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The Filmmaker's Handbook Yale
University Press

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
Hitchcock Penguin

The behind-the-scenes story of the making of the iconic movie Network, which transformed the way we think

about television and the way television thinks about us "I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this anymore!" Those words, spoken by an unhinged anchorman named Howard Beale, "the mad prophet of the airwaves," took America by storm in 1976, when *Network* became a sensation. With a superb cast (including Faye Dunaway, William Holden, Peter Finch, and Robert Duvall) directed by Sidney Lumet, the film won four Academy Awards and indelibly shaped how we think about corporate and media power. In *Mad As Hell*, Dave Itzkoff of *The New York Times* recounts the surprising and dramatic story of how *Network* made it to the screen. Such a movie rarely gets made any more—one man's vision of the world, independent of studio testing or

market research. And that man was Paddy Chayefsky, the tough, driven, Oscar-winning screenwriter whose vision—outlandish for its time—is all too real today. Itzkoff uses interviews with the cast and crew, as well as Chayefsky's notes, letters, and drafts to re-create the action in front of and behind the camera at a time of swirling cultural turmoil. The result is a riveting account that enriches our appreciation of this prophetic and still-startling film. Itzkoff also speaks with today's leading broadcasters and filmmakers to assess *Network's* lasting impact on television and popular culture. They testify to the enduring genius of Paddy Chayefsky, who foresaw the future and whose life offers an unforgettable lesson about the true cost of self-expression.

Rebel without a Crew Penguin

A frank, personal story of the joys and pitfalls of making movies by a world famous film-maker.

Summary of Sidney Lumet's Making Movies Bloomsbury Publishing

The definitive portrait of one of the most important cultural figures in American history: Walt Disney. Walt Disney was a true visionary whose desire for escape, iron determination and obsessive perfectionism transformed animation from a novelty to an art form, first with Mickey Mouse and then with his feature films—most notably *Snow White*, *Fantasia*, and *Bambi*. In his superb biography, Neal Gabler shows us how, over the course of two decades, Disney revolutionized the entertainment industry. In a way that was

unprecedented and later widely imitated, he built a synergistic empire that combined film, television, theme parks, music, book publishing, and merchandise. *Walt Disney* is a revelation of both the work and the man—of both the remarkable accomplishment and the hidden life. Winner of the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for Biography USA Today Biography of the Year *The Meryl Streep Movie Club* Everest Media LLC

This traditional auteurist survey closely examines the films of director John Frankenheimer, assessing the thematic and stylistic elements of such films as *The Iceman Cometh*, *The Manchurian Candidate*, and *Bird Man of Alcatraz*. It begins with a complete overview of Frankenheimer's life and career. A

chronology lists production history details for each of his films, and a comprehensive biography draws attention to Frankenheimer's early artistic development. Subsequent chapters categorize his films by genre and theme, examining each film through analytical critiques and plot synopses. Multiple appendices include an analysis of Frankenheimer's short films *Maniac at Large* and *Ambush*, a complete filmography, and a suggested reading list.

Making Movies Penguin

Robert Bresson, the director of such cinematic master-pieces as *Pickpocket*, *A Man Escaped*, *Mouchette*, and *L'Argent*, was one of the most influential directors in the history of French film, as well as one of the most stubbornly individual:

He insisted on the use of nonprofessional actors; he shunned the “advances” of Cinerama and Cinema-Scope (and the work of most of his predecessors and peers); and he minced no words about the damaging influence of capitalism and the studio system on the still-developing—in his view—art of film. *Bresson on Bresson* collects the most significant interviews that Bresson gave (carefully editing them before they were released) over the course of his forty-year career to reveal both the internal consistency and the consistently exploratory character of his body of work. Successive chapters are dedicated to each of his fourteen films, as well as to the question of literary adaptation, the nature of the sound track, and to Bresson’s one book, the great aphoristic

treatise *Notes on the Cinematograph*. Throughout, his close and careful consideration of his own films and of the art of film is punctuated by such telling mantras as “Sound...invented silence in cinema,” “It’s the film that...gives life to the characters—not the characters that give life to the film,” and (echoing the Bible) “Every idle word shall be counted.” Bresson’s integrity and originality earned him the admiration of younger directors from Jean-Luc Godard and Jacques Rivette to Olivier Assayas. And though Bresson’s movies are marked everywhere by an air of intense deliberation, these interviews show that they were no less inspired by a near-religious belief in the value of intuition, not only that of the creator but that of the audience, which he claims to deeply

respect: “It’s always ready to feel before it understands. And that’s how it should be.

