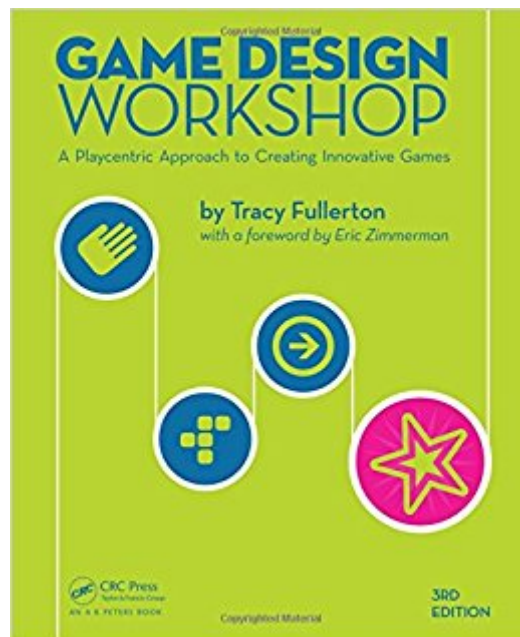




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# Game Design Workshop: A Playcentric Approach To Creating Innovative Games, Third Edition



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For me, it's the second best game design book, being A book of lenses the only better. I find Game Design Workshop easier to understand and the workflow the book presents is ideal for teaching.

This is an amazing book! If you want to learn about the best game designers and if you want exercises to help you generate game ideas, buy this book. It's a game designing curriculum that is helping me create an educational video game for my graduate research project.

simple book, not very technical. best part of the book: insight & comments from leading game designers. bad part: a good portion of the book is common sense. good read.

Great for a beginner like me. Rules of play is the only other book that could top this but that's only in theory.

The book itself is mostly fine. It's written in a low-level way. No overly technical language. I bought it however, hoping that it would not only cover concept generation/refinement, but also good design principles of the game software. This is not the book for that. If you want tips on how to brainstorm ideas and the like, this is the book for you though. Aside from that, the main reason I rated it 2 stars

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