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*Zippy and Me* Ronnie Le Drew 2019-07-25 Over the course of almost half a century, puppeteer Ronnie Le Drew has worked with the greats – from David Bowie in *Labyrinth* to Michael Caine in *The Muppet Christmas Carol*. But the role that defined his career was Rainbow's Zippy, who he operated for more than twenty years. *Zippy and Me* is the first time a Rainbow insider has told the true story of what went on under the counter and inside the suits: the petty squabbles between performers, wrangling with TV executives, and scandals such as the 'love triangle' between musicians Rod, Jane and Freddy. Not to mention the now infamous X-rated episode shot for an ITV Christmas party, which subsequently found its way to the Sun. Interweaved with the dirt on what really went on behind the scenes is the story of Rainbow's heyday in the 1970s and 80s, when its stars found themselves catapulted into an exciting showbiz world – scooping a BAFTA award and even performing for the queen – and the story of a young lad from a south London council estate who defied his parents' protests to become one of the most respected puppeteers of all time.

*The Art of the Muppets* Henson Associates 1980-01-01

**The Dark Crystal: The Ultimate Visual History** Caseen Gaines 2017-09-19 *Dark Crystal: The Ultimate Visual History* is the definitive collection of rare artwork, interviews, and on-set photos from the beloved Jim Henson fantasy classic. A true masterpiece brought to life by the ingenious puppetry and peerless storytelling of Jim Henson, *Dark Crystal* is revered by an entire generation of fans. For the first time, this deluxe and highly comprehensive book tells the complete story of this deeply personal Henson project, highlighting the unique creative journey and groundbreaking techniques that brought the film to the screen. Drawing from unseen archive interviews with Jim Henson and new interviews with the film's behind-the-scenes creative team, *Dark Crystal: The Ultimate Visual History* leaves no stone unturned in chronicling the entire production, from the initial concept based on themes close to Henson's heart to the ingenious conceptual design, puppet construction, and logistics of the shoot itself. The book also delves into the wider world of *Dark Crystal*, exploring the creation of comics, novels, and other official projects inspired by the film. This deluxe coffee-table book contains an in-depth look at the day-to-day production of the film and showcases a huge range of incredible visuals, including candid set photography, previously unseen concept art, storyboards, production notes, and more. The book also features a plethora of amazing removable items, such as script pages, notes and sketches from Henson, and other unique

treasures. Definitive, enthralling, and revelatory, *Dark Crystal: The Ultimate Visual History* is the last word on an enduring modern classic and the book that fans of the film have been waiting for.

**Making Puppets Come Alive** Larry Engler 2012-07-25 Lucid, easy-to-follow book teaches beginners how to create a full working range of puppet motions and emotions. Also covers elements of good puppet theatrical technique.

**Quilting with the Muppets** Jim Henson Company 2000 This manual presents patterns for making the celebrated characters from *The Muppet Show* and *Sesame Street*. There are 15 patterns for characters to applique as quilt blocks, including Kermit, Miss Piggy, Bert, Ernie, Big Bird, Cookie Monster, and more. The blocks are compatible in size, so you can mix-and-match patterns for a personalized quilt. There are photographs of all the quilts and stories about their creations.

*Figures in the Fourth Dimension* Ellen Rixford 2015

*Puppet Mania* John E. Kennedy 2009-02-20 Presents thirteen projects for making puppets out of household materials and gives tips on puppetry skills, such as lip synching, body motions, and eye contact and movement.

*The Ultimate Sock Puppet Book* Tiger Kandel 2014-09-15 Offers tips, tricks, and techniques for making animal sock puppets, from an elephant and a monkey to a bat and a lion.

**It's Not Easy Being Green** Jim Henson 2011-11-08 A collection of wise and witty quotes from and inspired by Jim Henson similar in format to *The World According to Mister Rogers*. "When I was young, it was my ambition to be one of the people who made a difference in this world. My hope is to leave the world a little better for my having been there. It's a wonderful life and I love it." -Jim Henson "Yeah, well, I've got a dream too. But it's about singing and dancing and making people happy. That's the kind of dream that gets better the more people you share it with. And, well, I've found a whole bunch of friends who have the same dream. And, it kind of makes us like a family." -Kermit the Frog, *The Muppet Movie*

