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On Directing Film Grove Press
 In a terrifyingly short time, a male college instructor and his female student descend from a discussion of her grades into a modern reprise of the Inquisition. Innocuous remarks suddenly turn damning. Socratic dialogue gives way to heated assault. And the relationship between a somewhat fatuous teacher and his seemingly hapless pupil turns into a fiendishly accurate X ray of the mechanisms of power, censorship, and abuse.

Film Editors on Editing CRC Press
 Move over, movies: the freshest storytelling today is on television, where the multi-episodic format is used for rich

character development and innovative story arcs. *Directors Tell the Story, Second Edition* offers rare insight and advice straight from two A-list television directors whose credits include NCIS, NCIS New Orleans, Nashville, Criminal Minds and many more. Here, in one volume, learn everything you need to know to become an excellent director, not merely a good one. Covering everything through prep, shoot, and post, the authors offer practical instruction on how to craft a creative vision, translate a script into a visual story, establish and maintain the look and feel of a television show or film, lead the cast and crew, keep a complex operation running on time and on budget, and effectively oversee editing and post-production. *Directors Tell the Story* provides behind-the-scenes access to the secrets of successful directors, as well as exercises

that use original scripted material. This newly updated edition features: All-new "From the Experts" sections with insider info known only to working professionals Profiles of top film and TV luminaries with advice and tips Additional „How I Got My First Job" stories from directors currently in the trenches Useful instruction to help you put directing techniques into practice A companion website featuring directing tutorials and video interviews with the authors Bethany Rooney has directed over two hundred episodes of prime-time network shows, including NCIS, The Originals, Nashville, NCIS New Orleans, and Criminal Minds. She teaches the Warner Brothers Directing Workshop and serves on numerous committees at the Directors Guild of America. Mary Lou Belli is a two-time Emmy Award winning producer, writer, and director as well as

the author of two books. She directed NCIS New Orleans, Monk, Hart of Dixie, The Game, Girlfriends, and The Wizards of Waverly Place. She teaches directing at USC's School of Cinematic Arts.

See Your Film Before Shooting Vintage

A priceless examination of the filmmaker's craft, from the renowned director of "Sweet Smell of Success" After more than twenty years in the film industry as a screenwriter, storyboard editor, and director of memorable films such as "The Ladykillers," Alexander Mackendrick turned his back on Hollywood and began a new career as the Dean of one of the country's most demanding and influential film schools. His absolute devotion to the craft of filmmaking served as a powerful impetus to students at the California Institute for the Arts for almost twenty five years, with a teaching style that included prodigious notes, neatly crafted storyboards, and handouts containing excerpts of works by Kierkegaard, Aristotle, and others. At the core of Mackendrick's lessons lay a deceptively simple goal: to teach aspiring filmmakers how to structure and write the stories they want to tell, while using the devices particular to the medium of film to tell their stories effectively. In this impressive volume, edited by Paul Cronin, the myriad materials that made Mackendrick's reputation as an instructor are collected for the first time, offering a chance for professionals as well as students to discover a methodology of filmmaking that is challenging yet refreshing in its clarity. Meticulously illustrated and drawing on examples from such classic films as "North by Northwest," "Citizen Kane," and "Touch of Evil," Mackendrick's elegant lessons are sure to provide inspiration for a new generation of filmmakers.

See Your Film Before Shooting

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Interviews with 21 prominent feature film editors highlight this long-overdue look at the role of film editors, the importance of their work, and the nature of their craft. Organized to provide historical as well as collaborative continuity, *Selected Takes* features editors whose credits include films such as *Ben Hur*, *The French Connection*, *The Godfather*, and *E.T.* Each chapter includes a brief introduction to the artist, background information, a filmography, and personal recollections of specific films, producers, and directors, as well as instructive comments on editing techniques.

On the Nature and Purpose of Drama

CRC Press

An ambitious pig overcomes prejudice while following her dream of attending law

school.

Illusion/disillusion in a Wounded Land

Vintage

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.

Wilson CRC Press

One of our most brilliantly iconoclastic playwrights takes on the art of profession of acting with these words: invent nothing, deny nothing, speak up, stand up, stay out of school. Acting schools, "interpretation," "sense memory," "The Method"—David Mamet takes a jackhammer to the idols of contemporary acting, while revealing the true heroism and nobility of the craft. He shows actors how to undertake auditions and rehearsals, deal with agents and directors, engage audiences, and stay faithful to the script, while rejecting the temptations that seduce so many of their colleagues. Bracing in its clarity, exhilarating in its common sense, *True and False* is as shocking as it is practical, as witty as it is instructive, and as irreverent as it is inspiring.

Foreword by Ang Lee Bloomsbury

Publishing

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. *Speed-the-Plow* Penguin Group USA This international best-seller is filled with visual techniques for filmmakers and screenwriters who want to expand their stylistic knowledge.

Selected Takes Viking Adult

A small-time mystic trying to bilk a bereaved woman of her inheritance and a card game on a violent train ride are the bases for two new plays by the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright

Total Directing Vintage

This comprehensive biography uses extensive theater and film archives to reveal Mamet's ideas on writing, acting, and directing, covering his beginnings in Chicago, his relationship to Judaism and reputation for machismo, as well as discussions of and excerpts from early plays and stories that have never before been referenced in print.

