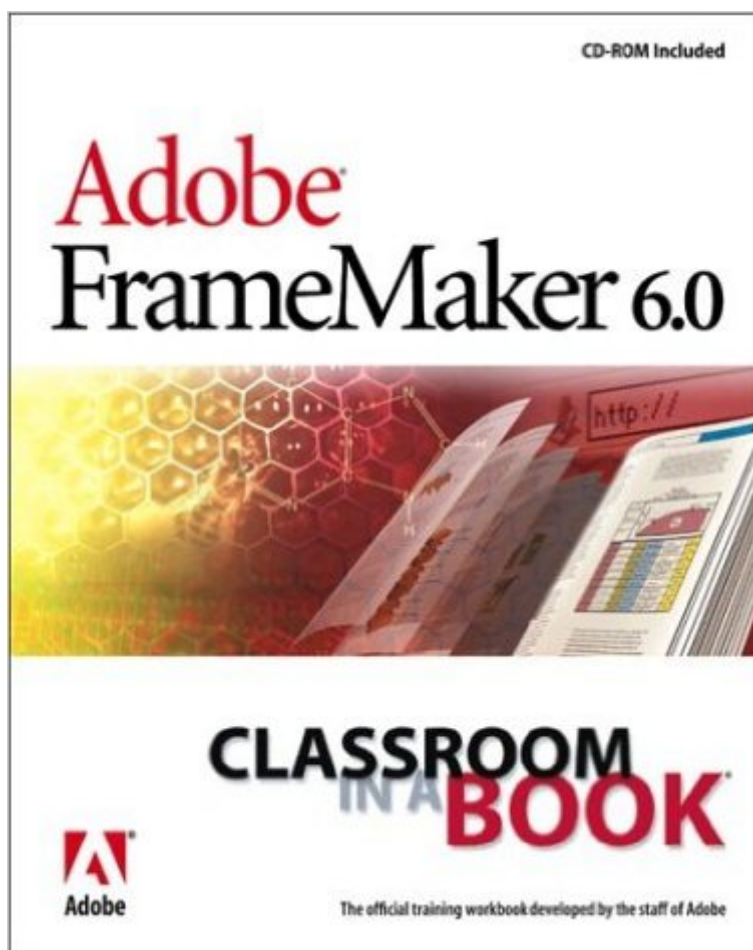# Adobe FrameMaker 6.0 Classroom In A Book

Synopsis

The fastest, most comprehensive way to master FrameMaker 6.0! If you've picked up a recent textbook or technical manual, chances are very good that it was created with Adobe FrameMaker. Production professionals rely on FrameMaker to create illustrated documents, catalogs, and textbooks. FrameMaker goes beyond the scope of standard desktop publishing tools with its document comparison and reporting features, math equation features (to make it easy to typeset equations), powerful book creation features, and automatic numbering and list generation. Adobe FrameMaker 6.0 Classroom in a Book offers the ideal learning solution for this high-end publishing tool. Users proceed with self-paced lessons in FrameMaker, using images and files from the CD-ROM. Developed and tested by the training experts at Adobe, readers come away with a thorough understanding of FrameMaker's tools and features.

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