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The Ancient Maya, 6th Edition

The rich findings of recent exploration and research are incorporated in this completely revised and greatly expanded sixth edition of this standard work on the Maya people. New field discoveries, new technical advances, new successes in the decipherment of Maya writing, and new theoretical perspectives on the Maya past have made this new edition necessary.

Maya Professional Tips and Techniques

Designed for busy Maya users like you, this guide offers dozens of how-tos, workarounds, and shortcuts culled from years of experience in a fast-paced, deadline-driven production pipeline. You'll discover tricks and timesavers on texturing particles, customizing Paint Effects brushes, modeling polygon faces, creating facial rigs with wire deformers, and much more—and helpful full-color illustrations reinforce the concepts. From modeling, animating, and rigging to texturing and lighting, this book will help you streamline workflow and improve your skills.

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Ziva never thought that Aryan would be the "definition" of her life until he made her the "Maya" of his life. She jumped with happiness at his love; she felt emotional when Aryan proposed to her in the shadow of the Taj Mahal and she rejoiced with Aryan on the beds of Gulmarg, relishing moments spent at the Himalayan mountains. She loved each and every second, cherishing Aryan's love in the Falaknuma Palace. But Maya's feelings for Aryan were temporary, and she was not confident enough to make a decision about Aryan. Aryan is unable to understand her mixed feelings for him and instead brings Manali into his life. How does Aryan get his princess back in this emotional journey? What did Aryan do to treat Maya as the princess of his life? Why did Maya play around with Aryan's feelings when he loved her so much? THIS STORY IS A BLEND OF REAL EMOTIONS AS THE STORY IS BASED ON REAL LIFE INCIDENTS. Have you ever celebrated your love for someone? Have you ever been sleepless for a person who always disturbs your thoughts? Have you ever shown the person you love how life with you would be, with no strings attached? Maya is the perfect book for you if you are looking for an extremely emotional and romantic journey of love. Situations range from general gossip to emotional trauma of a guy who sincerely loves a girl and creates a new world for her.

Fly with Maya

Fly with Maya is the story of a curious young girl who travels around the world in a hot air balloon. On her journey she meets engineers who tell her about their jobs and help herunderstand how her balloon works. What makes her balloon fly? Where will it land? What kinds of engineers will she meet? As Maya explores the night sky, she discovers how to use science to pilot her balloon. Join Maya on her exciting adventure and experience the wonder of our world!

The Art of Maya and the Three

A vibrant, oversized hardcover showcasing the concept and production art from the beautiful Netflix series by visionary animator and filmmaker, Jorge R. Gutierrez. Meet Maya, the eagle-warrior princess and all the dazzling characters that breathe life into lush and detailed landscapes magically inspired by Mesoamerican,

Incan, and Caribbean cultures. Behold the original vision for the series taken from early sketches to final animated wonders, with detailed storyboards, color scripts, and in-depth, bilingual (English and Spanish) commentary. Welcome to the vivid world of Maya and the Three! Bilingual Captions in English and Spanish.

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A mysterious novel by the author of the international bestseller SOPHIE'S WORLD. A chance meeting on the Fijian island of Taveuni is the trigger for a fascinating and mysterious novel that intertwines the stories of John Spooke, an English author who is grieving for his dead wife; Frank Andersen, a Norwegian evolutionary biologist estranged from his wife Vera; and an enigmatic Spanish couple, Ana and Jose, who are absorbed in their love for each other. Why does Ana bear such a close resemblance to the model for Goya's famous Maja paintings? What is the significance of the Joker as he steps out of his pack of cards? As the action moves from Fiji to Spain, from the present to the past, unfolding further stories within the stories, the novel reveals an astonishing richness and complexity. As bold and imaginative in its sweep as Sophie's World, it shows again that Jostein Gaarder's unique and special gift is to make us wonder at the awe-inspiring mystery of the universe.

Maya Saves the Day

An escaped tiger. Lost parents. Puppies who need a home. What's a little girl to do?

