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- \* produce space-ship dog fights

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- Creating scenes with explosions, fire, and gunplay
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Techniques are demonstrated in each of the most popular software tools (After Effects CS4, Final Cut Studio, Photoshop, Combustion), and the 4 color presentation both inspires and provides stimulating visual guidance to the lessons presented. The companion DVD contains project files allowing you to put concepts learned into immediate practice.

Bill Byrne is a professional multimedia artist and editor for TV and film, with clients such as Electronic Arts, NBC, Tiffany & Co., ABC Sports, ESPN, Panasonic, Snickers and RCA Records. He is also a Professor of design and animation at The Art Institute of Austin, TX, as well as an Adobe Certified Expert in Photoshop CS3.

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