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The Art of Directing Actors - Ernest Goodman
2015-06-23

This is second edition of The Art of Directing Actors book. The book may look like other books you have seen, but there are some important differences which will make it easier and more helpful: This handbook- concentrates on the most common mistakes made by film and theater directors and actors ("20 examples of the result-oriented and general directions"). We sought to keep the guide complete enough to answer all your questions without becoming thick enough to become a doorstop. The Art of Directing Actors has all the tools you need to effectively direct actors and to create memorable performances.- presents directing actors as a practical psychology: the art of managing human behavior.- explains modern and classic methods of directing actors (17 methods or tools of the director and actors). You will have a complete and versatile toolbox for use in any film or theater production. You need not look in other books to find these tools.- presents a comprehensive source-book for directors and actors. It contains a full list of action verbs with a thesaurus and a classification of action verbs, examples of a full script breakdown with spines, needs, objectives, actions and adjustments.- gives the practical application of the tools (The Bear, The importance of being earnest). You will have the script breakdown of the classic plays of Anton Chekhov and Oscar Wilde.- offers exercises in a useful format. In order to apply your understanding of various methods of directing actors, explore the relevant exercises.
Grammar of the Film Language - Daniel Arijon

1991

A unique guide to the visual narrative techniques that form the "language" of filmmaking. This language is basic to the very positioning and moving of players and cameras, as well as the sequencing and pacing of images. It does not date as new technologies alter the means of capturing images on film and tape. The guidelines offered here will inform almost every choice that the director, the cinematographer, and the editor will make. Through lucid text and more than 1,500 illustrations, Arijon presents visual narrative formulas that will enlighten anyone involved in the motion picture and television industry (including producers, writers, and animators).--From publisher description.

Film Directing Fundamentals - Nicholas T. Proferes
2017-07-06

Film Directing Fundamentals gives the novice director an organic methodology for realizing on-screen the full dramatic possibility of a screenplay. Unique among directing books, Nicholas Proferes provides clear-cut ways to translate a script to the screen. Using the script as a blueprint, the reader is led through specific techniques to analyze and translate its components into a visual story. A sample screenplay is included that explicates the techniques discussed. Written for both students and entry-level professionals, the book assumes no knowledge and introduces basic concepts and terminology. Appropriate for screenwriters, aspiring directors and filmmakers, Film Directing Fundamentals helps filmmakers bring their story to life on screen. This fourth edition is updated with a new foreword by Student

Academy Award-winner Jimmy Keyrouz, who studied with author Nicholas Proferes, as well as an enhanced companion website by Laura J. Medina, available at www.routledge.com/cw/proferes, which features new supplemental material for both instructors and students, including two new analyses of contemporary films—*Wendy and Lucy* (2008) and *Moonlight* (2016)—study questions, suggested assignments and exercises, as well as the instructor’s manual written by Proferes in 2008.

Making Movies - Sidney Lumet 2010-09-01

Why does a director choose a particular script? What must they do in order to keep actors fresh and truthful through take after take of a single scene? How do you stage a shootout—involving more than one hundred extras and three colliding taxis—in the heart of New York’s diamond district? What does it take to keep the studio honchos happy? From the first rehearsal to the final screening, *Making Movies* is a master’s take, delivered with clarity, candor, and a wealth of anecdote. For in this book, Sidney Lumet, one of our most consistently acclaimed directors, gives us both a professional memoir and a definitive guide to the art, craft, and business of the motion picture. Drawing on forty years of experience on movies that range from *Long Day’s Journey into Night* to *Network* and *The Verdict*—and with such stars as Katharine Hepburn, Paul Newman, Marlon Brando, and Al Pacino—Lumet explains how painstaking labor and inspired split-second decisions can result in two hours of screen magic.

Brando: Songs My Mother Taught Me - Marlon Brando 2011-01-26

This is Marlon Brando’s own story, and his reason for telling it is best revealed in his own words: “I have always considered my life a private affair and the business of no one beyond my family and those I love. Except for moral and political issues that aroused in me a desire to speak out, I have done my utmost throughout my life, for the sake of my children and myself, to remain silent. . . . But now, in my seventieth year, I have decided to tell the story of my life as best I can, so that my children can separate the truth from the myths that others have created about me, as myths are created about everyone swept up in the turbulent and distorting

maelstrom of celebrity in our culture.” To date there have been over a dozen books written about Marlon Brando, and almost all of them have been inaccurate, based on hearsay, sensationalist or prurient in tone. Now, at last, fifty years after his first appearance onstage in New York City, the actor has told his life story, with the help of Robert Lindsey. The result is an extraordinary book, at once funny, moving, absorbing, ribald, angry, self-deprecating and completely frank account of the career, both on-screen and off, of the greatest actor of our time. Anyone who has ever enjoyed a Brando film will relish this book. Please note: this edition does not include photos.