Warner Bros Vintage

A tale of two cities, both called 'New York'. The first is a real city, an urban agglomeration of millions. The second is a mythic city, so rich in memory and association and sense of place that to people everywhere it has come to seem real: the New York of films such as *42nd Street*, *Rear Window*, *King Kong*, *Dead End*, *The Naked City*, *Ghostbusters*, *Annie Hall*, *Taxi Driver*, and *Do the Right Thing*. The dream city of the movies - created by more than a century of films, since the very dawn of the medium itself - may hold the secret to the glamour of its real counterpart. Here are the cocktail parties and power lunches, the subway

chases and opening nights, the playground rumbles and observation-deck romances. Here is an invented Gotham, a place designed specifically for action, drama, and adventure, a city of bright avenues and mysterious sidestreets, of soaring towers and intimate corners, where remarkable people do exciting, amusing, romantic, scary things. Sanders takes the reader from the tenement to the penthouse, from New York to Hollywood and back again, from 1896 to the present, all the while showing how the real and mythic cities reflected, changed, and taught each other.

On Directing Film Simon and Schuster Behind the scenes at the legendary Warner Brothers film studio, where four immigrant brothers transformed

themselves into the moguls and masters of American fantasy Warner Bros charts the rise of an unpromising film studio from its shaky beginnings in the early twentieth century through its ascent to the pinnacle of Hollywood influence and popularity. The Warner Brothers—Harry, Albert, Sam, and Jack—arrived in America as unschooled Jewish immigrants, yet they founded a studio that became the smartest, toughest, and most radical in all of Hollywood. David Thomson provides fascinating and original interpretations of Warner Brothers pictures from the pioneering talkie *The Jazz Singer* through black-and-white musicals, gangster movies, and such dramatic romances as *Casablanca*, *East of Eden*, and *Bonnie and Clyde*. He recounts the storied exploits of the

studio's larger-than-life stars, among them Al Jolson, James Cagney, Bette Davis, Errol Flynn, Humphrey Bogart, James Dean, Doris Day, and Bugs Bunny. The Warner brothers' cultural impact was so profound, Thomson writes, that their studio became "one of the enterprises that helped us see there might be an American dream out there." Elvis and Ginger Penguin

In *Her Voice* is the first book that takes the words and experiences of a diverse group of celebrated women film directors and puts their voices front and center. This unique volume of interviews presents more than 40 feature and documentary directors from around the world, including Debra Granik (*Winter's Bone*), Courtney Hunt (*Frozen River*), Callie Khouri (*Mad Money*), Sally Potter

(*Rage*), Lone Scherfig (*An Education*) and Lynn Shelton (*Humpday*). *In Her Voice* is a call to arms and a reminder to movie lovers, students and the entertainment industry about the significance of women directors and their growing, integral position in the world of filmmaking. It is also a message for women directors to not give up?—your voice counts. Your vision matters.

The Total Film-maker Vintage
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.

Celluloid Skyline St. Martin's Press
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.

Bresson on Bresson: Interviews, 1943-1983 Vintage

An autobiography of the film director Fred Zinnemann, whose career spans the 65-year history of the talking movie.

Famous for giving Marlon Brando, Montgomery Clift and Meryl Streep their first film parts, his credits include "High Noon", "From Here to Eternity" and "Oklahoma."

Surviving Production New York
Review of Books

Each of the thirty-nine films that Wise has directed is presented here in photographs, a complete cast and credits listing, a story synopsis, and, most importantly, Robert Wise's own comments. Robert Wise on His Films is illustrated with 270 photographs and includes a short biographical portrait of Wise that draws heavily on his own words and Forewords by director Arthur Hiller and screenwriter Nelson Gidding.

Down and Dirty Pictures Random
House Trade

THE STORY: As The New York Times describes, The play tells of a woman storekeeper and a handsome, guileless youth who comes in off the highway. A guitar-player, he is a rural Orpheus who descends to rescue his love--not in Hades, precisely,
The Director's Six Senses Dramatists
Play Service, Inc.

The Director's Six Senses is an innovative, unique, and engaging approach to the development of the skills that every visual storyteller must have. It's based on the premise that a director is a storyteller 24/7 and must be aware of the "truth" that he or she experiences in life in order to be able to reproduce it on the big screen. Through a series of hands-on exercises and practical experiences, the reader

develops the "directorial senses" in order to be able to tell a story in the most effective way.

