COMMUNITY ACCESS VIDEO

is a handbook prepared by Allan Frederiksen who works under the name of Johnny Videotape. It details his own experience in Santa Cruz, California, trying to get public access written into the city cable franchise, an effort which has included organization of a referendum to force redrafting of the existing franchise agreement.

In addition, Frederiksen takes a beginner through the process of acquiring and using hardware and accessories. Thus, Community Access Video is a good Porta-Pak handbook, especially if you're working alone outside of a big city where technical information is hard to come by.

This isn't the ultimate book on do-it-yourself television, but it doesn't pretend to be. The author had to pay the cost of printing 3,000 copies himself and its format is the outsize, low-key, easy-to-read style of other California journals like the Whole Earth Catalog and Big Rock Candy Mountain.

We're publicizing it here not only because we think you'll find it valuable, but also because it may be hard to come by through bookstores. So, you can mail order copies (at $3 apiece) from the author by using the form below.

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