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William Esper, one of the most celebrated acting teachers of our time, takes us through his step-by-step approach to the central challenge of advanced acting work: creating and playing a character. Esper's first book, *The Actor's Art and Craft*, earned praise for describing the basics taught in his famous first-year acting class. *The Actor's Guide to Creating a Character* continues the journey. In

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these pages, co-author Damon DiMarco vividly re-creates Esper's second-year course, again through the experiences of a fictional class. Esper's training builds on Sanford Meisner's legendary exercises, a world-renowned technique that Esper further developed through his long association with Meisner and the decades he has spent training a host of distinguished actors. His approach is flexible enough to apply to any role, helping actors to create characters with truthful and compelling inner lives.

(Applause Books). More Power to You is acting guru Robert Cohen's follow-up act to his now legendary Acting Power . Now, More Power to You brings together Cohen's most

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important writing on performance, plays and productions. Among the diverse subjects the reader will learn about are, that Shakespeare's actors cried real tears (and had their methods on how to make the tears flow); that Hamlet was sixteen; what that secret is that British actors have for running off with all the American stage awards, and why kidnapped heiress Patty Hearst robbed that bank (and what that has to do with a book on theatre!).

Bryer (English, U. of Maryland) and Davison (English, U. of Delaware) interviewed 17 seasoned actors about their professional lives, their views of American theater, and their perspectives on acting, the

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characters they've played, and the directors they've worked with. The interviews are presented in qanda format, and include the thoughts of Zoe Caldwell, Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy, Blythe Danner, Ruby Dee, George Grizzard, Julie Harris, Eileen Heckart, Cherry Jones, James Earl Jones, Stacy Keach, Shirley Knight, Nathan Lane, Jason Robards, Maureen Stapleton, and Eli Wallach and Anne Jackson. Annotation copyrighted by Book News Inc., Portland, OR

Explore the fundamentals of acting
The Actor in You presents a thorough and systematic exposure to the fundamentals of the acting process in simple, direct language

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and a streamlined structure. This title draws on exercises and examples from students' everyday lives, well-known plays, and popular television programs to lead the beginning student through the process of creating a role.

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to Understanding the Art of Acting

Confrontations with a Body of

Memory

Audition

The Actor Within

Audition Speeches for Young

Actors 16+

You Couldn't Ignore Me If You

Tried

Expert Advice for Both Amateur

and Professional Actors

A Balancing Act

***Audition Speeches for
6-16 Year Olds offers a
generous helping of***

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carefully selected speeches that children can prepare for auditions. Each speech is introduced with commentary to set the scene and help the young actor.

There are two journeys in front of you. Both can lead to success, but only one can lead to purposeful fulfillment.

The Actor as Fire and Cloud references Christian and secular thought as well as master teachers of this century and the past to

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*unlock universal ideas
about the acting craft.*

*As such, it is a book
with universal appeal
and application.*

*The casting director for
Chicago, Pippin, Becket,
Gypsy, The Graduate, the
Sound of Music and Jesus
Christ Superstar tells
you how you can find
your dream role!*

*Absolutely everything an
actor needs to know to
get the part is here:
What to do that moment
before, how to use
humour; create mystery;
how to develop a*

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distinct style; and how to evaluate the place, the relationships and the competition. In fact, Audition is a necessary guide to dealing with all the "auditions" we face in life. This is the bible on the subject.

- *How to cope with the realities of life as an actor—if you don't laugh, you'll cry*
- *In-depth interviews with actors, agents, casting directors. In this hip, warts-and-all look at acting, author Jason*

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Pugatch shares his insights as a working "day player" to give an unvarnished look at theater, film, and television: how to be "discovered," what to expect from training programs, the grunt work of starting a career, how to keep going despite constant rejection, and much more. Packed with myth-shattering anecdotes and told in an intriguing personal tone, Acting Is a Job is the backstage guide that every

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aspiring actor must read. Allworth Press, an imprint of Skyhorse Publishing, publishes a broad range of books on the visual and performing arts, with emphasis on the business of art. Our titles cover subjects such as graphic design, theater, branding, fine art, photography, interior design, writing, acting, film, how to start careers, business and legal forms, business practices, and more. While we don't aspire to

