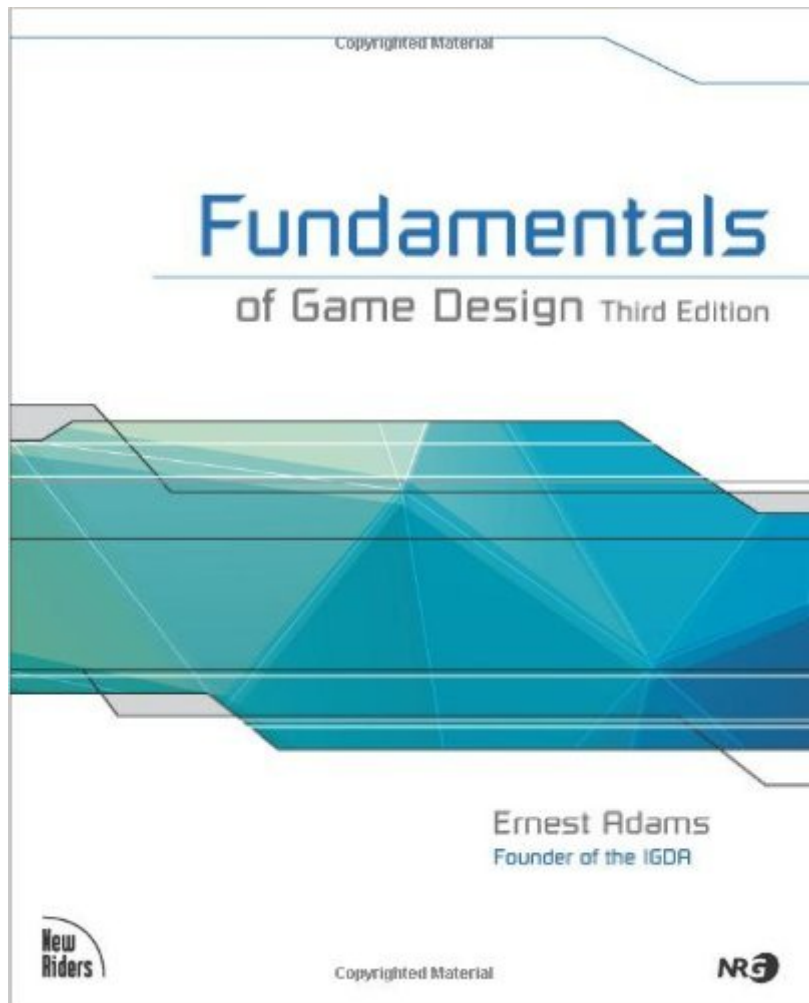


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This book is full of theory, which is good, but while it promises:- a complete and practical approach to game design- to teach you how to write a treatment, and a full design script- that it includes design worksheets... it doesn't deliver! The lack of design documents is its very weak point! They're supposed to be available for download from the publisher's website but they are not! In other words, if you register to the publisher's website you'll end up receiving promotional e-mails but no design documents. It is extremely difficult to apply the theory learned in the book to practice without having sample design documents to work with. Although, sample design documents can be found for free online, it is very difficult -and sometimes impossible- to match the layout of these samples to the

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