Becoming an Actor’s Director - Regge Life 2019-10-21

The collaboration of director and actor is the cornerstone of narrative filmmaking. This book provides the director with a concrete step-by-step guide to preparation that connects the fundamentals of film-script analysis with the actor’s process of preparation. This book starts with how to identify the overall scope of a project from the creative perspective of the director as it relates to guiding an actor, before providing a blueprint for preparation that includes script analysis, previsualization, and procedures for rehearsal and capture. This methodology allows the director to uncover the similarities and differences between actor and director in their preparation to facilitate the development of a collaborative dialogue. Featuring chapter-by-chapter exercises and assignments throughout, this book provides a method that enables the director to be present during every stage of production and seamlessly move from prep to filming, while guiding the actor to their best performances. Written in a clear and concise manner, it is ideal for students of directing, early career, and self-taught directors, as well as cinematographers, producers, or screenwriters looking to turn their hand to directing for the first time.

Film Directing Fundamentals - Nicholas Proferes 2012-08-06

Visualize your films before shooting!

Digital Filmmaking 101 - Dale Newton 2007-01-01

Digital Filmmaking 101 reveals the secrets of making professional-quality digital moviemaking

on ultra-low budgets.

But What I Really Want to Do Is Direct - Ken Kwapis 2020-10-06

For over three decades, director Ken Kwapis has charted a career full of exceptional movies and television, from seminal shows like *The Office* to beloved films like *He's Just Not That Into You*.

He is among the most respected directors in show business, but getting there wasn't easy. He struggled just like everyone else. With each triumph came the occasional faceplant. Using his background and inside knowledge, *But What I Really Want To Do is Direct* tackles Hollywood myths through Ken's highly entertaining experiences. It's a rollercoaster ride fueled by brawls with the top brass, clashes over budgets, and the passion that makes it all worthwhile. This humorous and refreshingly personal memoir is filled with inspiring instruction, behind-the-scenes hilarity, and unabashed joy. It's a celebration of the director's craft, and what it takes to succeed in show business on your own terms. "Ken Kwapis always brought out the best in the actors on *The Office*.

Whenever Ken was directing, I always felt safe to go out on a limb and take chances, knowing he had my back. Every aspiring director should read this book. (I can think of several 'professional' directors that should read it too!)" -Jenna Fischer "A vital, magnificent manifesto on the art and craft of directing, written with emotional, instinctual and intellectual depth by one of America's most beloved film and television directors" -Amber Tamblyn "In the years that I was fortunate to work with Ken on *Malcolm in the Middle*, he had an uncanny ability to guide actors right to the heart of a scene and reveal its truths. He admits that he doesn't have all the answers, he'll make mistakes, and at times he'll struggle, but as he says in the book, 'It's the struggle to get it right that makes us human.'" -Bryan Cranston "Good luck finding a more kind, passionate, and talented director alive than Ken. Seriously, good luck." -Tig Notaro "'Action!' is what most directors bark out to begin a scene. But Ken Kwapis starts by gently intoning the words 'Go ahead...'. That simple suggestion assures everyone they're in smart, capable, humble hands. That's how you'll feel reading this book. And so, if you're anxious to discover how a top

director always brings humor, honesty, and humanity to his work, all I can tell you is...Go ahead." -Larry Wilmore

Cinematic Motion - Steven Douglas Katz 2004 "Cinematic Motion has helped directors create a personal camera style and master complex staging challenges for over a decade. In response to the opportunities offered by digital technology, this second edition adds essential chapters on digital visualization and script breakdown."--Jacket.

Rise of the Filmtrepreneur - IFH Books 2019-11-19

It's harder today than ever before for independent filmmakers to make money with their films. From predatory film distributors ripping them off to huckster film aggregators who prey upon them, the odds are stacked against the indie filmmaker. The old distribution model for making money with indie film is broken and there needs to be a change. The future of independent filmmaking is the entrepreneurial filmmaker or the Filmtrepreneur®. In *Rise of the Filmtrepreneur®* author and filmmaker Alex Ferrari breaks down how to actually make money with independent film projects and shows filmmakers how to turn their indie films into profitable businesses. This is not all theory, Alex uses multiple real-world case studies to illustrate each part of his method. This book shows you the step by step way to turn your filmmaking passion into a profitable career. If you are making a feature film, series or any kind of video content, *The Filmtrepreneur® Method* will set you up for success.