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bestseller or a national
bestseller, we are
deeply committed to
quality books that help
creative professionals
succeed and thrive. We
often publish in areas
overlooked by other
publishers and welcome
the author whose
expertise can help our
audience of readers.
From Concept to Screen
Guide to Library and
Information Agency
Management
The Routledge Companion
to Dramaturgy*

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***In the Company of Actors
Will***

The Actor at Work

The Actor's Mindset

A social evaluation of the influence and legacy of the "Brat Pack" films explores their 1980s cultural themes, in an account that draws on interviews with such celebrities as Molly Ringwald, Anthony Michael Hall and John Cusack. Original. Audition speeches for actors aged 16-18, selected by Jean Marlow. Includes advice from

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actors, casting
directors and teachers
In Action!, Peabody and
multiple Emmy award-
winning producer and
leading teacher of
acting Robert Benedetti
offers a practical,
detailed and clearly
structured approach to
the fundamentals of
acting for the camera.
The first part of the
book is a step-by-step
guide to how an actor
fits into the process of
shooting a film or
television show. The
second part describes

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how to prepare yourself for any role through detailed instructions for creating the inner life of a character. Benedetti's analysis of sample scenes, such as Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman* and the sitcom *Cheers*, helps readers become experts and complete naturals in front of a camera. The book features: How acting for the camera is different from acting on stage Complete coverage on how to start an acting career in film or

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television All major
film production
personnel, terms and
forms Detailed
discussion of self-
training for the camera
In the Company of Actors
is a wonderful ensemble
of entertaining and
illuminating discussions
with sixteen of the most
celebrated and
prestigious actors in
contemporary theatre,
film and television. The
impressive list of
actors includes: Eileen
Atkins, Alan Bates,
Simon Callow, Judi

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Dench, Brenda Fricker, Nigel Hawthorne, Jane Lapotaire, Janet McTeer, Ian Richardson, Miranda Richardson, Stephen Rea, Fiona Shaw, Anthony Sher, Janet Suzman, David Suchet, and Penelope Wilton. Carole Zucker covers a wide range of topics including the actors' main childhood influences, their actor training, early acting experience, preparation for roles and sound advice for coping with actors' problems such as

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creative differences
with other actors or
directors.

Professional Acting for
Film and Television
The Complete Idiot's
Guide to Acting

Intimate Conversations
with Great Actors

An '80s Story

The Actor's Guide to
Creating a Character

The Development of
Energize! a Holistic
Approach to Acting

A brutally honest and moving
memoir of lust, abuse, addiction,
stardom, and redemption from

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Arrow and Teen Wolf actor Colton Haynes. Four years ago, Colton Haynes woke up in a hospital. He'd had two seizures, lost the sight in one eye, almost ruptured a kidney, and been put on an involuntary psychiatry hold. Not yet thirty, he knew he had to take stock of his life and make some serious changes if he wanted to see his next birthday. As he worked towards sobriety, Haynes allowed himself to become vulnerable for the first time in years and with that, discovered profound self-awareness. He had millions of social media followers who constantly told him they loved him. But what would they think if they knew his true story? If they knew where he came from and the things

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he had done? Now, Colton bravely pulls back the curtain on his life and career, revealing the incredible highs and devastating lows. From his unorthodox childhood in a small Kansas town, to coming to terms with his sexuality, he keeps nothing back. By sixteen, he had been signed by the world's top modeling agency and his face appeared on billboards. But he was still a broke, lonely, confused teenager, surrounded by people telling him he could be a star as long as he never let anyone see his true self. As his career in television took off, the stress of wearing so many masks and trying to please so many different people turned his use of drugs and alcohol into full-blown

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addiction. A lyrical and intimate confession, apology, and cautionary tale, *Miss Memory Lane* is an unforgettable story of dreams deferred and dreams fulfilled; of a family torn apart and rebuilt; and of a man stepping into the light as no one but himself.

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You're no idiot, of course. You've got tons of talent, but when it comes to bringing it centerstage you feel like you're just winging it. You love the smell of the greasepaint and the roar of the crowd, but you're not sure how to follow your dream. Don't overreact! 'The Complete Idiot's Guide to Acting' will help you hone your thespain skills and step into the limelight! In this 'Complete Idiot's Guide', you get: -Auditioning etiquette and tips on making a strong impression. -Rehearsal rigor, from read-throughs and blocking to taking stage directions and dealing with backstage gossip. -Tips on balancing theatrics with other obligations like school, work, and

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your family. -Tons more reasons why acting is important, from how it affects your everyday life to how it could help get you a scholarship or a promotion.

