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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. An excellent guide. A fun read while describing the techniques ...By CustomerAn excellent guide. A fun read while describing the techniques with clarity, along with excellent detailed accompanying photos. As the title says, "Props and Costume Armor", so the methods and materials used were focused within that scope, though still discusses their application to other items somewhat. Since there are so many additional mold making materials and their variations available, if the author wrote a 2nd book covering a greater range of materials and their application to more commercial and industrial items, I would buy it in a microsecond.2 of 2 people

found the following review helpful. Learning new skills doesn't get much more fun. By Ed. Not only is Shawn Thorsson a brilliant builder or "Maker", he's a hilarious writer. I laughed with the text while learning some amazing skills. I've dabbled in scratch building and mold making for years. I wish this book was available way back when. Oh well, we have it now. Brilliant!!! 7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Informative and Entertaining! Great buy and great read! By Robert B Stephenson I have been interested in prop making for as long as I can remember. While, it seems, most are interested being in front of the camera, I've always had a fascination with everything that goes on behind the scenes. I've done small projects, created molds, casts and some prototypes; I've read books and other how-to guides, but I've just really never got all the details I've needed - and certainly not in one place (granted, I'm sure I could have done a lot more research, but hey :)). I saw this book and pre-ordered it immediately and I just received it. It's great! The book is full of details, how-to's, and humor. Reading it has been entertaining as well as informative. While I've not had a chance to start any of the projects or use any of the tips, I have a much better understanding of what and how I need to do things moving forward, and I've had a good chuckle or two (or three, but who's counting).

Have you been trying to think of a way to conquer your local comic convention through cosplay? Do you gaze with envious eyes upon the fan-made suits of armored awesomeness strolling around every year on Halloween? Do you have a spot on your wall, bookshelf, or desk that desperately needs to be filled with a screen-accurate replica of your favorite science-fiction or fantasy weapon? If so, look no further. We've got just the book for you! In this book, master prop maker Shawn Thorsson uses his unique blend of humor and insight to turn years of painful experience into detailed explanations. He'll show you many of the tools, methods, and processes that you can use to create professional-looking science fiction and fantasy props and armor. The ultimate collision of creative imagination and practical maker skills, making props and costume armor involves sculpting, molding, casting, 3D printing, CNC fabrication, painting, and countless other techniques and technologies. In this book, you'll learn: Basic fabrication methods using inexpensive, commonly-available tools and materials Simple, low-cost methods to make foam armor out of easy-to-find foam mats How to use the popular Pepakura software to build 3D models with paper Multiple molding and casting techniques How to build a "vacuforming" machine to make armor from plastic sheet stock Painting and weathering techniques that will bring your props to life Just enough safety advice to keep you from losing body parts along the way Whether you're just a beginner or a seasoned builder with countless projects behind you, this book is sure to be an invaluable addition to your workshop library.

About the Author Shawn Thorsson is the founder of Thorsson Associates Workshop. A lifelong tinkerer, he learned at a very young age that the best way to have the coolest toys is often to make them yourself. A hopeless Halloween addict and fan of all things science fiction and fantasy, Shawn's hobby of building prop and costume pieces for his own collection has long since gotten out of control. He now spends his days immersed in his workshop for countless hours turning whatever he can find into pure, concentrated awesome. Shawn and his props and armor have become a major attraction at the annual Bay Area Maker Faire. Today, his workshop regularly produces props, costumes, and set pieces for films, convention appearances, and collectors.