A Practical Handbook for the Actor - Melissa Bruder 2012-04-25

This simple and essential book about the craft of acting describes a technique developed and refined by the authors, all of them young actors, in their work with Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright David Mamet, actor W. H. Macy, and director Gregory Mosher. *A Practical Handbook for the Actor* is written for any actor who has ever experienced the frustrations of acting classes that lacked clarity and objectivity, and that failed to provide a dependable set of tools. An actor's job, the authors state, is to "find a way to live truthfully under the imaginary circumstances of the play." The ways in which an

actor can attain that truth form the substance of this eloquent book.

The Film Director's Intuition - Judith Weston 2003

Based on the author's experience of presenting directing and acting workshops around the world for over 10 years, this book is a creative exploration on how to access and stimulate the filmmaker's most precious assets - instinct, imagination and intuition.

Total Directing - Tom Kingdon 2004

This guide to directing films includes information on project development, screenplay analysis, choosing and working with a production team, auditioning and casting, script preparation, using the language of acting, and much more.

Film Directing: Shot by Shot - 25th Anniversary Edition - Steve D. Katz 2019-04

Shot by Shot is the world's go-to directing book, now newly updated for a special 25th Anniversary edition! The first edition sold over 250,000 copies, making it one of the bestselling books on film directing of all time. Aspiring directors, cinematographers, editors, and producers, many of whom are now working professionals, learned the craft of visual storytelling from Shot by Shot, the most complete source for preplanning the look of a movie. The book contains over 800 photos and illustrations, and is by far the most comprehensive look at shot design in print, containing storyboards from movies such as Citizen Kane, Blade Runner, Dead-pool, and Moonrise Kingdom. Also introduced is the concept of A, I, and L patterns as a way to simplify the hundreds of staging choices facing a director in every scene. Shot by Shot uniquely blends story analysis with compositional strategies, citing examples then illustrated with the storyboards used for the actual films. Throughout the book, various visual approaches to short scenes are shown, exposing the directing processes of our most celebrated auteurs -- including a meticulous, lavishly illustrated analysis of Steven Spielberg's scene design for Empire of the Sun.

Surviving Production - Deborah S. Patz 1997

Changing Direction: A Practical Approach to Directing Actors in Film and Theatre - Lenore

DeKoven 2006-02-07

This approach, honed after years of on-set experience and from teaching at UCLA, NYU, and Columbia, and endorsed by many in the industry, including director Ang Lee (Brokeback Mountain and Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon) and producer/actor Edward Asner, aims to provide a helpful reference and resource for directors and actors alike. It combines underlying theory with dozens of exercises designed to reveal the actor's craft. There is material on constructing the throughline; analyzing the script; character needs; the casting and rehearsal processes; film vs. theater procedures as well as the actor and the camera. Distilling difficult concepts and a complex task to their simplest form, the author explains how to accurately capture and portray human behavior. The author's discussion of creative problems she has encountered or anticipated after years of experience, and her suggested solutions and exercises, are immediately useful. Additionally, hear what the actors have to say in excerpts from interviews with such acclaimed actors as Meryl Streep, Denzel Washington, Glenn Close, Robert Redford, Christopher Walken, Julianne Moore, and Michael Douglas (to name a few) who discuss their work with directors, what inspires them, and what they really want from the director.

Kazan on Directing - Elia Kazan 2010-01-12
Elia Kazan was the twentieth century's most celebrated director of both stage and screen, and this monumental, revelatory book shows us the master at work. Kazan's list of Broadway and Hollywood successes—A Streetcar Named Desire, Death of a Salesman, On the Waterfront, to name a few—is a testament to his profound impact on the art of directing. This remarkable book, drawn from his notebooks, letters, interviews, and autobiography, reveals Kazan's method: how he uncovered the "spine," or core, of each script; how he analyzed each piece in terms of his own experience; and how he determined the specifics of his production. And in the final section, "The Pleasures of Directing"—written during Kazan's final years—he becomes a wise old pro offering advice and insight for budding artists, writers, actors, and directors.

First Time Director - Gil Bettman 2003

This book teaches first-time directors how to make the most of their first opportunity using straightforward, results-orientated instructions.

Master Shots - Christopher Kenworthy 2013

A highly visual exploration of the best shots, moves, and set-ups in the industry. This book reveals the secrets behind each shot's success, so it can be adapted to the director's individual scenes.