A heartbreaking and hilarious memoir by iCarly and Sam & Cat star Jennette McCurdy about her struggles as a former child actor—including eating disorders, addiction, and a complicated relationship with her overbearing mother—and how she retook control of her life. Jennette McCurdy was six years old when she had her first acting audition. Her mother's dream was for her only daughter to become a star, and Jennette would do anything to make her mother happy. So she

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went along with what Mom called “calorie restriction,” eating little and weighing herself five times a day. She endured extensive at-home makeovers while Mom chided, “Your eyelashes are invisible, okay? You think Dakota Fanning doesn’t tint hers?” She was even showered by Mom until age sixteen while sharing her diaries, email, and all her income. In *I’m Glad My Mom Died*, Jennette recounts all this in unflinching detail—just as she chronicles what happens when the dream finally comes true. Cast in a new Nickelodeon series called *iCarly*, she is thrust into fame. Though Mom is ecstatic, emailing fan club moderators and getting on a first-name basis with the

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paparazzi (“Hi Gale!”), Jennette is riddled with anxiety, shame, and self-loathing, which manifest into eating disorders, addiction, and a series of unhealthy relationships. These issues only get worse when, soon after taking the lead in the iCarly spinoff Sam & Cat alongside Ariana Grande, her mother dies of cancer. Finally, after discovering therapy and quitting acting, Jennette embarks on recovery and decides for the first time in her life what she really wants. Told with refreshing candor and dark humor, I’m Glad My Mom Died is an inspiring story of resilience, independence, and the joy of shampooing your own hair.

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William Esper Teaches the Meisner
Technique

Conversations with Contemporary
American Stage Performers

The Art of Acting

Style: An Approach to Appreciating
Theatre

Reflections on the Craft of Acting

Acting Is a Job

Few actors have had a career as dynamic as that Kathleen Turner's; success has followed her from the television screen to major blockbusters, from indie films to the theater stage. Over her forty-year career, Turner has developed an instinctual knowledge of what it takes to be a successful actor, and, in her conversations with esteemed film professor Dustin Morrow, she

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shares these lessons with the world. With her iconic wit on full display, Turner dazzles readers with her shrewd insights on the craft of acting and charming anecdotes from her own storied career. Touching on each of her roles, she expounds on the lessons she's learned and describes her journey of discovery in the world of acting. An epic and intense one-on-one master class in acting from the best teacher imaginable, Kathleen Turner on Acting is a must for acting and directing students of every age, established actors and directors, filmmakers, theater pros, and artists of every stripe. The struggle of three brothers to stay together after their parent's

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death and their quest for identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society.

The Mother, the Lover, the Trickster, the Spiritual and Temporal Leader, the Devil-these are just some of the universal essences, known as archetypes, that lie deep within the human spirit; these are forces that we all recognize and embody in some capacity. Acting and Singing with Archetypes is a groundbreaking, experiential book that uses archetypes as the basis of an unprecedented method of study for actors and singers. By using fifteen archetype explorations that employ vocal exercises, mask making, monologue and scene work,

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breathing exercises, role playing, storytelling, singing, meditation, self-reflection, and more, this book empowers actors to interpret character and voice in exciting, untraditional ways. The explorations ultimately leave performing artists with the tools they need to develop their theatrical roles to the fullest, utilize their singing and speech abilities with the widest range of emotion, and unlock their overall creative potential. The book also reinforces the importance of breathing, relaxing, stretching, and other physical techniques that enable healthy practice of the craft. Geared toward theatre teachers, directors, and theatre workshop leaders, this

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is an incredible teaching tool, accompanied by a CD of demonstrative recordings of vocal exercises and other guiding content sung and spoken by authors Janet B. Rodgers and Frankie Armstrong. Book jacket.

