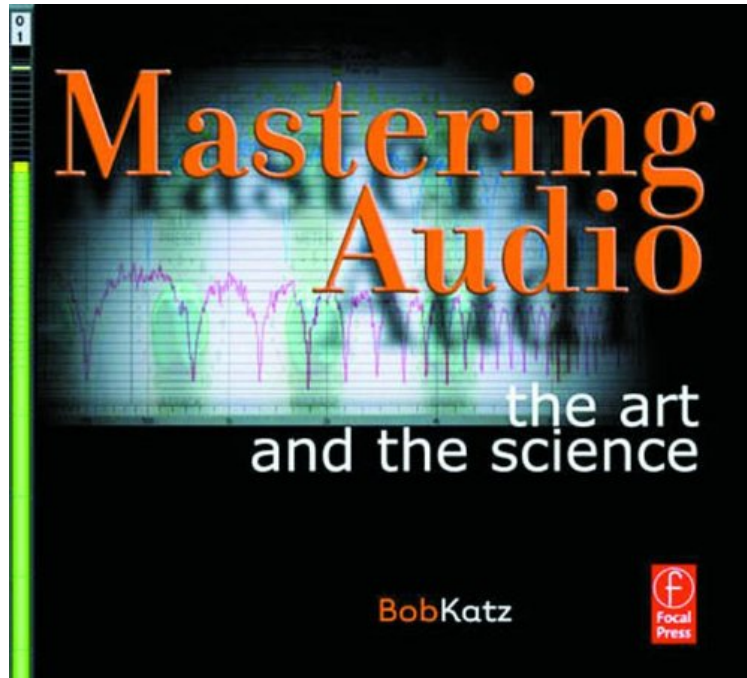


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Thumbs up By BreeTeryn My significant other is a music engineer and was very satisfied with this book! 14 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Very useful - but not gospel truth. By nathanimal Bob Katz knows his stuff. I thought I was an experienced engineer and knew quite a bit already, but Bob goes into details here that I have hitherto not explored. However, Bob is a little on the snobby side when it comes to his opinions (which are never stated as such) on certain technologies. So take what he says with a grain of salt. Also, be advised that Bob is well-known in the industry for mastering audiophile recordings - a very small segment of the market that doesn't quite represent the typical approach to mastering that others use. Having said that, Bob can teach any mastering engineer a thing or two when it comes to cleaning up either analog or digital signal paths. I think this book is meant for advanced engineers, and will likely confuse those who are amateurs or just getting started in the audio engineering field. Its chapter order is somewhat random, and he doesn't quite seem to know just who his audience is. He assumes different levels of prerequisite knowledge on different subjects... The man is obviously more an engineer and less an educator and writer. It contains very valuable knowledge - just be prepared to tread water occasionally. :-) For those looking for a more entry level treatment of mastering, check out Bobby Owinski's "The Mastering Engineer's Handbook." While the title is a bit ostentatious, it gives a much broader and well-written overview of the Mastering profession than Mr. Katz does. Then, you'll probably be better able to glean useful information from "Mastering Audio." 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Exact what I want! By Jason Maas Exact what I want!

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About the Author Bob Katz played the B flat clarinet from the age of 10, and his lifelong love of sound and music led him to become a professional recording, mixing and mastering engineer (since 1971). Three of his recordings have garnered the Grammy Award and many others have been lauded in publications such as Stereo, Audio, and Stereophile. He has written over one hundred articles for audio and computer publications, and is an inventor and manufacturer with processors and support gear in use at mastering studios worldwide. His most recent patent-pending inventions, the K-Stereo and K-Surround Processors, fill a missing link in the mastering and post-production pantheon. He has been a workshop, facilities and section chairman of the AES and has given lectures in several countries. Currently, Bob runs Digital Domain Studios just north of Orlando, Florida.