*The Art of the Puppet* Bil Baird 1967

**Practical Puppetry A-Z** Carol R. Exner 2005-08-25 Puppetry is an exciting, flexible, malleable art form that can engage the creative forces of children or adults. Puppets can not only tell a story, they can be used to enhance the curriculum, present an idea or a concept in a compelling way, or teach any number of necessary skills. Children and adults presenting a puppet play are given a sense of their own inventive power. This reference work offers an A to Z view of working with puppets. It covers everything from the basic strategies of advertising and marketing puppet productions, to assembling the puppets out of household materials such as paper bags, cereal boxes, or gloves, to the more elaborate sculpting of armatures. Stages, curtains and props are also discussed along with the history of puppetry. Numerous illustrations give a visual of many of the finished products. This work concludes with an annotated bibliography and index.

*The Foam Book* Drew Allison 1997 Whether you're a beginner to the world of puppet making

or an experienced professional puppeteer, The Foam Book was written with you in mind. This easy guide to designing and building your own polyfoam puppets will take you step by step through the creative process. Along the way you'll pick up tips and tricks to make the puppet making experience as carefree as possible. The Foam Book is not just a guide to puppet construction but a useful resource of suppliers of hard to find puppet-making materials. - Back cover.

The Count's Number Parade Norman Stiles 1977

**Puppet Planet** John Kennedy 2006-05-22 There's a whole new world of puppets out there! In Puppet Planet, John Kennedy offers you the insight, tips and trade secrets that only a professional puppeteer can. Learn how to make 12 brand new puppets, then learn how to perform with them! Discover professional staging techniques, as well as ways to make the puppets come alive for your audience. Look inside to: Create the muscle laden, but amazingly soft, Stuffed Strongman Craft the delightfully sweet Pillow Buddy Build Professor Foaman, the smartest puppet on Puppet Planet Make the Shoe Box Monster, a fellow with a surprise hidden inside Plus so much more! With variations for every puppet, tips, new techniques, complete material lists and easy to use patterns, you'll be ready to perform in no time! Peer behind the curtain with Puppet Planet and discover a world waiting to delight, amaze and thrill.

The Story of Jim Henson Stacia Deutsch 2021-01-12 Discover the life of Jim Henson--a story about being creative and trying new things for kids ages 6 to 9 Jim Henson was the talented puppeteer who made some of the most famous puppets of all time--the Muppets. Before he created Big Bird, Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy, Oscar the Grouch, and many other well-known characters, Jim was an ambitious kid who loved trying new things and using his imagination. He learned how to make puppets and went on to invent new ways in which puppets could be used in TV and movies. Explore how Jim Henson went from being a creative young boy growing up in Mississippi to an award-winning writer, director, and puppeteer loved by the entire world. The Story of Jim Henson includes: A fun quiz--Test your knowledge of the Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How of Jim's life so you can ace your book report or school quiz. His lasting legacy--Learn more about how Jim Henson created lasting change in the world of puppets and in the lives of so many kids. Helpful definitions--Find a glossary with easy-to-understand definitions for some of the more advanced words and ideas in the book. How will Jim's big imagination inspire you?

**Make Art Make Money** Elizabeth Hyde Stevens 2014-03-11 "An iconic creator and savvy businessman, Henson is a model for artists everywhere: without sacrificing his creative vision, Henson built an empire of lovable Muppets that continues to educate and inspire--and a business that was worth \$150 million at the time of his death. How did he ever pull it off? And how can other creators follow in his path? Elizabeth Hyde Stevens presents ten principles of Henson's art and business practices that will inspire artists everywhere. Part manifesto, part history, part cultural criticism, part self-help, Make Art Make Money is a new kind of business book for creative professionals: a guide for creating and succeeding thanks to lessons from the Muppet Master himself"-- Goodreads.com

*10-Minute Puppets* Noel MacNeal 2010 Presents step-by-step instructions for creating thirty puppets, including finger puppets, sock puppets, and shadow puppets, and includes guides on

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how to build a puppet theater and put on a show.

