

## The Adobe Illustrator CS6 WOW! Book

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DTG Magazine and the Designer's Bookshelf get a lot of questions and comments from readers, but recently a lot of people comment that they no longer buy the books because they can get it all online. Well, that may be true for some things -- but NOT Illustrator! People just don't upload as much with Illustrator as they do for Photoshop and other programs because Illustrator is a lot harder. Sure, it's easy to run some filters over a photo and call yourself a 'Photoshop Expert' ... but try creating some good art in Illustrator and you see it's a totally different ball game. If you want to kick some butt with Adobe Illustrator, you need the WOW book!

Illustrator in Adobe Creative Suite 6 has undergone a fairly major makeover -- from the interface to the functions of most of the tools. There are even a dozen new tools, different palettes and shortcuts. When we installed it, I was frustrated no end; still am on certain things. But if anyone can help sooth you through the rough spots it's Sharon Steuer. Her Illustrator WOW books have been a staple of this shop, and the Design Bookshelf for many years.



Here you'll see some hot new uses of gradients, even unifying them across multiple objects! While you're at it, you be inspired by some great illustrations!

As a key component of Adobe Creative Suite 6, Illustrator CS6 provides the vector side of graphics. These powerful drawing tools and unparalleled typographic controls allow you to do just about everything you need in desktop publishing and web publishing. Sharon has updated her Adobe Illustrator CS6 WOW! Book for intermediate through professional artists and

designers not just to teach. You'll find each chapter drives you into places you may not go on your own, and serves to inspire you into some pretty cool stuff.



In this spectacular passage, Ann Paidrick transforms simple rectangular objects into complex, contoured gradient mesh objects! These are the kinds of things you will NOT learn on the web if you searched for a hundred years!

***The Adobe Illustrator CS6 WOW! Book*** is so full of beautiful examples, you won't believe it! And its about 100% all practical, with focus on real-world tips, tricks, and techniques extracted from the artwork of many of the world's best Illustrator artists.



Working with pattern brushes and some incredible details, **Aaron McGarry** takes full advantage of Illustrator's symbol libraries and brushes to generate the greenery and foliage around the pipes! Components of the piping were taken from the symbol libraries, modified and replicated into an extraordinary, photographic drawing!

🟢 ***The Adobe Illustrator CS6 WOW! Book***

Sharon Steuer

... with guests : Jean-Claude Tremblay, Cristen Gillespie, Steven H. Gordon, Lisa Jackmore,

Aaron McGarry, and a host of other high, top-shelf illustrators and creatives

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*And, I thank you for reading!*

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