In Rose Eichenbaum's third work on the confluence of art making and human expression, she delves into the lives of thirty-five celebrated actors through intimate conversations and photographic portraits. With her probing questions and disarming manner, she captures the essential character of her subjects while shining a light on the art that defines them. The work provides extraordinary insights on the craft of

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acting with discussions of process, techniques, tools of the trade, and how to advice for aspiring actors from seasoned veterans. These stars of stage and screen, known for signature roles and critically acclaimed performances, emerge in The Actor Within with masks and wardrobe removed. Here, they speak their own lines, tell their own stories, and raise the curtain on what it means to live the actor's life—the challenge of mastering their craft, the drama of big breaks and career woes, the search for meaningful roles, and above all, having the courage to bare their souls before theater audiences or the camera. For the artists featured in this work, acting is more than a

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profession; it is how they make their way in the world and artfully merge their inner sense of humanness with universal truths. This collection serves as an important inspirational resource for anyone interested in making art, regardless of medium. The Actor Within includes interviews with Karl Malden, Ruby Dee, Ed Harris, Piper Laurie, Marcia Gay Harden, William H. Macy, Ellen Burstyn, Joe Mantegna, Debra Winger, Julia Stiles, Elliott Gould, Elijah Wood, Stockard Channing, Bill Pullman, Amanda Plummer, Marlee Matlin, Charles Durning, Marsha Mason, and many others.

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Film Techniques and Aesthetics
Sixteen famous European Plays all
complete and unabridged
A Memoir*

***For over twenty years, Robert
Benedetti's highly acclaimed
The Actor at Work has offered
students a thorough focus on
the underlying principles of
the acting process. Now in its
eighth edition, The Actor at
Work continues to present an***

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experiential sequence of exercises designed to help actors develop a complete understanding of the physical, vocal, analytical, and ethical aspects of the actor's art. For anyone interested in acting. Describes the four types of auditions, tells actors how to prepare for each one, and includes advice on resumes and callbacks

Written by an Emmy-award-winning producer and director, this book focuses on the underlying principles of film and television production, emphasizing the creative rather than the technical

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aspects. The book describes how a film is created - from conception to screen - and provides a comprehensive overview of the entire production process. Not intended as a "how-to" book, this book presents only a limited amount of detailed technical information. Instead, it emphasizes the underlying principles and processes of primarily four kinds of films: feature, independently financed, made-for-network-television, and made-for-cable movies. For anyone interested in writing, directing, producing or acting for film/TV.

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The Actor in You serves as an introduction to beginning acting by helping students realize that they already possess the basic skills of an actor. This text enhances the student's appreciation of the art of acting by helping them realize that they already possess, in principle, the following skills: the ability to play a role, the ability to fulfill the sense of drama and to structure dramatic scenes, and the capacity to express emotion. Without losing its simplicity, directness, and enjoyable writing style, this revised and enlarged edition

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has benefited from helpful suggestions by teachers who have used it successfully in the classroom. Drawing exercises and examples from students' everyday lives and from well-known films and television programs, Benedetti succeeds in deducing dramatic principles from those experiences and then applying them to everyday life for artistic purpose. Still organized in sixteen steps meant to correspond to the weeks of a typical semester or school year, The Actor in You provides a direct, concise presentation and explanation

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of fundamentals for beginning students.

Acting and Singing with Archetypes

**Kathleen Turner on Acting
The Outsiders**

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**The Actor in You
Integrative Learning
Directing**

The Actor's Mindset: Acting as a Craft, Discipline, and Business uniquely prepares actors to live a full, successful life as a performing artist. While most acting books focus on either the art or the business of entertainment, Archibald

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looks at the entire picture of what it means to be an actor, focusing on the foundations of both the artist and the entrepreneur to guarantee a complete and fully functioning approach to a career. The Actor's Mindset is divided into three distinct parts: "The Craft," "The Discipline," and "The Business." Archibald's unique experience as both an actor and a coach gives him an unparalleled perspective on the current industry landscape. While classic method texts still circulate, and there are actors who

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have written books that address craft, none have Archibald's depth of knowledge and experience in coaching, nor approach the art from a professional standpoint instead of solely a teaching one. The success of Craig's approach is exemplified by the success of his clients, a roster that includes Constance Wu, John Slattery, and two-time Academy Award Nominee Dan Futterman.

