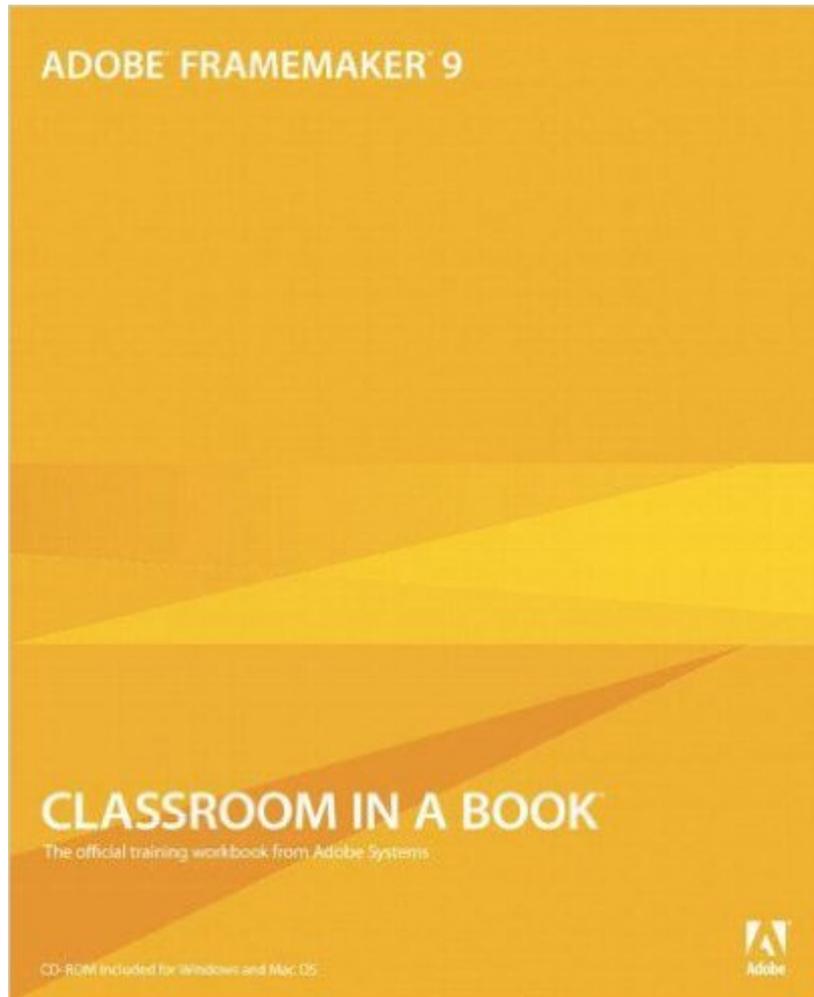# The book was found

Adobe FrameMaker 9 Classroom In A Book

Synopsis

FrameMaker, which is at the core of the Adobe Technical Communication Suite, has long been the gold standard for writing, illustrating, and laying out technical documentation in print. With new features like support for rich media objects and powerful PDF export, FrameMaker excels at authoring online documents as well. This Classroom in a Book (a revision of the successful FrameMaker 7 Classroom in a Book) begins with a survey of the fundamentals of FrameMaker 9: styling paragraphs, placing graphics, creating tables, adding captions, cross-references, and footnotes. Later chapters cover long-document features, such as tables of contents and indexes. Preparing content for output to print or to screen (PDF or HTML), working with Unicode (for handling foreign languages), and using DITA (Darwin Information Typing Architecture) to structure documents using XML, round out the coverage.

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Admittedly new to Framemaker, I bought the book to cure that. After two days of flogging away at the tutorials I still don't know how to create a simple document in Framemaker! The first lesson was an adequate introduction to basic program features, I think. There are so many features I still don't know most of them, nor how or why to use them. The next lession goes heavily into paragraph formatting, but it gives you a canned document to alter. So I don't know how this document was created, and I don't understand why I am being asked to make the changes that are instructed. Its like, open this, change this setting, click here, and, presto changeo, look at what you've done!

Except what I've done is really neat, but does not help me understand how to master the program's capabilities. In essence, this book does not teach you how to learn Framemaker, it just demonstrates some of the features, with you being the open, change, click monkey. The lessons do not follow a logical progression from basics to advance. To be fair, I get the distinct impression this book Is Not For Beginners. What the hell is Structured vs Unstructured documents, EDD, XML. Look in the index; ain't there. There's a lot of presumption behind the lesson plans.To add insult to injury the book has stupid mistakes. You are told to click on wrong icons, go to wrong pages, choose options from drop down boxes that are empty. Whoever wrote this book never tried to actually use it. With software this powerful and complicated, you really need to be told EXACTLY what to do, or you get results totally different from what the lesson describes. Worse, you can't be sure what went wrong: did I do something wrong, or did the book give me incorrect instructions?

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