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"an authoritative and useful book with a range of expert tips, pointers and advice that will help your figure drawing" - **Paint & Draw**

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"Steve Huston is one of the most uniquely powerful artists out there . . . a modern master. [Figure Drawing for Artists] is a phenomenal resource. Steve's insight and love for what he does inspires. This book should be in every student's library. That being said, it's for every artist - students and professionals alike." - **Carlos Huante, Art Director, Industrial Light & Magic, a division of Lucasfilm**

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"Finally a book that emphasises gesture and rhythm first and foremost. I think the book is weighted just right for making it clear to the current photo copyist culture, and the overly medicalized anatomy culture, that gesture, rhythm, and playful, designed proportion are by far the most important initial visual ideas. Not only for the figure, but for entire images." - **Erik Olsen, faculty at College of Creative Studies, Detroit**

#### About the Author

Steve Huston was born and raised in Alaska. He studied at Pasadena's Art Center College of Design. Graduating with his BFA, Huston began illustrating. His client list eventually included such names as Caesar's Palace, MGM, Paramount Pictures and Universal Studios. After nearly a decade of doing commercial work, Huston decided a change was in order. He's developed his unique teaching method over 30 years, teaching drawing, painting and composition- first at his Alma Mater, then at the Disney, Warner Brother, Dreamworks, and most other major studios. Influences include among others Titian, Michelangelo, Rembrandt, the early American Tonalists, the homespun character of the WPA art projects, and the heroic and graphic inventions of the American Comic Book form. Since then, Steve has shown his fine art pieces around the world. He's the only artist in the history of the California Art Club to win their gold medal three

times. His work has been featured in Art News, American Art Collector, Harper's Magazine, Southwest Art, American Artist, Western Art & Architecture, Playboy, and many others.

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