A holistic approach to acting. This book presents acting as a mind, body and spirit practice and actors as

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emotional athletes, spiritual stuntmen and stuntwomen exposed to a constant roller coaster of emotions. Going beyond where Michael Chekhov left off, it offers new acting techniques using discoveries from holistic and energy healing modalities. Answering an urgent -yet never addressed-need, this book offers invaluable tools to heal post-performance stress disorder and cutting edge information about recovering your Highest Creative Self, the essence of your character, and true emotional balance. Lisa

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Dalton, Co-founder,
International Michael
Chekhov Association, Award-
Winning
Actor/Producer/Director and
Co-founder and Certifying
Board, National Michael
Chekhov Association wrote
the Foreword. She says: "It is
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how to Energize allows us to endure and even thrive during the rise and fall, the constant state of transformation, the juggling of feelings, styles, jobs, and colleagues while maintaining an even keel." "Truly some of the freshest and most innovative 21st century contributions to the art of acting." says Mel Shrawder NYC AEA/SAG actor, Former Head of Performance, University of Miami, and faculty at the Michael Chekhov Acting Studio in NYC.

A reference for high school

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theatre teachers covering both curricular and extracurricular problems – everything from how to craft a syllabus for a theatre class to what to say to parents about a student's participation in a school play. *Style: An Approach to Appreciating Theatre* offers brief, readable chapters about the basics of theatre as a starting point for discussion, and provides new adaptations of classic plays that are both accessible to students learning about theatre and fit for production. In this text, style

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is the word used to describe the various ways in which theatre is done in real space and time by humans in the physical presence of other humans. The book uses style, the "liveness" of theatre that makes it distinct from literature or history, as a lens to see how playwrights, directors, designers, and actors bring scripts to life on stage. Rather than focusing on theatre history or literary script analysis, it emphasizes actual theatrical production through examples and explores playscripts

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illustrating four theatrical styles: Realism, Theatricalism, Expressionism, and Classicism. Susan Glaspells Realistic play Trifles is presented as written, while The Insect Play by the Brothers apek, The Hairy Ape by Eugene ONeill, and Antigone by Sophocles are original, full-length adaptations. Style: An Approach to Appreciating Theatre is the perfect resource for students of Theatre Appreciation, Introduction to Theatre, Theatrical Design, and

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Stagecraft courses.

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Everything an Actor Needs to
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*Named a Most-Anticipated
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Weekly, Lit Hub, and AV Club*

Oscar-nominated screenwriter,
director, and actor Sarah

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Polley's *Run Towards the Danger* explores memory and the dialogue between her past and her present. These are the most dangerous stories of my life. The ones I have avoided, the ones I haven't told, the ones that have kept me awake on countless nights. As these stories found echoes in my adult life, and then went another, better way than they did in childhood, they became lighter and easier to carry.

Sarah Polley's work as an actor, screenwriter, and director is celebrated for its honesty, complexity, and deep humanity. She brings all those

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qualities, along with her exquisite storytelling chops, to these six essays. Each one captures a piece of Polley's life as she remembers it, while at the same time examining the fallibility of memory, the mutability of reality in the mind, and the possibility of experiencing the past anew, as the person she is now but was not then. As Polley writes, the past and present are in a "reciprocal pressure dance." Polley contemplates stories from her own life ranging from stage fright to high-risk childbirth to endangerment and more. After struggling

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with the aftermath of a concussion, Polley met a specialist who gave her wholly new advice: to recover from a traumatic injury, she had to retrain her mind to strength by charging towards the very activities that triggered her symptoms. With riveting clarity, she shows the power of applying that same advice to other areas of her life in order to find a path forward, a way through. Rather than live in a protective crouch, she had to run towards the danger. In this extraordinary book, Polley explores what it is to live in one's body, in a constant

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state of becoming, learning, and changing.

This guide identifies major concerns and involves interested parties in thoughtful consideration and discussion of challenges and opportunities embedded in managerial and administrative practice. By talking about the management of information places and with managers and managers-to-be, authors Curran and Miller provide a more thorough and realistic outlook on the managerial experience. The authors assert that: - Information agencies of all stripes share a common

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purpose - The act of deciding is the primary administrative/managerial responsibility - Knowledge Management must replace mere acquisition, storage and dissemination - The budget process is every bit as important as the budget document - Interpersonal issues dominate - Meetings soak up time Tackling many issues that other management books won't touch (e.g. sex in the office place, cliques, emphasis on political behavior, specific mistakes that cripple managers, and managing contradictions and

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paradoxes), this book is an excellent resource for all administrators.

