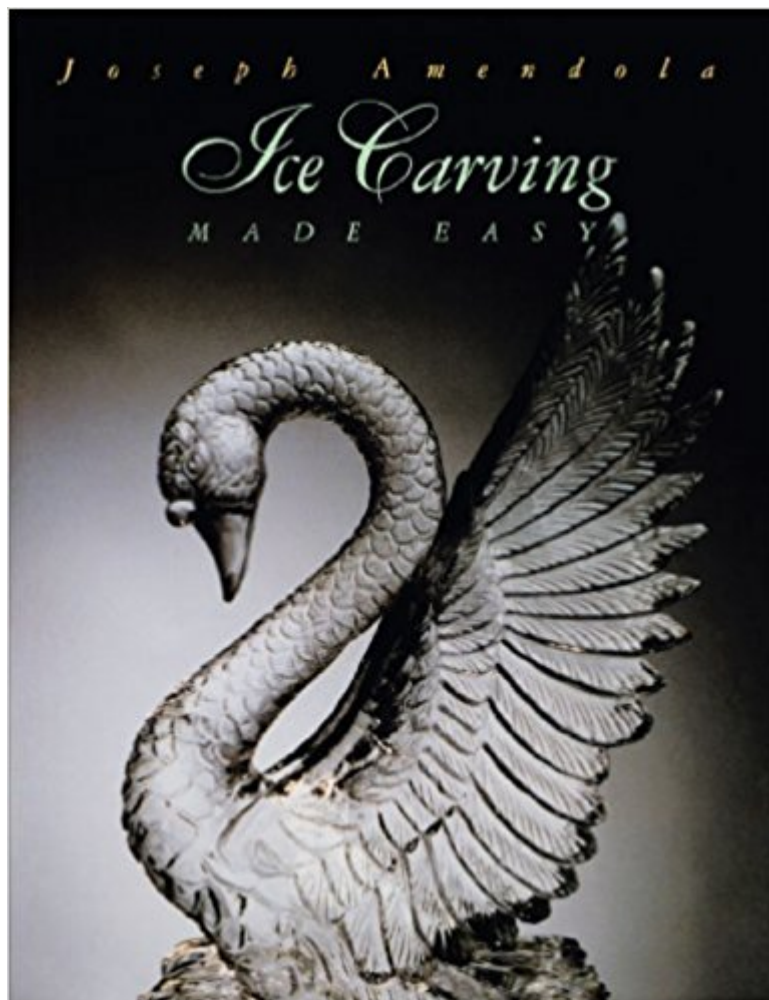


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# Ice Carving Made Easy



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Its not what I thought it was going to be.

Was warn by being in water not what I expected

Animations were satisfactory

I am just thankful that I personally didn't have to cough up the forty someodd bucks paid for this. The title should read "Money from an Ice Carving Book - Made Easy". Some nice pictures, but zero substance. Most of the template drawings are not even in the proper ratio for a 300lb carving block. And how about this for step by step instruction: 1. Prepare your graph 2. Lay the ice on a piece of Styrofoam. 3. With a saw, remove any ice not required. 4. Shape out the tail and wings. 5. Smooth out the detail. 6. Finish the base. That's it! No kidding! Real helpful eh?! I guess the best way to

learn to carve ice is to just get ice and practice. This book certainly isn't going to give you any help, tips or secrets - that's for sure!

There is no way you can get all those feathers carved into the cube before the ice melts even if you put it back in your drink from time to time. None of the other reviewers liked the book either. And they probably read it, which would give their reviews more validity. So save your money and instead invest in a Fred & Friends Tintonic Ice Cube tray...the cubes are shaped like the Titanic! Just tell everybody you carved the little boats yourself. Give 'em enough gin, they'll believe anything. Certainly works for me.

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The author makes good use of templates and photographs, however the written instructions are very vague and not very helpful.(i.e. carve the head, shape the wing, etc.)

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