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The Power In Cakewalk SONAR (Quick Pro Guides) (Quick Pro Guides (Hal Leonard))



Synopsis

If you are new to SONAR or just new to the X-series, this is the first book to read. The Power in Cakewalk SONAR will get you up to speed quickly with all the core workflows in this powerful music production system. The book is liberally illustrated with screenshots and diagrams to make learning easier. This book not only covers the essentials for recording and editing, but also grounds it in the history of Cakewalk including demystifying the bundled plug-ins and virtual instruments. The included DVD takes it further with video examples. Here is what to expect in each chapter:

The History of Cakewalk SONAR
Computers, Windows, and SONAR
Audio Device Setup
MIDI Device Setup
Navigating Skylight
The Control Bar
Tracks and Clips
The Inspector
The Browser
Recording Audio
Editing Audio
Recording with Soft Synths
Editing MIDI
More About Soft Synths
Console View
Tips and Tricks
Using the ProChannel
ProChannel Modules
Using Plug-in Effects
The Included Plug-in Effects
Mixing Down and Exporting
Active Controller Technology

The author maintains a strong focus on using the advanced Smart Tool for editing. This should be very helpful for long-time SONAR users who want to get up to speed fast. New users will enjoy cutting to the chase to focus on music creation as fast as possible. The included DVD adds the following video tutorials:

The Skylight Interface
Audio Device Setup
MIDI Keyboard Controller Setup
Working with Tracks and Clips
The Control Bar
Smart Tool Editing
Intro to AudioSnap
Intro to Matrix View
Automation Fundamentals
Mix Example 1
Mix Example 2
Setting up a PreSonus FaderPort to work with SONAR

NOTE: Due to changes in workflow from SONAR X1 and earlier, you will get the most out of this book if you have SONAR X2 or later.

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If I had to sum up The Power in Cakewalk in one phrase it would be "extreme value". What it is NOT, is a directly competing product with a popular, similarly titled book also geared towards X2. The other product is a lot more detailed and consequently, and perhaps a little more daunting to the absolute beginner. It also costs a lot more! The Power in Cakewalk is much narrower in scope and is more quick start guide than "Sonar Bible"...and that's ok. Considering the limited number of books aimed squarely at Sonar users, materials that help get people up and running fast are just as needed as books that go into the details of opcodes. This book will be of most benefit to the following groups: 1) People completely new to Sonar 2) People who used versions of Sonar prior to X series. 3) Those who have not used X series in awhile and need a quick reference. I won't say this book is completely useless to the experienced X series user, but they will simply not get the same bang for their buck. With that said, sometimes it is good for the veteran to go back and look at the basics. I know I find myself set in a workflow based on workarounds only to discover that there is a better way that I somehow missed. Some learn better via books and some learn better via videos. This book combines both effectively. IMHO the author actually seems more comfortable explaining things via video than through written word. I read book cover to cover. I found the author to be obviously competent and his style to be knowledgeable. In fact, it would not be too far of a stretch to say the book covers the material covered by the "Getting Started" videos posted on Cakewalk's website, but in written form.

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