Directing Actors - 25th Anniversary Edition -

Case Bound - Judith Weston 2021-04-06

Collaborating with actors is, for many filmmakers, the last frontier—the scariest part and the part they long for—the human part, the place where connection happens. *Directing Actors: 25th Anniversary Edition* covers the challenges of the actor-director relationship—the pitfalls of "result direction"; breaking down a script; how to prepare for casting sessions; when, how and whether to rehearse—but with updated references, expanded ideas, more detailed chapters on rehearsal and script analysis (using a scene from *The Matrix*)—and a whole new chapter on directing children. For twenty-five years the industry standard for instilling confidence in filmmakers, *Directing Actors* perseveres in its mission—to bring directors, actors and writers deeper into the exhilarating task of creating characters the world will not forget.

Conversations at the American Film Institute with the Great Filmmakers - George Stevens (Jr.) 2012

Collects American Film Institute conversations with filmmakers from the 1950s to today, including Steven Spielberg, Nora Ephron, and George Lucas.

I'll be in My Trailer - John Badham 2006

Beneath the entertaining and instructive war stories lies the truth: how directors elicit the best performances from difficult and terrified actors. You'll learn how to use proven techniques to get actors to give their best performances - including the ten best and ten worst things to say - and what you can do when an actor won't or can't do what the director wants. Includes never before published stories from veteran director, John Badham, as well as Sydney Pollock, Mel Gibson, James Woods, Michael Mann and many more.

The Budget Book for Film and Television -

Robert Koster 2013-06-26

This guidebook is intended to help both the novice and the experienced producer to create and fine-tune their budgets. Based on the top budgeting software packages, *Movie Magic* and *EP Budgeting*, this book takes the reader through each line item in the budgeting software and describes the background for that item, how it fits into the overall production, and any issues or pitfalls that may arise from it. This book is a useful reference for independent filmmakers who depend on accurate, easy-to-understand budgeting methods to seek funding for their projects.

Make Your Movie - Barbara Freedman Doyle 2012

This book is about how to work with people in the film industry, about who they are, what they do, and what they need. Most importantly, it is also about how to become one of them.

The Hero with a Thousand Faces - Joseph Campbell 2004-01-01

Examines myths and folk tales from around the world in an attempt to understand the symbolism of the hero as it appears in the mythologies and religions of mankind.

The Cinema of Cruelty - André Bazin 2013-03-06
An amazing collection of essays from the father of film criticism.

Directing Feature Films - Mark W. Travis 2002

Learn how to read a script, find its core, determine your vision, communicate with writers, actors, designers, cinematographers, editors, composers, and all the members of your creative team in order to insure that your vision reaches the screen.

Voice and Vision: A Creative Approach to Narrative Film and DV Production - Mick Hurbis-Cherrier 2007-03-13

Voice & Vision is a comprehensive manual for the independent filmmakers and film students who want a solid grounding in the tools, techniques, and processes of narrative film in order to achieve their artistic vision. This book includes essential and detailed information on relevant film and digital video tools, a thorough overview of the filmmaking stages, and the aesthetic considerations for telling a visual story. The ultimate goal of this book is to help you develop your creative voice while acquiring the solid practical skills and confidence to use it.

Unlike many books that privilege raw technical information or the line-producing aspects of production, *Voice & Vision* places creativity, visual expression, and cinematic ideas front and center. After all, every practical decision a filmmaker makes, like choosing a location, an actor, a film stock, a focal length, a lighting set-up, an edit point, or a sound effect is also an expressive one and should serve the filmmaker's vision. Every decision, from the largest conceptual choices to the smallest practical solutions, has a profound impact on what appears on the screen and how it moves an audience. "In Practice" sidebars throughout *Voice & Vision* connect conceptual, aesthetic and technical issues to their application in the real world. Some provide a brief analysis of a scene or technique from easily rentable films which illustrate how a specific technology or process is used to support a conceptual, narrative, or aesthetic choice. Others recount common production challenges encountered on real student and professional shoots which will inspire you to be innovative and resourceful when you are solving your own filmmaking challenges.

Sidney Lumet - Sidney Lumet 2006

A collection of over twenty interviews with the director of *Serpico*, *Dog Day Afternoon*, *The Verdict*, and *12 Angry Men*

On Directing - Harold Clurman 1997-04-03

The celebrated director discusses the techniques of his craft and presents his own directing notes for ten major productions

Notes on Directing - Frank Hauser 2008-09-15

An accessible edition of a classic guide to film and theater directing offers insight into the craft's unique challenges from managing personalities and anticipating problems to working with a script and the key elements of staging, in a primer that also features life lessons gleaned by the co-authors throughout their careers. Reprint. 30,000 first printing.

