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### Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

#### **Amazon Exclusive: A Letter from Dan Selakovich on *Killer Camera Rigs That You Can Build, Third Edition***

Dear Amazon Readers,

This new third edition of *Killer Camera Rigs* is so much bigger than the last two, and frankly, much bigger than I had planned! (Believe me on that one. The publisher tells me I've set a record with over 2,000 photos.)

There's one thing I really want you to know:

Don't be scared! I've designed most of these rigs so that anybody can build them, and I've been getting emails from happy filmmakers for years telling me just that. Like the following email from a lovely woman who built the stabilizer:

"I made it!!!! I'm so impressed with your plans and detailed instructions. Being a woman who never had the benefit of shop class, I was worried that I would not be up to it."

(Hey, I never had shop class either! And just so you know, the best movie electrician I know is a woman.)

For the most part, if you can drill a hole and measure a straight line, you're in good shape. Yes, there are more difficult projects like the Glass Key Dolly Track, a pro-style dolly track made from aluminum tubing. But there is also a dolly track that you can make very easily from PVC pipe. And both will give you a smooth-as-glass dolly shot!

Here's a confession: I used to be a pretty good camera operator back in the early '80s. Now, well, not so much. "Use it or lose it" is never so true as with camera work. It took me eight takes on a recent film to get a crane shot right. Why? Because I hadn't touched a crane in six months while writing this book. Don't assume any rig will do the work for you. Camera rigs take skill. Camera rigs take practice (some more than others). That's why having your own is so important. Sure, *Killer Camera Rigs* can save you a ton of cash, but that's nothing in comparison to having rigs to practice with. By having your own equipment, you can become an expert on it. The rigs I use the most are the dolly with the Killer's Kiss Crane on it. Both are super easy to build. Make 'em, and then practice, practice, practice.

I want to thank all of the filmmakers over the years who have used the rigs in *Killer Camera Rigs That You Can Build* on their films. I truly mean that. I love films and the people who make them. This book has made me friends all over the world. Being a small part of their films does my heart good.

OK. Go make a movie already.

--Dan Selakovich

Review

"If you wanted to start a film studio but only had \$1,000, then this would be the book for you. You could be a "DreamWorks" in miniature. You can, believe it or not, build a crane for less than \$100; a cheaper

alternative then spending thousands of dollars to buy one or \$500 to rent one."

- AAUGB

"If there's one thing *Killer Camera Rigs* has done for me, it has started me thinking outside of the box. Not that I had loads of name-brand equipment lying around, but having been in school (and therefore having access to a lot of it) made me think that I needed lots of it to make the stories I wanted to. And yes, some of it's nice, and some things really are worth the money (after a new lens, the Vinten Vision Blue and a decent set of sticks in my priority purchase). *Killer Camera Rigs You Can Build* is a great idea if you are really looking to create more flexibility for your story-telling, and you will start thinking differently about your DIY filmmaking."

-Microfilmmaker Magazine

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