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practice

The High School Theatre
Teacher's Survival Guide
Miss Memory Lane
An Overview of Film and
Television Production

Current teaching, learning and assessment practices can lead students to believe that courses within a programme are self-sufficient and separate.

Integrative Learning explores this issue, and considers how intentional learning helps students become integrative thinkers who can see connections in seemingly disparate information, and draw on a wide range of knowledge to make decisions. Written by

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international contributors who engaged reflectively with their teaching and their students' learning, the book seeks to develop a shared language of integrative learning, encouraging students to adapt skills learned in one situation to problems encountered in another, and make autonomous connections across courses, between experiences, and throughout their lives. More informed teachers can help students develop the necessary attributes for intentional learning, which include having a sense of purpose, fitting fragmentary information into a 'learning framework', understanding

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something of their own learning processes, asking probing questions, reflecting on their own choices, and knowing when to ask for help. Integrative Learning draws on international research and vast studies to provide the reader with the resources to ensure access to a unified learning experience. The book discusses conceptual and technical tools necessary for facilitating integrative learning across a range of disciplines as well as providing learning pedagogies and considers integrative learning in the context of the relevance of higher education in the complexity and uncertainty of

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the 21st century. It will appeal to academics and researchers in the field of higher education, as well as those generating higher education curriculums.

Directing: Film Techniques and Aesthetics is a comprehensive manual that has inspired tens of thousands of readers worldwide to realize their artistic vision and produce well-constructed films. Filled with practical advice on every stage of production, this is the book you will return to throughout your career.

Directing covers the methods, technologies, thought processes, and judgments that a director must use throughout the fascinating process of making a

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film. It emphasizes low-cost digital technology, which allows cutting-edge creativity and professionalism on shoestring budgets. And, recognizing that you learn best by doing, the book includes dozens of practical hands-on projects and activities to help you master technical and conceptual skills. Just as important as surmounting technological hurdles is the conceptual and authorial side of filmmaking. This book provides an unusually clear view of the artistic process, particularly in working with actors. It offers eminently practical tools and exercises to help you develop credible and

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compelling stories with your cast, hone your narrative skills, and develop your artistic identity. This book shows you how to surpass mere technical proficiency and become a storyteller with a distinctive voice and style. This edition has been streamlined and thoroughly revised for greater ease of use. Other updates include: * current information on digital technology * an expanded section on directing actors that cross-references thirty exercises * new questionnaires to help you pinpoint a film's aesthetic needs and assess where your vocational strengths lie; and much more. The companion web

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site includes teaching notes, checklists, and useful forms and questionnaires: <http://books.elsevier.com/companions/9780240808826>

Dramaturgy, in its many forms, is a fundamental and indispensable element of contemporary theatre. In its earliest definition, the word itself means a comprehensive theory of "play making."

Although it initially grew out of theatre, contemporary dramaturgy has made enormous advances in recent years, and it now permeates all kinds of narrative forms and structures: from opera to performance art; from dance and multimedia to filmmaking and robotics. In our

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global, mediated context of multinational group collaborations that dissolve traditional divisions of roles as well as unbend previously intransigent rules of time and space, the dramaturg is also the ultimate globalist: intercultural mediator, information and research manager, media content analyst, interdisciplinary negotiator, social media strategist. This collection focuses on contemporary dramaturgical practice, bringing together contributions not only from academics but also from prominent working dramaturgs. The inclusion of both means a strong level of engagement with

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current issues in dramaturgy, from the impact of social media to the ongoing centrality of interdisciplinary and intermedial processes. The contributions survey the field through eight main lenses: world dramaturgy and global perspective dramaturgy as function, verb and skill dramaturgical leadership and season planning production dramaturgy in translation adaptation and new play development interdisciplinary dramaturgy play analysis in postdramatic and new media dramaturgy social media and audience outreach. Magda Romanska is Visiting Associate Professor of Slavic Languages

