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**Donald Devet, Drew Allison : The Foam Book : An Easy Guide to Building Polyfoam Puppets** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Foam Book : An Easy Guide to Building Polyfoam Puppets:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A waste of your hard earned money.By 10KOb2I bought this book because I thought it would help me correct some of the problems I've had with building moving mouth puppets. It doesn't. In fact, many of the illustrations/examples are missing or have been cut out. There are other places in the book where they need to illustrate/photograph what they are talking about. The writers claim they are not good at drawing illustrations yet have plenty of photos of puppets that are totally complete. If they can photograph the complete puppets, then why can they not photograph the steps to completing them. If you already know how to build foam puppets, then save your money. This book is not worth it. If you don't, you will find this book very confusing. VERY DISAPPOINTED!!!!!!2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Puppet Power!By Katy DorfschmidtWhen the small engineering school I attend decided to perform Avenue Q for a spring production, I was thrilled. However, as the director, I was also terrified. With no drama department to speak of, merely a club with hardly any budget, I had no way to rent puppets to use in the production. I decided that I would make my own puppets for the production in order to save the day. Most people thought I was crazy (and frankly, so did I) but this book saved my booty.The book was

recommended to me by my brother and sister-in-law who had used the book at the school they taught at to make puppets. I needed all the help I could get, so I ordered the book. The foam book was a life saver. It gave easy, step-by-step instructions on how to create and build your own puppets. Although I occasionally wished that there were patterns to follow in the book, I think it became more fun just trying new designs than it would have been to copy some out of a book. I also had a few problems finding supplies, as many of the dealers and supplies they used in the book were not available locally, or affordably. I did manage to improvise a little, and in the end, I ended up spending about \$150 on puppets rather than the \$2000 it would have cost to rent them. This book literally saved my production and was so helpful. I recommend it to anyone who wants to make some neat puppets. Whether you're a professional puppeteer or a complete beginner, the book makes building an amazing puppet totally achievable. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Hard to find info By Customer When making puppets it's very hard to get other input on different ways to do things. This is very informative and full of useful thoughts and not just picture based. Thanks. Well done.

Whether you're a beginner to the world of puppet making or an experienced professional puppeteer, The Foam Book was written with you in mind. This easy guide to designing and building your own polyfoam puppets will take you step-by-step through the creative process. Along the way you'll pick up tips and tricks to make the puppet building experience as carefree as possible. The Foam Book is not just a guide to puppet construction but a useful resource of suppliers of hard to find puppet-making materials. Inside you'll find: \* Two sure-fire methods for making a puppet head. \* A grocery list of features to consider for your character. \* Detailed descriptions for making any body parts imaginable. \* Special sections on creating animals and fantastic creatures. \* Suggestions for materials and coverings. \* Over 100 photos and drawings.

With expanded information and many helpful hints, this book is sure to be a great help to all who use foam in the construction of their puppets. --The Puppetry Journal About the Author Drew Allison is the founder and president of Grey Seal Puppets. He is involved in all phases of production including writing, building, designing and performing. For over twenty years, Drew has performed regularly on television and stage including such venues as The Center for Puppetry Arts, The Smithsonian Institution, The Detroit Institute of Art and The Philadelphia Museum of Art. In 1994 Drew was awarded the President's Award by The Puppeteers of America for outstanding achievement in the art of puppetry. In 1998, his original production of BATHTUB PIRATES was awarded the prestigious UNIMA Citation of Excellence. He has also served on the Board of Trustees of The Puppeteers of America. Donald Devet is a web producer and freelance writer, producer and performer in New York City.