*E.T.: the Extra Terrestrial: The Ultimate Visual History* Caseen Gaines 2022-08-30

"Documenting the complete history of E.T., the book explores Spielberg's initial inspiration for the story, the challenging shoot, and the record-breaking success, as well as the film's endurance, examining the merchandising it inspired and the reasons E.T. holds a permanent place in the hearts of movie fans the world over. E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial: The Ultimate Visual History features exclusive interviews with key members of the creative team, including cast and crew. Filled with visual treasures, the book also includes rare and never-before-seen imagery from the Amblin Entertainment archives, including on-set photography, concept art, and storyboards, plus a wealth of removable insert items, such as annotated script pages, studio memos, preliminary sketches, and more."--Provided by publisher.

*Jim Henson and Philosophy* Timothy Dale 2015-07-15 Jim Henson's creations have inspired generations with characters that are among the world's most recognizable cultural icons. From Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy and their Muppet friends to the legendary Sesame Street and Children's Television Workshop, Henson revolutionized children's educational entertainment. Combining live action and puppeteering into fantastical narratives like *The Dark Crystal* and *Labyrinth*, as well as the whimsical *Fraggle Rock* and *The Storyteller*, Henson transformed imagination into reality, weaving together powerful philosophical messages on identity, community, diversity, love, death, and friendship. Henson never shied away from exploring deep questions, nor did he underestimate the ability of children (or adults) to grapple with profound philosophical questions. *Jim Henson and Philosophy* explores the entertaining and educational world of the genius's creations, revealing what it is about Henson's world that has touched us so deeply and improved our lives in such meaningful ways. Contributions by: Lauren Ashwell, Kimberly Baltzer-Jaray, David R. Burns, Samantha Brennan, Amanda Cawston, Brooke Covington, Christopher M. Culp, Ryan Cox, Natalie M. Fletcher, Victoria Hubbell, Dena Hurst, Christopher Ketcham, S. Evan Kreider, Shaun Leonard, Jennifer Marra, Michael J. Muniz, Laurel Ralston, Rhona Trauvitch, and Sheryl Tuttle Ross

*Jim Henson* Rita Petrucelli 1989 A biography of the puppeteer whose remarkable creations, the Muppets, have found success in television and other media. Includes advice on setting and reaching goals.

**Sherlock Hemlock** Sesame Street 1972 Detective Sherlock Hemlock investigates the cause of the terrible mess in a neighbor's yard.

**The Complete Book of Puppetry** George Latshaw 2012-04-30 Expert guide explains how to construct several types of puppets and presents exercises for developing distinctive voices, learning puppet movement. Includes stage design, writing plays, directing productions, more. Over 150 black-and-white illustrations.

**Puppets, Methods and Materials** Cedric Flower 1983 A comprehensive guide to puppetry explains how to design, construct and use marionettes and hand, rod, and shadow puppets made from a variety of materials.

**Imagination Illustrated** Karen Falk 2012-10-26 Jim Henson's iconic puppet characters,

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fantastic worlds, and warm humor have delighted millions of people of all ages. His incredibly diverse body of work, from the Muppets to the world of *The Dark Crystal*, reveals his charm and genius to fans old and new. Compiled directly from The Jim Henson Company archives, *Imagination Illustrated* adapts the diary that Jim faithfully kept throughout his career, supplementing it with a trove of little-seen visual material, including rare sketches, personal and production photographs, storyboards, doodles, and much more. Throughout, archivist Karen Falk delves into the behind-the-scenes details of Henson's life and artistic process. Sure to delight anyone who has enjoyed Henson's creations—seeing early drawings of Kermit and Rowlf is like smiling over childhood photos of dear friends—this lovely book celebrates Jim's life and his magic.