Autodesk Maya 2019 Basics Guide

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After the lights go out in her house, Maya's mother distracts her from her fear of the dark with a retelling of the legend of the banyan tree.

The Adventures of Maya the Bee

An award-winning journalist and literacy advocate provides a clear, step-by-step guide to helping your child thrive as a reader and a learner. When her child went off to school, Maya Smart was shocked to discover that a good education in America is a long shot, in ways that few parents fully appreciate. Our current approach to literacy offers too little, too late, and attempting to play catch-up when our kids get to kindergarten can no longer be our default strategy. We have to start at the top. The brain architecture for reading develops rapidly during infancy, and early language experiences are critical to building it. That means parents' work as children's first teachers begins from day one too—and we need deeper knowledge to play our positions. Reading for Our Lives challenges the bath-book-bed mantra and the idea that reading aloud to our kids is enough to ensure school readiness. Instead, it gives parents easy, immediate, and accessible ways to nurture language and literacy development from the start. Through personal stories, historical accounts, scholarly research, and practical tips, this book presents the life-and-death urgency of literacy, investigates inequity in reading achievement, and illuminates a path to a true, transformative education for all.

Reading for Our Lives

Start modeling right away with this hands-on guide to learning Autodesk Maya 2016 Introducing Autodesk Maya 2016 is the official guide to the most popular and complex 3D application on the market. Building from the ground up, this book combines straightforward text with practical examples that make it easy to absorb the basics and start designing and animating your own digital models and scenes. The tutorials offer realistic challenges and clear explanations, laid out in fun, step-by-step lessons that help you gain confidence and learn by doing. You'll delve into CG and 3D core concepts and production workflows, then get right to work designing an animation of the solar system as you learn the interface and basic tools. As your modeling skills grow, you'll build a steam locomotive, a starfish, a table lamp, and much more as you learn to rig your model for animation, create fabric motion with nCloth, and add the lighting and effects that bring your scenes to life. The companion website features downloadable project files that help you see how the pros do it, and the book includes real-world examples from talented users who were beginners just like you. Master the Maya 2016 interface, menus, and plug-ins Begin building simple animations right away Explore modeling, rendering, animation, and cloth motion Add lighting, rendering, dynamics, simulations, and effects If you want to work like the pros, Introducing Autodesk Maya 2016 is the perfect primer for getting started.

Introducing Autodesk Maya 2016

Take your Maya skills to new levels with the sophisticated coverage in this authoritative Autodesk Maya Press reference and tutorial. From key basics through advanced techniques, a team of Maya experts provides you with the very latest professional-level instruction on Maya Complete and Maya Unlimited through tutorials and hands-on practice. Whether a novice or an advanced user of Maya, you'll find everything from key basics through advanced techniques. Note: CD-ROM/DVD and other supplementary materials are not included as part of eBook file.

Mastering Maya 8.5

Featuring completely original material from a new team of Maya know-it-alls, this second edition of an award-winning book is sure to inform and inspire even the most seasoned Maya user. In this distinctive Maya Press title, a cadre of professionals led by two acclaimed Maya pros, reveal the precious secrets they've

learned using Maya on high-profile CG projects such as The Matrix, Shrek 2, and X-Men. In nine unique and compelling chapters, you'll get detailed and sophisticated instruction on how to: Enhance fluidity and realism by generating complex motion with Maya Cloth Apply non-photorealistic rendering styles that mimic the look of comic books and impressionist paintings Emulate real-world camera motion, from dolly-and-pan movement to varying levels of camera shake Produce natural lighting effects using global illumination and image based lighting Ensure smooth and accurate transfer of character data from modeling to rigging to animation to lighting Control IK chains, deformers, and surfaces with Maya Hair's dynamic curves Use dynamics effectively to create flexible objects and add secondary effects to enhance your animation Use Maya's built-in noise function to produce powerful effects similar to those used in "The Matrix" trilogy Create a human face from a conceptual sketch using subdivision surfaces

Maya® Secrets of the ProsTM

The CD-ROM includes a dozen hours of hands-on tutorial movies (recorded at 800X600) to aid your learning process.