Making Movies Work Times Books

"[Not] the typical celebrity memoir . . . as much an account of her decades-long spiritual journey as it is a look back at her TV and movie career." —Spiritual Pop Culture "Mary is a whole lot more than Erin on *The Waltons*. This book shows how she's handled all the highs and lows with grace." —George Clooney For nine seasons, Mary McDonough was part of one of the most beloved families in television history. Just ten years old when she was cast as the pretty, wholesome middle child Erin, Mary grew up on the set of *The Waltons*, alternately embracing and rebelling against her good-girl onscreen persona. Now, as the

first cast member to write about her experiences on the classic series, she candidly recounts the joys and challenges of growing up Walton—from her overnight transformation from a normal kid in a working class, Irish Catholic family, to a Hollywood child star, to the personal challenges that led her to take on a new role as an activist for women's body image issues. Touching, funny, sometimes heartbreaking, and always illuminating, *Lessons from the Mountain* is the story of everything Mary McDonough learned on her journey over—and beyond—that famous mountain. Includes Never Before Published Bonus Chapter! "A fascinating look at what it's like to grow up in front of and beyond the cameras." —Eve Plumb "For someone who started out as

a sweet little girl afraid to speak up, it certainly is a pleasure to hear her shout from the top of the mountain now!”

—Alison Arngim, New York Times bestselling author “[A] poignant memoir . . . the actress shares intimate, behind-the-scenes memories.” —Smashing Interviews Magazine

Sidney Lumet W. W. Norton & Company
In 1969, a low-budget biker movie, *Easy Rider*, shocked Hollywood with its stunning success. An unabashed celebration of sex, drugs, and rock 'n' roll (onscreen and off), *Easy Rider* heralded a heady decade in which a rebellious wave of talented young filmmakers invigorated the movie industry. In *Easy Riders, Raging Bulls*, Peter Biskind takes us on the wild ride that was Hollywood in the '70s, an era

that produced such modern classics as *The Godfather*, *Chinatown*, *Shampoo*, *Nashville*, *Taxi Driver*, and *Jaws*. *Easy Riders, Raging Bulls* vividly chronicles the exuberance and excess of the times: the startling success of *Easy Rider* and the equally alarming circumstances under which it was made, with drugs, booze, and violent rivalry between costars Dennis Hopper and Peter Fonda dominating the set; how a small production company named BBS became the guiding spirit of the youth rebellion in Hollywood and how, along the way, some of its executives helped smuggle Huey Newton out of the country; how director Hal Ashby was busted for drugs and thrown in jail in Toronto; why Martin Scorsese attended the Academy Awards with an FBI escort when *Taxi Driver* was

nominated; how George Lucas, gripped by anxiety, compulsively cut off his own hair while writing Star Wars, how a modest house on Nicholas Beach occupied by actresses Margot Kidder and Jennifer Salt became the unofficial headquarters for the New Hollywood; how Billy Friedkin tried to humiliate Paramount boss Barry Diller; and how screenwriter/director Paul Schrader played Russian roulette in his hot tub. It was a time when an "anything goes" experimentation prevailed both on the screen and off. After the success of Easy Rider, young film-school graduates suddenly found themselves in demand, and directors such as Francis Coppola, Peter Bogdanovich, George Lucas, and Martin Scorsese became powerful figures. Even the new generation of film

stars -- Nicholson, De Niro, Hoffman, Pacino, and Dunaway -- seemed a breed apart from the traditional Hollywood actors. Ironically, the renaissance would come to an end with Jaws and Star Wars, hugely successful films that would create a blockbuster mentality and crush innovation. Based on hundreds of interviews with the directors themselves, producers, stars, agents, writers, studio executives, spouses, and ex-spouses, this is the full, candid story of Hollywood's last golden age. Never before have so many celebrities talked so frankly about one another and about the drugs, sex, and money that made so many of them crash and burn. By turns hilarious and shocking, Easy Riders, Raging Bulls is the ultimate behind-the-scenes account of Hollywood at work

and play.

Digital Film-making Kensington Publishing Corp.

“Invaluable.... I am sometimes asked if there is one book a filmgoer could read to learn more about how movies are made and what to look for while watching them. This is the book.”

—Roger Ebert, *The New York Times Book Review* 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.

Call for the Dead St. Martin's Griffin
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.

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