**Jim Henson** Brian Jay Jones 2016-05-10 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • For the first time ever—a comprehensive biography of one of the twentieth century's most innovative creative artists: the incomparable, irreplaceable Jim Henson. He was a gentle dreamer whose genial bearded visage was recognized around the world, but most people got to know him only through the iconic characters born of his fertile imagination: Kermit the Frog, Bert and Ernie, Miss Piggy, Big Bird. The Muppets made Jim Henson a household name, but they were just part of his remarkable story. This extraordinary biography—written with the generous cooperation of the Henson family—covers the full arc of Henson's all-too-brief life: from his childhood in Leland, Mississippi, through the years of burgeoning fame in America, to the decade of international celebrity that preceded his untimely death at age fifty-three. Drawing on hundreds of hours of new interviews with Henson's family, friends, and closest collaborators, as well as unprecedented access to private family and company archives, Brian Jay Jones explores the creation of the Muppets, Henson's contributions to *Sesame Street* and *Saturday Night Live*, and his nearly ten-year campaign to bring *The Muppet Show* to television. Jones provides the imaginative context for Henson's non-Muppet projects, including the richly imagined worlds of *The Dark Crystal* and *Labyrinth*—as well as fascinating misfires like Henson's dream of opening an inflatable psychedelic nightclub. An uncommonly intimate portrait, *Jim Henson* captures all the facets of this American original: the master craftsman who revolutionized the presentation of puppets on television, the savvy businessman whose dealmaking prowess won him a reputation as “the new Walt Disney,” and the creative team leader whose collaborative ethos earned him the undying loyalty of everyone who worked for him. Here also is insight into Henson's intensely private personal life: his Christian Science upbringing, his love of fast cars and expensive art, and his weakness for women. Though an optimist by nature, Henson was haunted by the notion that he would not have time to do all the things he wanted to do in life—a fear that his heartbreaking final hours would prove all too well founded. An up-close look at the charmed life of a legend, *Jim Henson* gives the full measure to a man whose joyful genius transcended age, language, geography, and culture—and continues to beguile audiences worldwide. NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY BOOKPAGE “Jim Henson vibrantly delves into the magnificent man and his Muppet methods: It's an absolute must-read!”—Neil Patrick Harris “An exhaustive work that is never exhausting, a credit both to Jones's brisk style and to Henson's exceptional life.”—*The New York Times* “[A] sweeping portrait that is a mix of humor, mirth and poignancy.”—*Washington Independent Review of Books* “A meticulously researched tome chock-full of gems about the Muppets and the most thorough portrait of their creator ever crafted.”—Associated Press

[Dressing the Naked Hand](#) Amy White 2015-06-09 *Dressing the Naked Hand* is for anyone

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interested in the art of puppetry. Teachers, amateurs, and even professionals will find new ideas and inspiration in the designs created by this trio of puppet enthusiasts. Includes trade secrets, tips, and how-to's on puppetry unlike anything that has been published before. Puppets aren't just for looking at; they are for doing, and as we found out, they have a mind of their own. This one-of-a-kind how-to is not only an invaluable resource for the puppet artist, but a joy to read. From tongue-in-cheek humor to outright laugh-out-loud hijinks, this book teaches and tells the real story—from a puppet's point of view. And, while the full-color and detailed how-to and finished puppet illustrations give you most of what you need, if you choose to read the text, well . . . it's worth your time.

Jim Henson Kathleen Krull 2011 Chronicles the life of Jim Henson, describing how he pushed the boundaries of entertainment and brought the art of puppets to a new level with the creation of his Muppets.

**The Muppets Big Book of Crafts** Stephanie St. Pierre 1999-01 Includes instructions for creating all kinds of craft projects, including rugs, placemats, costumes, masks, jewelry, models, puppets, and more.

**Hand Puppets** 1989-01-01 Directions and diagrams for making various types of puppets, dressing and handling them, setting up a stage, and writing and producing one's own show. Includes three puppet plays.

**Sock Puppet Madness** Marty Allen 2013 It's a simple equation: old sock + craft foam x glue = a collection of the most amazing incredible, outrageous, awe-inspiring sock puppets you've ever seen. Sock Puppet Madness includes 35 of the most fun, outlandish, off-the-wall and enchanting characters on the planet, and by following the simple step-by-step instructions, you'll be able to put together your own puppet in no time. Take Bawston the ornery cat puppet, for example. He's a baseball fan with a questionable temper, so watch what you say to him. A more friendly guy is Sebastian Metaphor. He may seem aloof with his hipster appearance but behind those sleepy eyes lies a heart of gold. If you're a sophisticated sort why not have a crack at Penelope Durtlinger, an heiress to a small fortune with an insatiable thirst for power. All the puppets are so simple to create, using just a few readily available materials that cost next to nothing - plus everyone has an old sock they can use, right? So what are you waiting for? Buy this now and make your own collection of sock puppets and join in the fun. And once you've made all the projects, why not create your own characters based on friends and family, too.

Jim Henson Geraldine Woods 1987 Recounts the life story of the puppeteer whose remarkable creations, the Muppets, have found success in television and other media.