Maya 5 Fundamentals

Trying to learn Maya programming from the documentation can be daunting whether or not you are a programmer. The first edition of MEL Scripting for Maya Animators earned the reputation as the best introductory book on MEL, Maya's scripting language. Now fully revised and updated, the second edition also includes new features, such as a discussion of global procedures, new chapters on fixing programming bottlenecks, advanced user interface techniques, and optimizing character rigs. New chapters on utility nodes and Maya's Web Panel feature provide new ideas on how to use MEL in applications. This new edition has kept the popular style of the first edition that offered very clear explanations of programming concepts to those without programming experience. A generous collection of code examples and Maya scene files is included on the companion Web site. This is a book for animators, artists, game developers, visual effects developers, and technical directors who want to learn the fundamentals of Maya, how to automate tasks, personalize user interfaces, build custom tools, and solve problems with MEL. - Fully updated with several new chapters - Profusely illustrated and includes a companion Web site with numerous code examples and scene files - The authors bring their extensive experience in professional production studios to provide expert guidance

MEL Scripting for Maya Animators

In this new archaeological study, Arthur Demarest brings the lost pre-Columbian civilization of the Maya to life. In applying a holistic perspective to the most recent evidence from archaeology, paleoecology, and epigraphy, this theoretical interpretation emphasises both the brilliant rain forest adaptations of the ancient Maya and the Native American spirituality that permeated all aspects of their daily life. Demarest draws on his own discoveries and the findings of colleagues to reconstruct the complex lifeways and volatile political history of the Classic Maya states of the first to eighth centuries. He provides a new explanation of the long-standing mystery of the ninth-century abandonment of most of the great rain forest cities. Finally, he draws lessons from the history of the Classic Maya cities for contemporary society and for the ongoing struggles and resurgence of the modern Maya peoples, who are now re-emerging from six centuries of oppression.

Ancient Maya

Mastering Maya is the complete resource for beginning, intermediate, and advanced users. This Maya Press title begins with a Quick Start overview of the workflow and tools in Maya, then offers detailed, thorough instruction on the Maya interface and all modeling, texturing, animation, and special effects tools. The lessons and techniques are reinforced with excellent tutorials, and the CD includes tutorial files as well as the latest Maya Personal Learning Edition software. The Maya Interface Quick Start: Creating an Animation in

Maya 7· Polygonal Modeling· NURBS Modeling· Subdivision Surfaces· Advanced Modeling· Basic Animation· Character Setup and Rigging· Character Animation· Nonlinear Animation· Lighting for Animation· Shading and Texturing for Animation· Rendering Basics· Advanced Rendering with mental ray.· Maya Embedded Language (MEL)· Paint Effects· Rigid Body Animation· Using Particles· Fluid Effects· Maya Hair· Maya Fur· Maya Cloth

Mastering Maya 7

The new edition of this perennial bestseller is the ideal initiation to 3D and Maya. Starting with the basics, it builds from the ground up, combining straightforward text with practical examples that make it fun and easy to learn Maya's core tools while introducing the latest Maya 2008 features. Follow clear-cut, step-by-step lessons while you learn by doing using a wealth of hands-on files provided on the CD. You'll also find compelling examples in the full-color insert.

Introducing Maya 2008

The Ultimate Maya 2009 Resource for Intermediate to Advanced Users If you already know the basics of Maya, now you can elevate your skills with Maya 2009 and the advanced coverage in this authoritative new reference and tutorial. From modeling, texturing, animation, and visual effects to high-level techniques for film, television, games, and more, this book provides professional-level instruction on Maya Complete and Maya Unlimited. This fully updated book brings you up to speed on Maya 2009's new features and expands your skills with advanced instruction on cloth, fur, and fluids. You'll learn Dynamics, Maya Muscle, Stereo Cameras, Assets, rendering with mental ray, and more. Filled with challenging tutorials and real-world scenarios from some of the leading professionals in the industry, this one-of-a-kind guide gives you valuable insight into the entire CG production pipeline. If you've been looking for a complete, professional-quality Maya resource to turn to again and again, this is the book for you. Note: CD-ROM/DVD and other supplementary materials are not included as part of eBook file.

