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“The most comprehensive book on directing animation from one of the best writers in the business.”—**Bill Plympton**, Oscar-nominated indie animation director

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A: One—David Levy’s! And if you read this funny and informative book, you’ll learn how to get other people to screw in the lightbulbs FOR you—and love doing it!”—**Tom Warburton**, TV animation director, creator, Cartoon Network's *Codename: Kids Next Door*

“Once again, David Levy has written a book that is an absolutely vital read to anyone interested in starting, or already in the midst of, a career making animated films. Levy has compiled essential information from the industry’s top talents, as well as the independent filmmaking community, telling it like it is and offering strong advice from decades of practical experience. A must-have!”—**Jerry Beck**, coeditor of CartoonBrew.com and author of *The 100 Greatest Looney Tunes Cartoons*

#### About the Author

David B. Levy has been an animation director for six series to date, including Nick Jr.'s Blue's Clues and Cartoon Network's Assy McGee. On his own, Levy has completed six award-winning independent animated films, most recently Owl and Rabbit Play Checkers. His previous short, Good Morning, has been featured in many film festivals, including the Hiroshima International Animation Festival and The New York International Children’s Film Festival. Levy has served as President of ASIFA-East since September 2000. He teaches and lectures regularly at schools such as Parsons School of Design, New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts, Pratt Institute, and the Rhode Island School of Design. Levy is married and lives in Brooklyn, New York.

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