots with a no-holds-barred attitude!

The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles are teleported to a world of talking animals, the world of Usagi Yojimbo. When the samurai rabbit embarks on a quest to save Japan and the deadly Jei blocks his path, a Turtle team-up may be the only chance for survival. These heroes have met before, but the samurai thinks something about the Turtles is different now, and that's bound to lead to some misunderstandings. Includes fold-out center spread and behind-the-scenes extras comprising an afterword by Stan Lee, layouts, character designs, a pin-up, and a reprint of the very first crossover between Usagi Yojimbo and the TMNT.

Revelations Part 1 of 4. The REVELATIONS CYCLE starts here! Continuing the titanic story from the epic events of Transformers: Devastation, a quartet of senses-shattering Spotlight issues unfold, laying bare two years worth of secrets behind the Decepticon invasion of Earth! With a showcase on the legendary CYCLONUS, the Final Phase begins! Continued in the interconnected future Spotlights featuring SIDESWIPE, HARDHEAD, and DOUBLEDEALER, four climaxes to the Transformers saga instead of one!

Upon its US release in the mid 1990s, Ghost in the Shell, directed by Mamoru Oshii, quickly became one of the most popular Japanese animated films in the country. Despite this, Oshii is known as a maverick within anime: a self-proclaimed 'stray dog'. This is the first book to take an in-depth look at his major films, from Urusei Yatsura to Avalon.

The Transformers come to life as readers learn how to draw Optimus Prime, Megatron, Bumblebee, Ratchet, and others through simple, step-by-step instructions. Original.

Delve into a world of imagination populated with giant robots, strange vehicles, alien creatures and other fantastic inventions. For generations artists have created imagery destined for the entertainment of others, and now you can too. Revered science fiction artist and film designer, Doug Chiang, reveals the thought processes and techniques he used working on blockbusters such as the Star Wars prequels,

War of the Worlds, Terminator, and Beowulf. You'll learn from Chiang's visionary experience as he shares his design processes, giving expert advice and showcasing the groundbreaking style that has earned his creations a spot in the Brooklyn Museum, Houston Museum of Fine Art and the Tokyo National Museum. Inside you'll discover: 30+ lessons for creating out-of-this-world science fiction scenes in the style featured in films, books, comics, toys and games using both traditional and digital techniques Details and tips for using Adobe Photoshop to conceive, design, draw and enhance your creations 25 step-by-step demonstrations of outrageous robots, vehicles, creatures and environments with finished color images Foreword by film producer/director Robert Zemeckis (Monster House, The Polar Express, Back to the Future, Beowulf) With tips on everything from basic skills like blueline sketching and assembling a toolkit to conceptualization and painting for digital art, Mechanika has everything you need to get great results and make your science fiction worlds come alive!

Originally published as Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles issues #1-4.

Presents character sketches, profiles, settings, and key animation sequences for the television program "Transformers Animated."

It's the 1970s, and the world's most terrifying Kaiju smash their way through New York City! As Godzilla and Hedorah do battle above, down below Todd Hopkins is racing across Manhattan in a desperate bid to save the only scientist who can stop the chaos and drive the monsters back into the sea. But before the day is over, secrets will be revealed and terrible choices made to save the city from utter destruction! Writer Paul Allor (TMNT, G.I. Joe) and artist E.J. Su (Transformers, Godzilla: Legends) join forces to bring the premiere Godzilla Versus quarterly one-shot to life in explosively shocking fashion! And each stand-alone issue features special wrestling poster-themed retailer incentive variants by fan-favorite artist Jeffrey Veregge (Transformers, Judge Dredd).

Rereleased for Star Trek: The Original Series' 50th Anniversary, this in-depth analy-

sis of the groundbreaking TV show features an updated introduction by Robert J. Sawyer and foreword by David Gerrold Trekkies and Trekkers alike will get starry-eyed over this eclectic mix of essays on the groundbreaking original Star Trek, one of the most culturally impactful TV shows of the last 50 years. Star Trek scriptwriters D. C. Fontana, David Gerrold, Norman Spinrad, and Howard Weinstein, science fiction writers including Allen Steele and Lawrence Watt-Evans, and various academics share behind-the-scenes anecdotes, discuss the show's enduring appeal and influence, and examine some of the classic features of the series. Inside: Communications and media theorist Paul Levinson shows how the unprecedented success of the "seventy-nine jewels" in syndication changed the way we look at television forever. Star Trek writer D. C. Fontana remembers Gene Roddenberry and what it was like on the set and behind the scenes. Hugo Award-winning author Allen Steele explores the strong science fiction tradition that made the show so great. Cultural theorist Eric Greene details the show's complex dialogue with the Vietnam War, highlighting the evolving stances on interventionist politics. Science fiction novelist DON Debrandt contends that the famously logical Spock isn't quite as rational as Star Trek's writers would have you believe. Scientist Robert A. Metzger proves that Scotty's ability to lie makes him the most valuable member of the Enterprise crew. Fanfiction author Melissa Dickinson explains why we still feel compelled to write our own stories about Kirk, Spock, and the rest of the show's memorable characters.

The whys and hows of the various aspects of landscape painting: angles and consequent values, perspective, painting of trees, more. 34 black-and-white reproductions of paintings by Carlson. 58 explanatory diagrams.

A comprehensive resource on the covered figure introduces clothing and drapery as basic shapes before illustrating how the mechanics of physics can cause them to bend, wrinkle and fold in predictable ways, demonstrating how to use key concepts to render clothing in any medium while citing the examples of masters from Raphael to Walt Disney.