Mastering Maya 2009

Read about the life of the famous African-American author.

Maya Angelou

Papers from the 1987 Maya Weekend conference at the University of Pennsylvania Museum present current views of Maya culture and language. Also included is an article by George Stuart summarizing the history of the study of Maya hieroglyphs and the fascinating scholars and laypersons who have helped bring about their decipherment. Symposium Series III University Museum Monograph, 77

New Theories on the Ancient Maya

In Maya Political Science: Time, Astronomy, and the Cosmos, Prudence M. Rice proposed a new model of Maya political organization in which geopolitical seats of power rotated according to a 256-year calendar cycle known as the May. This fundamental connection between timekeeping and Maya political organization sparked Rice's interest in the origins of the two major calendars used by the ancient lowland Maya, one 260 days long, and the other having 365 days. In Maya Calendar Origins, she presents a provocative new thesis about the origins and development of the calendrical system. Integrating data from anthropology, archaeology, art history, astronomy, ethnohistory, myth, and linguistics, Rice argues that the Maya calendars developed about a millennium earlier than commonly thought, around 1200 BC, as an outgrowth of observations of the natural phenomena that scheduled the movements of late Archaic hunter-gatherer-collectors throughout what became Mesoamerica. She asserts that an understanding of the cycles of weather

and celestial movements became the basis of power for early rulers, who could thereby claim \"control\" over supernatural cosmic forces. Rice shows how time became materialized—transformed into status objects such as monuments that encoded calendrical or temporal concerns—as well as politicized, becoming the foundation for societal order, political legitimization, and wealth. Rice's research also sheds new light on the origins of the Popol Vuh, which, Rice believes, encodes the history of the development of the Mesoamerican calendars. She also explores the connections between the Maya and early Olmec and Izapan cultures in the Isthmian region, who shared with the Maya the cosmovision and ideology incorporated into the calendrical systems.

Maya Calendar Origins

Proposes a long sought solution to the mystery of the collapse of the Maya civilization: a series of severe droughts during the ninth and tenth centuries which brought famine, thirst, and death to the Maya lowlands.

The Great Maya Droughts

The Ultimate Resource for Professional Game Animators Game animation is a demanding art. Not only do you have to deliver realistic, beautiful animations, but you have to do so under strict real-time, video-game constraints. The Game Animator's Guide to Maya is your focused resource for using Maya to create professional-level game animations for console and PC games. Written by a game industry veteran and featuring interviews with professional animators and artists from around the country, this focused book features specific, detailed, real-world game animation techniques. It's the perfect reference and tutorial for those looking to develop or refine their game animation skills. The enclosed CD features more than \$3000 worth of exclusive content, including models, high-resolution textures, animations, concept art, and animation reference videos. It also includes the Maya Personal Learning Edition and project files so you can complete the hands-on tutorials. The Game Animator's Guide to Maya gives you an insider's view of the animation business and teaches the skills necessary to animate everything from characters to vehicles to lipsynching audio. First, you'll get an introduction to the industry and typical game development pipelines, then learn rigging and animation basics before moving on to advanced techniques and the detailed tutorials. Inside, you'll find: * Game Career Guide: Industry information, demo reel advice, job descriptions, game asset pipeline overview * Animation Techniques: detailed explanation of animation terms, techniques, tools, concepts, and editors * Rigging and Animation Setup: IK and FK, joint hierarchies, skeleton controls, constraints, selection handles, and more * True Game Animation: real-world assignments that mimic the dayto-day jobs of professional game animators--walk cycles, run cycles, idle cycles, action sequences, lipsynching to audio, and more