**Street Gang** Michael Davis 2008-12-26 Now an acclaimed documentary from Screen Media, the New York Times bestselling account of the story behind one of the most influential, durable, and beloved shows in the history of television: Sesame Street. "Davis tracks down every Sesame anecdote and every Sesame personality in his book . . . Finally, we get to touch Big Bird's feathers." —The New York Times Book Review Sesame Street is the longest-running-and arguably most beloved- children's television program ever created. Today, it reaches some six million preschoolers weekly in the United States and countless others in 140 countries around the world. Street Gang is the compelling, comical, and inspiring story

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of a media masterpiece and pop-culture landmark. Television reporter and columnist Michael Davis-with the complete participation of Joan Ganz Cooney, one of the show's founders-unveils the idealistic personalities, decades of social and cultural change, stories of compassion and personal sacrifice, and miraculous efforts of writers, producers, directors, and puppeteers that together transformed an empty soundstage into the most recognizable block of real estate in television history.

Who Was Jim Henson? Joan Holub 2010-07-08 Jim Henson broke into television with a five-minute puppetry segment when he was only a freshman in college. He created puppets like none ever seen before, with expressive fabric faces and rod-controlled arms. His Muppets became world-renowned celebrities and formed the backbone of a media empire. With black-and-white illustrations throughout, this easy-to-read biography will be published twenty years after Henson's untimely death.

*Jim Henson's Designs and Doodles* Alison Inches 2004-09-01 These imaginative musings, the work of a man who made an impossible world seem completely plausible, show history in the making., Booklist Bert and Ernie were once just scribbles on notebook paper, and the original Oscar the Grouch was purple, not green. Before there were Muppets, there were Jim Henson's designs and doodles. This delightful collection of Henson's early drawings serves as a map to the imagination of an artist whose characters have enraptured generations of children and adults. Almost none of these drawings had been published before the original Abrams edition. From the most cursory of doodles to finished drawings, this whimsical volume of sketchbooks, posters, album covers, story boards, and set and puppet designs celebrates Henson's unique genius and his wild sense of humor.

**An Introduction to Puppets and Puppet-making** David Currell 1996 For what must be one of the most creative and satisfying of crafts, Puppets and Puppet-Making provides the perfect introduction to the art as well as the means for mastering the more complicated skills and subtle effects.

*Puppet Play* Diana Schoenbrun 2011-04-26 Have fun and go green with Diana Schoenbrun's *Puppet Play: 20 Puppet Projects Made with Recycled Mittens, Towels, Socks, and More*. A puppet builder, an illustrator, and an author, Schoenbrun presents 20 puppet projects made with recycled materials easily found around the house. A lonely sock becomes a wizard puppet. A glove without a mate turns into five little pig puppets. And that tired dishtowel transforms into a lively banjo player puppet--all at very little cost. Diana Schoenbrun's easy-to-follow directions are accompanied by how-to illustrations. Also included are full-color photographs of puppets, as well as a chapter that guides children through creating and presenting their own puppet show. So, the next time the dryer eats a single sock, get crafty, go green, and go play with *Puppet Play*.

*The Well-Dressed Puppet* Cheralyn Lambeth 2014-07-11 Costumes are an integral part of any performance, adding believability, conveying setting, or establishing the tone, a fact that is no less true when your performer is a puppet! The only book of its kind, *The Well-Dressed Puppet* will show you how to create costumes and accessories tailored specifically for your puppet that will enhance any performance. Gone are the days of ill-fitting store-bought clothing that restrict the movement and use of your puppet. Author Cheralyn Lambeth walks you through every step of the costume-making process with detailed lists of the necessary

materials, equipment, and patterns required to create a costume from scratch. She also shares multiple tips and information on how to modify off-the-rack clothing to fit any puppet. Suitable for both beginners and more advanced costumers, *The Well-Dressed Puppet* demonstrates basic sewing and construction techniques while still providing advanced projects for customers who have already mastered those skills.

*Go to Bed, Fred* Alison Inches 1996 A nighttime rhyme helps children get ready for bed

*A Christmas Carol* Charles Dickens 2012 Stunning illustrations by award-winning artist Lee Krutop accompany this timeless Christmas story. Each spread features a beautiful pop-up. This book is a special keepsake to be enjoyed and shared with loved ones for many years to come.

*The Muppets Make Puppets* Cheryl Henson 1994-01 Includes instructions and materials needed to turn household objects into a variety of imaginative puppets