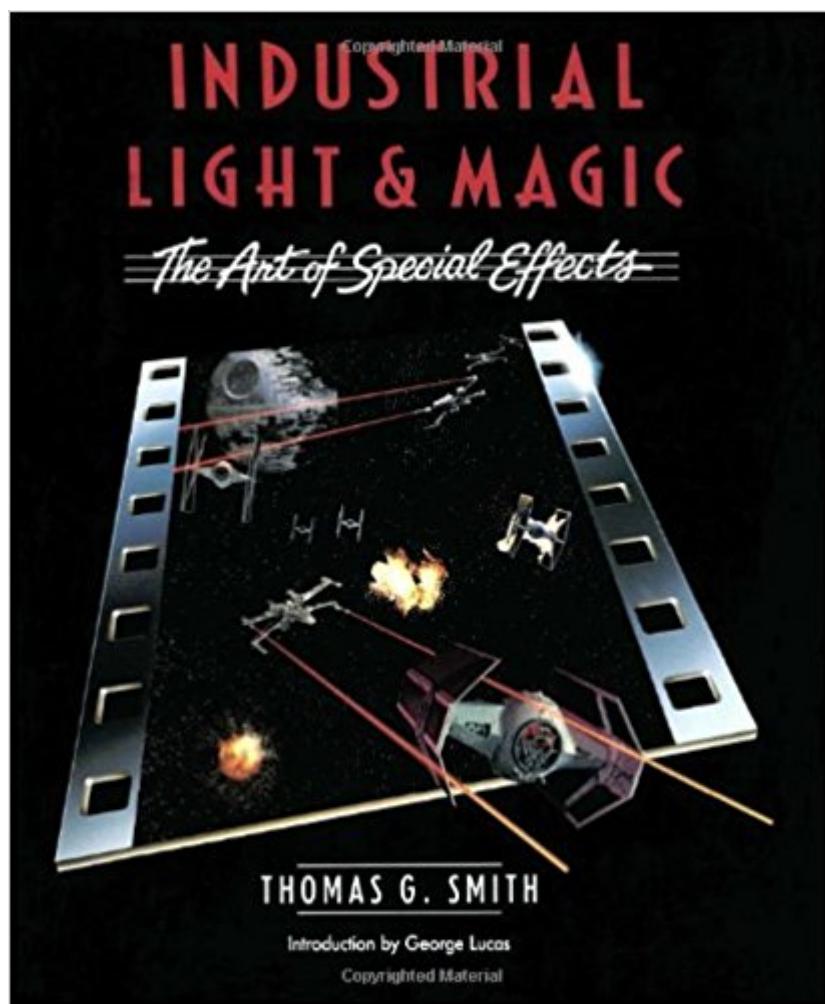


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# Industrial Light & Magic: The Art Of Special Effects



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## **Customer Reviews**

Author Smith was general manager for Industrial Light & Magic (ILM) which provided astounding special effects for the sf/horror films of George Lucas and Steven Spielberg, beginning with Star Wars. This book is something of a puff-piece for the renowned company (and a panegyric to Lucas) and includes a history of the company, profiles of its artists and technicians, and solid explanations of the various techniques, from animation to matte painting to models. The writing is competent but repetitious. However, the volume has been designed as a fan-oriented, large-format tome, and it is lavishly illustrated with excellent color visuals. The filmography of ILM work includes each film's poster, a nice touch. David Bartholomew, NYPLCopyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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Oscar-winning accomplishments creating special effects for the STAR WARS trilogy, RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK, ET, POLTERGEIST, and a host of others.

I found this book to be an absolutely fascinating read. It's written by an ILM insider which adds to the credibility of the book. The copyright is 1986 so it's cool to read this book with some measure of hindsight to know that ILM was truly ahead of its time. I found one passage near the end of the book to be incredibly prophetic. The author is discussing CGI enhancement. Remember that this book was written in 1986 when the technology was in its infancy. He speculated way back then that CGI would one day become the norm in film making. This more than anything else convinces me that ILM only hires true visionaries and that's why ILM is what it is today. This book complements that opinion. Great book.

This, like the other 2 books in this series it is chock full of behind the scenes & stunning photographs of movie icons. It goes further into detail of the 'how' than the other books which are understandably more general. The 3 books cover Foundation of ILM to the start of the digital realm, The digital realm & the art of FX. The fourth book though not part of the series is for me 'Inside the model shop', a companion to the other three. Together the three books chart the rise of ILM to close to the Present day. Highly recommended for Film buffs, modellers & those who just like this field presented by people who love what they do & want to talk about it. Chris D

This is a very good coffee-table picture book. The info contained inside is um, questionable. Statements like "Animation was used when the Evil Emperor was firing lightning bolts at Luke Skywalker in Return of the Jedi" well, I can't argue with it!

This is a replacement copy for a dogged ear one I bought when a college freshman in 1986.

Great coffee table book with tons of insight behind the early days of ILM. Lots of photos, sketches, and interviews. I dinged it one star since it's written by one of the guys from ILM who's clearly not a writer. This should have been ghost-written or else-wise heavily edited. The prose is sometimes pretty sophomoric.

A great book which covers ILM up to 1986. Some amazing matte paintings and behind the scene photographs.

A stunningly presented book, utterly brilliant for anyone interested in pre-digital (to a large extent) ILM work. Goes into great detail, with a lot of fold-out pages. It's heavy! Couldn't be happier with this one.

Fantastic book. I cannot express how much amazingness there is in here about all the ILM movies. If you like learning about film and seeing how things were done this is the perfect book.

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