The Game Animator's Guide to Maya

With the continued expansion of the literary canon, multicultural works of modern literary fiction and autobiography have assumed an increasing importance for students and scholars of American literature. This exciting new series assembles key documents and criticism concerning these works that have so recently become central components of the American literature curriculum. Each casebook will reprint documents relating to the work's historical context and reception, present the best in critical essays, and when possible, feature an interview of the author. The series will provide, for the first time, an accessible forum in which readers can come to a fuller understanding of these contemporary masterpieces and the unique aspects of American ethnic, racial, or cultural experience that they so ably portray. Perhaps more than any other single text, Maya Angelou's I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings helped to establish the \"mainstream\" status of the renaissance in black women's writing. This casebook presents a variety of critical approaches to this classic autobiography, along with an exclusive interview with Angelou conducted specially for this volume and a unique drawing of her childhood surroundings in Stamps, Arkansas, drawn by the Angelou herself.

Maya Angelou's I Know why the Caged Bird Sings

Your Visual Guide to Maya One look and you'll see this Maya book is different from all the others. It presents core Maya features visually, using pages that are packed with beautiful graphics and loaded with detailed explanations on every crucial feature of Maya's interface. Engaging step-by-step tutorials provide hands-on reinforcement for what you've learned. Maya at a Glance is the perfect introduction and reference to the Academy Award(r) winning Maya 3D animation and effects software.

Maya at a Glance

Market_Desc: · Video Game Artists· Animators· Effects Specialists· Game Developers· Industrial And Architectural Designers · Broadcast And Multimedia Designers · Instructors · Students Special Features: · The only book that covers the art of mental ray, the leading digital rendering program distributed with every major 3D software package. Estimated reach is over 500,000 users mental ray is the built-in renderer for Maya, 3ds max, and XSI 3D software solutions, the three most popular digital animation and effects programs on the market. The book is aimed at high-end professionals and students anxious to master mental ray. A 16-page color insert showcases final rendered images of the studio quality seen in films like The Brothers Grimm, The Day After Tomorrow, and The Matrix Revolutions. The CD includes models, textures, and fully rendered samples. It also provides value-added HD images (worth \$50 apiece in other packages), MEL plug-ins for Maya and XSI to convert cameras for generating terrains (\$100 value), and other valuable plug-ins · Curriculum guides are also available for training centers and schools that teach mental ray About The Book: This is a one-stop resource for the keys to rendering with mental ray that 3D artists can t get any where else. The book shows how to create stunning, highly realistic images with mental ray using the most popular 3D programs, with a focus on helping artists make informed decisions on advanced lighting and workflow issues that will transform their creations into studio quality photo-realistic characters, objects, and landscapes. The tutorials have been developed and tested in the author's professional studio, as well as in the classroom, providing artists with the level of expertise they need to stay current and students with cuttingedge know-how to take to their job hunt.

MENTAL RAY, FOR MAYA, 3DS MAX, AND XSI: A 3D ARTIST'S GUIDE TO RENDERING (With CD)

This book is among the first books to provide an in-depth look at how to implement Python with Maya,. It is an ideal resource for technical artists looking to boost productivity and enhance performance and interoperability. With this practical guide written by trusted authorities in the field, experienced technical artists will make the transition from the older MEL scripting language to Python and aspiring artists will save themselves time right from the beginning.

