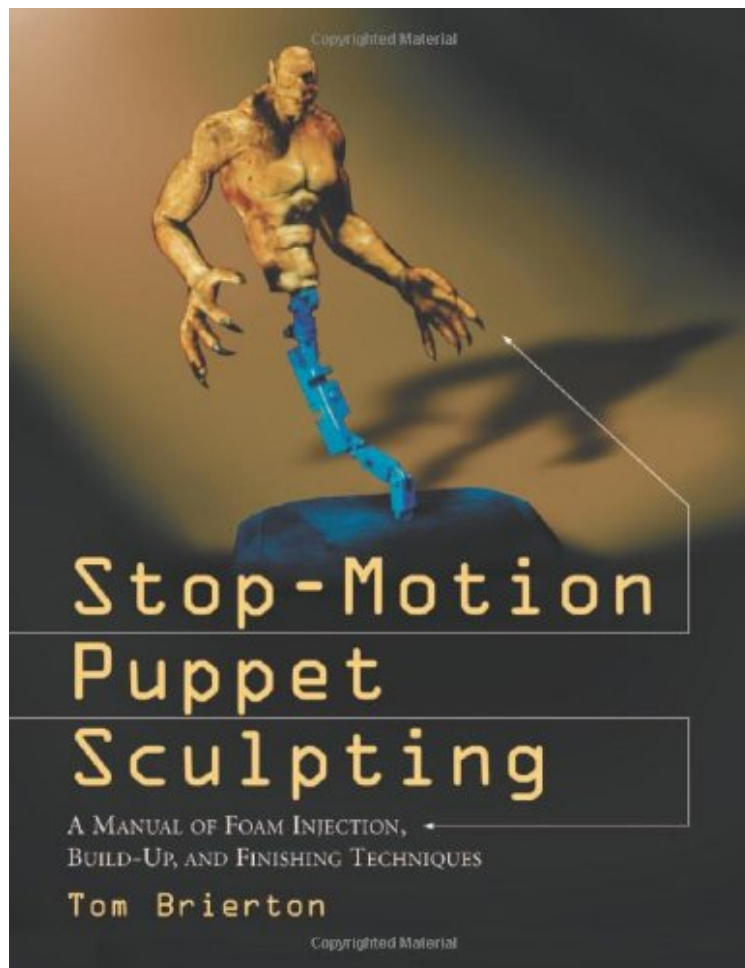


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plaster mold around it. Once that mold is done you put the armature in and cast the foam into it. This whole process is pretty involved and you have to take care of a lot of details. But, if you get this all down you will create some amazing puppets. I tried this whole process but could never get it right. That's my failing not the book. I ended up moving on to the process in section 3....In section 3 you create an armature then build up pieces of foam around it. This makes the musculature and shape of the figure. Then you coat it with materials and latex rubber to give it a skin. I did all this and successfully created my puppet (2 foot dragon)So, The book is good, shows the processes but you have got to be serious about the making of animation puppets.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy CustomerThis product was delivered extremely fast. The book is amazing1 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Great bookBy Penelope M. DashBook came very quickly and in great shape. That's all I ask. Thanks so much.

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"superbly illustrated...Brierton generously shares the knowledge he has gleaned from more than 30 years of puppet-making experience...various steps are clearly explained and are accompanied by detailed, black-and-white photographs"--Animation Magazine.About the AuthorTom Brierton is an educator, independent filmmaker and stop-motion animator. He lives in Griffith, Indiana.