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and Literatures at Harvard University, Associate Professor of Theatre and Dramaturgy at Emerson College, and Dramaturg for Boston Lyric Opera. Her books include The Post-Traumatic Theatre of Grotowski and Kantor (2012), Boguslaw Schaeffer: An Anthology (2012), and Comedy: An Anthology of Theory and Criticism (2014). Fans of Patti Smith's Just Kids and Rob Lowe's Stories I Only Tell My Friends will love this beautifully written, entertaining, and emotionally honest memoir by an actor, director, and author who found his start as an 80s Brat pack member. Most people know Andrew McCarthy from his

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movie roles in *Pretty in Pink*, *St. Elmo's Fire*, *Weekend at Bernie's*, and *Less than Zero*, and as a charter member of Hollywood's Brat Pack. That iconic group of ingenues and heartthrobs included Rob Lowe, Molly Ringwald, Emilio Estevez, and Demi Moore, and has come to represent both a genre of film and an era of pop culture. In his memoir *Brat: An '80s Story*, McCarthy focuses his gaze on that singular moment in time. The result is a revealing look at coming of age in a maelstrom, reckoning with conflicted ambition, innocence, addiction, and masculinity. New York City of the 1980s is brought to vivid

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life in these pages, from scoring loose joints in Washington Square Park to skipping school in favor of the dark revival houses of the Village where he fell in love with the movies that would change his life. Filled with personal revelations of innocence lost to heady days in Hollywood with John Hughes and an iconic cast of characters, Brat is a surprising and intimate story of an outsider caught up in a most unwitting success.

**Sanford Meisner on Acting
Acting as a Craft, Discipline and
Business**

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The instant #1 New York Times bestseller! “ It's the best memoir I've ever read. ” —Oprah Winfrey “ Will Smith isn't holding back in his bravely inspiring new memoir . . . An ultimately heartwarming read, Will provides a humane glimpse of the man behind the actor, producer and musician, as he bares all his insecurities and trauma. ” —USA Today Winner of the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Achievement One of the most dynamic and globally recognized entertainment forces of our time opens up fully about his life, in a brave and inspiring book that

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traces his learning curve to a place where outer success, inner happiness, and human connection are aligned. Along the way, Will tells the story in full of one of the most amazing rides through the worlds of music and film that anyone has ever had. Will Smith ' s transformation from a West Philadelphia kid to one of the biggest rap stars of his era, and then one of the biggest movie stars in Hollywood history, is an epic tale—but it ' s only half the story. Will Smith thought, with good reason, that he had won at life: not only was his own success unparalleled, his whole family was at the pinnacle of the

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entertainment world. Only they didn't see it that way: they felt more like star performers in his circus, a seven-days-a-week job they hadn't signed up for. It turned out Will Smith's education wasn't nearly over. This memoir is the product of a profound journey of self-knowledge, a reckoning with all that your will can get you and all that it can leave behind. Written with the help of Mark Manson, author of the multi-million-copy bestseller *The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F*ck*, Will is the story of how one person mastered his own emotions, written in a way that can help everyone else do the

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same. Few of us will know the pressure of performing on the world's biggest stages for the highest of stakes, but we can all understand that the fuel that works for one stage of our journey might have to be changed if we want to make it all the way home. The combination of genuine wisdom of universal value and a life story that is preposterously entertaining, even astonishing, puts *Will the book*, like its author, in a category by itself. Sanford Meisner was one of the best known and beloved teachers of acting in the country. This book follows one of his acting classes for fifteen

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months, beginning with the most rudimentary exercises and ending with affecting and polished scenes from contemporary American plays. Written in collaboration with Dennis Longwell, it is essential reading for beginning and professional actors alike. Throughout these pages Meisner is a delight—always empathizing with his students and urging them onward, provoking emotion, laughter, and growing technical mastery from his charges. With an introduction by Sydney Pollack, director of *Out of Africa* and *Tootsie*, who worked with Meisner for five years. "This

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book should be read by anyone who wants to act or even appreciate what acting involves. Like Meisner's way of teaching, it is the straight goods."—Arthur Miller "If there is a key to good acting, this one is it, above all others. Actors, young and not so young, will find inspiration and excitement in this book."—Gregory Peck