Maya Python for Games and Film

Market_Desc: This book targets those new to 3D generally, and beginning Maya users specifically. Traditional artists, students, 2D artists, educators, and hobbyists will also seek out this book for its exceptionally accessible coverage of 3D and Maya basics. Students, teachers (there will be ancillaries available), and hobbyists alike will benefit from the book s thorough techniques and tutorials. Special Features: NEW MATERIAL: Covers the latest features and includes new tutorials and art BEST-SELLING: Previous editions have been the best-selling Maya book on the market and received consistently great reviews. INSPIRATIONAL: Color insert provides real-world examples from talented beginning Maya users to attract readers who aspire to learn the software SOFTWARE INCLUDED: Includes the free Maya Personal Learning Edition software on the CD. No other third-party books do. OFFICIAL: Features a striking cover that carries the look and feel of the Maya Press brand. COMPLEX MADE DOABLE: Maya professional Dariush Derakhshani gives beginners just what they need to understand the intricacies of 3D and Maya. The tutorials offer realistic challenges for those new to 3D with clear explanations along the way

About The Book: Introducing Maya 7: 3D for Beginners, Next Edition updates the best-selling Maya book on the market today. It features new tutorials, new art, and other enhancements for the latest version of Maya. This Maya Press title -- a cooperative publication between Sybex and Alias -- teaches the Maya interface and the basics of modeling, texturing, animating, and visual effects. The expository text is reinforced with excellent tutorials, and the CD includes tutorial files as well as the Maya Personal Learning Edition software. Maya professional and instructor Dariush Derakhshani leads readers through the nuances of the complex software without over-explaining or over-simplifying. The tutorials offer realistic, professional challenges for those new to 3D, and to those coming from another 3D application.

INTRODUCING MAYA 8 3D: FOR BEGINNERS (With CD)

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Autodesk Maya 2018 Basics Guide

Final report of the 1970-1974 research conducted in the Salama Valley, Baja Verapaz, and adjacent areas of the highlands of Guatemala. The volume presents the results of the first comprehensive study of northern highland preclassic occupation and cultural development in light of the question of highland-lowland interaction and its role in the growth of Maya civilization.

Archaeological Investigations of the Northern Maya Highlands, Guatemala

A practical, step-by-step guide to Maya 2011 Four previous editions can't be wrong: this book is the perfect introduction to 3D and Maya. Learn to build and animate your own digital models and scenes with step-by-step instruction and fun and practical examples, while you draw inspiration from the striking examples included from talented Maya users. You'll create a simple animation of the planets in the solar system, learn to model a human hand and a decorative box—among other projects—and master all essential tools. Provides a thorough, step-by-step introduction to Maya 2011 Explains the core concepts of CG and working in 3D Covers modeling, rigging, HDRI lighting, mental ray rendering, and more Provides project files on CD and walks you through the creation of several projects; the CD also includes images, movies, and scene files Includes a color insert with pages of striking examples from talented Maya beginners Build your Maya and animation skills from the ground up with this practical, thorough guide. Note: CD-ROM/DVD and other supplementary materials are not included as part of eBook file. For Instructors: Teaching supplements are available for this title.

Introducing Maya 2011

Unwriting Maya Literature provides an important decolonial framework for reading Maya texts that builds on the work of Maya authors and intellectuals such as Q'anjob'al Gaspar Pedro González and Kaqchikel Irma

Otzoy. Paul M. Worley and Rita M. Palacios privilege the Maya category ts'fib over constructions of the literary in order to reveal how Maya peoples themselves conceive of artistic creation. This offers a decolonial departure from theoretical approaches that remain situated within alphabetic Maya linguistic and literary creation. As ts'fib refers to a broad range of artistic production from painted codices and textiles to works composed in Latin script, as well as plastic arts, the authors argue that texts by contemporary Maya writers must be read as dialoguing with a multimodal Indigenous understanding of text. In other words, ts'fib is an alternative to understanding "writing" that does not stand in opposition to but rather fully encompasses alphabetic writing, placing it alongside and in dialogue with a number of other forms of recorded knowledge. This shift in focus allows for a critical reexamination of the role that weaving and bodily performance play in these literatures, as well as for a nuanced understanding of how Maya writers articulate decolonial Maya aesthetics in their works. Unwriting Maya Literature places contemporary Maya literatures within a context that is situated in Indigenous ways of knowing and being. Through ts'fib, the authors propose an alternative to traditional analysis of Maya cultural production that allows critics, students, and admirers to respectfully interact with the texts and their authors. Unwriting Maya Literature offers critical praxis for understanding Mesoamerican works that encompass non-Western ways of reading and creating texts.