True and False On Directing Film

Famed independent screenwriter and director Robert Rodriguez (*Sin City*, *Once Upon a Time in Mexico*, *Spy Kids*, *Machete*) discloses all the unique strategies and original techniques he used to make his remarkable debut film *El Mariachi* on a shoestring budget. This is both one man's remarkable story and an essential guide for anyone who has a celluloid story to tell and the dreams and determination to see it through. Part production diary, part how-to manual, Rodriguez unveils how he was able to make his influential first film on only a \$7,000 budget. Also included is the appendix, "The Ten Minute Film Course," a tell-all on how to save thousands of dollars on film school and teach yourself the ropes of film production, directing, and screenwriting. A perfect gift for the aspiring filmmaker.

Notes and Essays Taylor & Francis

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.

Sexual Perversity in Chicago and the Duck Variations Gulf Professional Publishing

The purpose of theater, like magic, like religion . . . is to inspire cleansing awe. What makes good drama? And why does drama matter in an age that is awash in information and entertainment? David Mamet, one of our greatest living playwrights, tackles these questions with bracing directness and aphoristic authority. He believes that the tendency to dramatize is essential to human nature, that we create drama out of everything from today's weather to next year's elections. But the highest expression of this drive remains the theater. With a cultural range that encompasses Shakespeare, Brecht, and Ibsen, *Death of a Salesman* and *Bad Day at Black Rock*, Mamet shows us how to distinguish true drama from its false variants. He considers the impossibly difficult progression between one act and the next and the mysterious function of the soliloquy. The result, in *Three Uses of the Knife*, is an electrifying treatise on the playwright's art that is also a strikingly original work of moral and aesthetic philosophy.

Bambi vs. Godzilla Vintage

In a new adaptation of David Mamet's film, Harvard-educated psychoanalyst Margaret Ford is celebrated for her best selling book 'Driven! Compulsion and Obsession in Every Day Life'. Stepping in to help one of her patients settle his gambling debts, she compromises her professional reputation and is drawn into the seedy underworld of the House of Games poker club. Seduced by charismatic hustler Mike, Margaret convinces herself that she can make an academic study of the con. Before she realises it, Margaret is entangled in a fast-paced complex thriller.

David Mamet and Film Taylor & Francis
This collection of specially written essays offers both student and theatregoer a guide to one of the most celebrated American dramatists working today. Readers will find the general and accessible descriptions and analyses provide the perfect introduction to Mamet's work. The volume covers the full range of Mamet's writing, including now

classic plays such as *American Buffalo* and *Glengarry Glen Ross*, and his more recent work, *Boston Marriage*, among others, as well as his films, such as *The Verdict* and *Wag the Dog*. Additional chapters also explore Mamet and acting, Mamet as director, his fiction, and a survey of Mamet criticism. *The Companion to David Mamet* is an introduction which will prepare the reader for future work by this important and influential writer.

On the Dismantling of American Culture Viking Adult

David Mamet is one of America's most celebrated playwrights. The author of plays, screenplays, poetry, essays, and children's books, he has won many awards, including the Pulitzer Prize for *Glengarry Glen Ross*. The Obie award-winning *Sexual Perversity in Chicago* is about two office workers, Danny and Bernie, on the make in the swinging singles scene of the early 1970s. Danny meets Deborah in a library and soon they are not only lovers but roommates, and their story quickly evolves into a modern romance in all its sticky details. *The Duck Variations* is a dialogue between two old men sitting on a park bench. The conversation turns to the mating habits of ducks, but soon begins to reveal their feelings about natural law, friendship, and death. *New York magazine* has called *The Duck Variations* "a gorgeously written, wonderfully observant piece whose timing and atmosphere are close to flawless." *On Directing Film* Grove/Atlantic, Inc.
From the Academy Award-nominated screenwriter and playwright: an exhilaratingly subversive inside look at Hollywood from a filmmaker who's always played by his own rules. Who really reads the scripts at the film studios? How is a screenplay like a personals ad? Why are there so many producers listed in movie credits? And what on earth do those producers do anyway? Refreshingly unafraid to offend, Mamet provides hilarious, surprising, and refreshingly forthright answers to these and other questions about every aspect of filmmaking from concept to script to screen. A bracing, no-holds-barred examination of the strange contradictions of Tinseltown, *Bambi vs. Godzilla* dissects the movies with Mamet's signature style and wit.

Or How a 23-Year-Old Filmmaker With \$7,000 Became a Hollywood Player Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

The quirky, strange and utterly sagacious meditations of David Carradine written during the making of Quentin Tarantino's contemporary classic in which Carradine played the lead role. When Carradine landed the lead role in Quentin Tarantino's new film, *Kill Bill*, it catapulted him into the Hollywood limelight. This journal captures his experience of being courted by Tarantino for the role of Bill and the subsequent two years spent making the two-part feature film with co-star Uma Thurman, nominated for a Best Actress Golden Globe. In its mixture of autobiography and behind-the-scenes diary, *The Kill Bill Diary* takes the reader on a fascinating and witty journey into the world of film-making and the art of an acclaimed director. Along the way Carradine describes the martial arts training required for the role, the experience of filming in China, working with Tarantino and falling in love with Uma Thurman while 'swinging a steel-tempered Samurai sword at her head'. In describing the pre-production, production and promoting of the film, Carradine gives readers a rare and wholly authentic insight into the creation of a Hollywood blockbuster and the experience of a screen legend.

The Making of a Tarantino Classic as Seen Through the Eyes of a Screen Legend Penguin Books

Film Directing Fundamentals gives the novice director an organic methodology for realizing on the screen the full dramatic possibility of a screenplay. Unique among directing books, this book 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. The book assumes no knowledge and thus introduces basic concepts and terminology. Appropriate for screenwriters, aspiring directors and filmmakers, *Film Directing Fundamentals* helps filmmakers bring their story to life on screen.

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