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In this article, Plympton shares his insights on how to succeed as an independent animator. He covers a wide range of topics, including finding your voice, developing your skills, and marketing your work.

Finding Your Voice

The first step to success as an independent animator is to find your voice. This is the unique style that sets your work apart from others. It's not something that you can force, but it will come naturally as you experiment with different techniques and styles.

Don't be afraid to experiment. Try different things until you find something that you're passionate about. And don't be afraid to be different. The more unique your work is, the more likely it is to stand out.

Developing Your Skills

Once you've found your voice, it's important to develop your skills. This means practicing regularly and learning new techniques.

There are many ways to learn animation. You can take classes, read books, or watch tutorials. The important thing is to find a way that works for you and stick with it. As you develop your skills, don't be afraid to ask for help. There are many other animators who are willing to share their knowledge and experience.

Marketing Your Work

Once you have a portfolio of work, it's time to start marketing it. This is where you let people know about your work and get them interested in seeing it.

There are many different ways to market your work. You can create a website, promote it on social media, or submit it to film festivals.

The key to successful marketing is to be persistent. Don't give up if you don't see results immediately. Just keep promoting your work and eventually you'll start to get noticed.

Becoming a successful independent animator takes hard work and dedication. But if you're passionate about animation, it's definitely possible.

Follow the tips in this article and you'll be on your way to creating your own unique and successful animated films.

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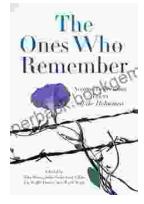


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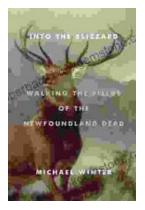
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