Backwards and Forwards - David Ball 1983

Explains how plays are structured, looks at theatrical exposition, theme, and images, and shows how to analyze a play and understand its production

John Badham on Directing - John Badham 2013

Veteran director John Badham explains the elements of action and suspense and dissects the

essentials of any good scene from any genre. Badham's list of "12 Questions You Must Ask Before Stepping On Set" is an absolute must in any filmmaker's toolbox. Whether actor, director, cinematographer, production designer, or any other creative, Badham gives you the tools to deconstruct and solve scenes that either don't work or need sharpening. Continuing the work begun in his best-selling book *I'll Be In My Trailer*, Badham shares more insights into working with difficult actors, rehearsal techniques, and getting the best performance from your cast.

Casting Revealed - Hester Schell 2016-10-04

Casting is an essential component of any film or video project, but the core skill-set needed to cast effectively is little understood. *Casting Revealed: A Guide for Film Directors* is a straightforward manual on the art and craft of casting. Here, director Hester Schell offers her insider perspective on casting workflows, industry standards, finding actors, running auditions, what to look for in a performance, contracts, and making offers. This new edition has been updated with fresh interviews with casting directors, full color head shots, new information about online video submissions, and a companion website featuring forms, contracts, and sample scenes for auditions. Gain a fuller understanding of the misunderstood art and craft of casting actors for film and video production. Learn to find the right actors for any production, run auditions, interview actors, effectively judge performances and video submissions, evaluate suitability for a role, discover what it is you need from an actor, view headshots, draft contracts, make offers, and navigate current industry standards, unions, and procedures. This new edition has been updated to include full color sample head shots, new content on online video submissions, listings of casting websites, film resources, and film commissions and a companion website featuring interviews with celebrated casting directors from New York, Portland, Boston and Austin, necessary forms, sign-in sheets, contracts, and sample scenes for auditions.

On Directing Film - David Mamet 1991

Describes the basic principles of film making, argues that directing is an extension of screenwriting, and explains how films tell stories

Directing Actors - 25th Anniversary Edition -

Judith Weston Judith 2021-04-06

Directing film or television is a high-stakes occupation. It captures your full attention at every moment, calling on you to commit every resource and stretch yourself to the limit; it's the white-water rafting of entertainment jobs. But for many directors, the excitement they feel about a new project tightens into anxiety when it comes to working with actors. In the years since the original edition of *Directing Actors* was published, the technical side of filmmaking has become much more easily accessible. Directors tell me that dealing with actors is the last frontier--the scariest part and the part they long for--the human part, the place where connection happens. Weston's books help directors scale the heights of the actor-director dynamic, learn the joys of collaborating with actors--and become an "actor's director."

Film Directing Shot by Shot - Steven Douglas Katz 1991

This international best-seller is filled with visual techniques for filmmakers and screenwriters who want to expand their stylistic knowledge.

Directing - Michael Rabiger 2013-04-02

Directing: Film Techniques and Aesthetics is a comprehensive manual that teaches the essentials of filmmaking from the perspective of the director. Ideal for film production and directing classes, as well as for aspiring and current directors, *Directing* covers all phases of preproduction and production, from idea development to final cut. Thoroughly covering the basics, *Directing* guides the reader to

professional standards of expression and control, and goes to the heart of what makes a director. The book outlines a great deal of practical work to meet this goal, with projects, exercises. The third edition emphasizes the connection between knowing and doing, with every principle realizable through projects and exercises. Much has been enhanced and expanded, notably: aspects of dramaturgy; beats and dramatic units; pitching stories and selling one's work; the role of the entrepreneurial producer; and the dangers of embedded moral values. Checklists are loaded with practical recommendations for action, and outcomes assessment tables help the reader honestly gauge his or her progress. Entirely new chapters present: preproduction procedures; production design; script breakdown; procedures and etiquette on the set; shooting location sound; continuity; and working with a composer. The entire book is revised to capitalize on the advantages offered by the revolutionary shift to digital filmmaking.

Acting in Film - Michael Caine 2000-02-01

(Applause Books). A master actor who's appeared in an enormous number of films, starring with everyone from Nicholson to Kermit the Frog, Michael Caine is uniquely qualified to provide his view of making movies. This revised and expanded edition features great photos, with chapters on: Preparation, In Front of the Camera Before You Shoot, The Take, Characters, Directors, On Being a Star, and much more. "Remarkable material ... A treasure ... I'm not going to be looking at performances quite the same way ... FASCINATING!" Gene Siskel