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This was an excellent book, when it first came out. Nowadays GUI's are much more advanced, but the fundamental characteristics of the MacOS are still the same. Much can be learned from the MacOS GUI design. The goes into great detail on every bit of the GUI, so you won't miss anything.

Though this book is a little dated, there are many concepts in here that are timeless when it comes to user interface design. There are things that have been sitting in this book for ages that can help your software today. Some of it you'll read and think "Oh, that's why they do that" and of course it will make the layout of your mac make a bit more sense. It's still worth a read after all this time.

Even though the specific examples are dated, no better or more comprehensive compendium of why UIs need to be built this way has been written to my knowledge. I wish it was put back into print.

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