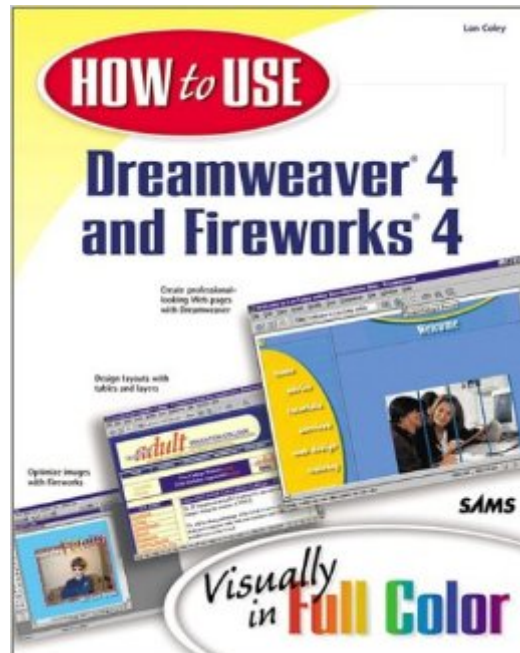


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Synopsis

How to Use Dreamweaver and Fireworks visually shows Web designers how to use Macromedia's Dreamweaver and Fireworks to create sophisticated, well-designed Web pages. The book's full-color, two-page spreads illustrate and clearly explain each Dreamweaver and Fireworks task, from entry-level, beginning concepts to more advanced techniques for experienced designers. Dreamweaver and Fireworks can be somewhat intimidating for the beginning user, but How to Use Dreamweaver and Fireworks, with its visual, step-by-step approach, makes it easy to learn the basic techniques involved in using these products. Written by Lon Coley, a principal at a leading British Web design firm, this edition of the book covers the latest versions of both Dreamweaver and Fireworks.

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This book has many shortcomings but I liked it anyway. You'll be exposed to situations that force you to create objects such as graphics, animations and forms. This is both a blessing and a curse. For example the author said go online and locate a graphic to demonstrate an animated .gif! So I went on CNET and located and downloaded an American flag furling in the wind. Kind of tacky if you ask me. There were no real projects, something I believe the book desperately needed, but some of the techniques the author had me develop were a fair substitute. I liked being forced to think. It forced me to learn how to use the product. Also, the extensive use of screen captures

sometimes made up for the terse instructions. This is a real advantage. For example, I went through the Dreamweaver 4 Hands On Training book; that book didn't require much thinking, just following the instructions, so I didn't feel as involved and didn't feel as if I'd learned as much. One omission that the author repeated was to gloss over the Export Preview Image Optimizer; its a moderately complex dialog box and I wish he would've explained how to use it. Instead he just said "When you are happy with the settings click the Export button to continue." He left optimization for the last eleven pages of the book. He occasionally fails to mention little things that you have to do to get his techniques to work. I sorely needed a sample file on Part 21 Task 3; the author called for a map of a country to render as a imagemap. I spent hours on CNET.COM to no avail. I found lots of maps, but none to download for free. This is one of many circumstances where he should've supplied graphics. After all, how can you teach how to use a graphics program without any graphics?

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