Unwriting Maya Literature

The only hands-on book devoted to mastering Maya's dynamics tools for water, wind, and fire In the world of animation, the ability to create realistic water, wind, and fire effects is key. Autodesk Maya software includes powerful dynamics tools that have been used to design breathtaking effects for movies, games, commercials, and short films. This professional guide teaches you the primary techniques you need to make the most of Maya's toolkit, so you'll soon be creating water that ripples, gusting winds and gentle breezes, and flickering fires the way Hollywood pros do. The one-of-a-kind book is completely project-based. Learn the intricacies of Maya's Dynamics tools and continue to build your skills with projects that increase in complexity. A DVD is included with additional video training. Maya is the industry-leading 3D animation and effects software; Maya dynamics tools create water and other fluids, wind, fire, fur, particles, and more Build professional skills in Maya Dynamics with this project-based guide Put your skills to work by completing a series of projects on water, wind, and fire effects A DVD included with the book provides additional video training Maya Studio Projects: Dynamics is one of a new series of books designed to teach animators and designers fresh skills through project-based instruction. Note: CD-ROM/DVD and other supplementary materials are not included as part of eBook file.

Maya Studio Projects

This volume offers in-depth information on the art of using texturing and lighting in Maya, the industry-leading 3D animation effects software.

Advanced Maya Texturing and Lighting

With new readings of ancient texts, Ancient Maya Politics unlocks the long-enigmatic political system of the Classic Maya.

Ancient Maya Politics

The Maya forged one of the greatest societies in the history of the ancient Americas — and in all of human history. Long before contact with Europeans, Maya communities built spectacular cities with large, well-fed large populations. They mastered the visual arts, and developed a sophisticated writing system that recorded extraordinary knowledge in calendrics, mathematics, and astronomy. The Maya achieved all this without area-wide centralized control. There was never a single, unified Maya state or empire, but always numerous, evolving ethnic groups speaking dozens of distinct Mayan languages. The people we call \"Maya\" never thought of themselves as such; yet something definable, unique, and endlessly fascinating - what we call

Maya culture - has clearly existed for millennia. So what was their self-identity and how did Maya civilization come to be \"invented?\" With the Maya historically subdivided and misunderstood in so many ways, the pursuit of what made them \"the Maya\" is all the more important. In this Very Short Introduction, Restall and Solari explore the themes of Maya identity, city-state political culture, art and architecture, the Maya concept of the cosmos, and the Maya experience of contact with — including invasion by — outsiders. Despite its brevity, this book is unique for its treatment of all periods of Maya civilization, from its origins to the present.

The Maya

A unique, in-depth approach to creating realistic characters in Maya. Maya Character Creation: Modeling and Animation Controls' author, Chris Maraffi, has expertise in the field and in the classroom that translates to the knowledge and solid teaching skills needed to make this book a \"must-have\"! The current trend in computer graphics is greater organic realism. Many of the top-grossing movies today, such as Spiderman, Lord of the Rings, Jurassic Park 3, and Star Wars Episode 2, all feature realistic 3D characters. There is a major need in the 3D community for educational material that demonstrates detailed techniques for achieving this organic reality. Maya is one of the main packages used on such cutting-edge films, and has an established toolset for creating believable 3D characters. Maya Character Creation: Modeling and Animation Controls is designed to take you through the process of designing, modeling, and setting up animation controls for complex 3D characters. The concepts, techniques, and Maya tools used for each step in the process are presented in each chapter, followed by many hands-on exercises. NURBS, polygon, and subdivision surface modeling techniques are shown for creating the character's skin, and skeleton-based animation controls are covered in detail. You will learn how a character's skin should deform when the skeletal joints and muscles move. Advanced MEL scripted animation controls are also covered extensively.

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