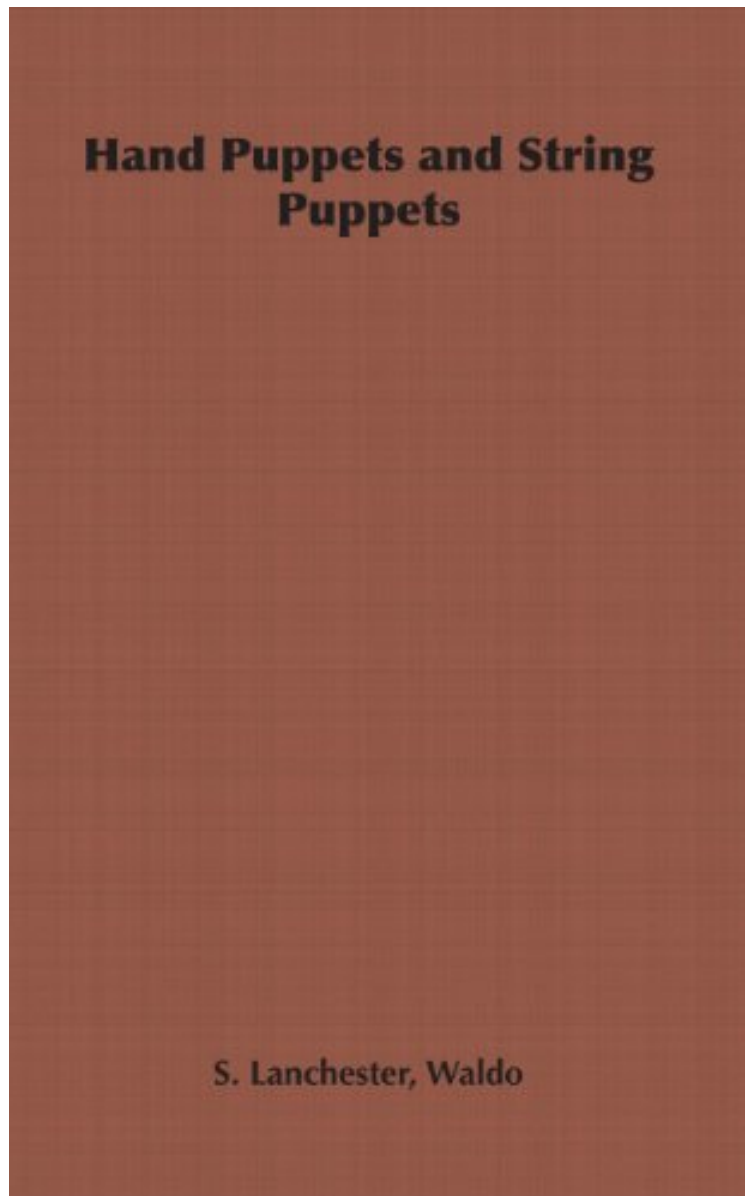


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Waldo S. Lanchester : Hand Puppets and String Puppets before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hand Puppets and String Puppets:

8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. This condensed edition is incomplete!By James LoewenWaldo S. Lanchester was a supremely talented puppeteer and his original book, "Hand and String Puppets" was a classic gem; small but dense with valuable information for aspiring puppeteers. The original publication by Dryad Press included

Lanchester's full-size, two-sided fold-out pattern for an 18" figure. Diligent students could follow his pattern to cut plywood shapes to build up the limbs and make a superbly balanced wooden marionette. Hesperides Press' abridged edition of *Hand and String Puppets* by is a crudely condensed version of Lanchester's original book. Although the blurb here on states the book is 64 pages it is in fact only 44. Only one side of Lanchester's plans are reproduced, in a small size within the book. The all important limb patterns from the original plans are not included. Attempting to construct a marionette without this essential information would be confusing and frustrating. Puppetry is often referred to as a lost art, this edition clearly illustrates why. Waldo S. Lanchester was a superb artist and craftsman. He left behind a beautiful little book to inspire and instruct others. This edition appears to be edited by someone who knows little about puppetry and has no regard for the importance of the complete subject matter. Most of the photographs from the original which attest to Lanchester's talent and skill are not included here. Missing also are instructions for animal marionettes and their controls, and close up diagrams of construction details for specific joints. This abridged edition of "*Hand and String Puppets*" is a disservice to the legacy of Waldo S. Lanchester. I sincerely hope Hesperides Press will see the value of releasing a complete and unabridged version in the near future. That version would get five stars.

Originally published in the 1940s, the author, a master of his craft, has clearly and concisely explained the making of both hand and string puppets, and also clearly shown how they may be used in appropriate settings. With the idea of giving assistance to the novice, and help to the more advanced student, the book is written in plain and concise language the diagrams and photographs should explain the intricacies of puppet-making, leaving the individual to fill in the details from his own imagination. Many of the earliest books, particularly those dating back to the 1900s and before, are now extremely scarce and increasingly expensive. Hesperides Press are republishing these classic works in affordable, high quality, modern editions, using the original text and artwork. Contents Include: *Glove Puppets String Puppets Puppets with Wire Frame Foundation Carved Wooden Puppets Dressing The Puppets Controls The Glove Puppet Stage The Play* Keywords: *String Puppets Glove Puppets Puppets String Wooden Puppets Books Intricacies Glove Puppet Puppet Stage Wire Frame Concise Language Assistance 1900s 1940s Novice Imagination Artwork Photographs*