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Writing Short Scripts

An invaluable practical resources for teachers and students of media, film studies,

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screenwriting, drama and English.

Short Films

The only screenwriting book that includes a DVD that contains performances of the short films and screenplays that are featured in the book! The beauty and power of any story lies in its ability to connect to the reader, listener, or observer. *Crafting Short Screenplays That Connect* is the first screenwriting guide to introduce connection as an essential, although essentially overlooked, aspect of creating stories for the screen and of the screenwriting process itself. Written with clarity and humor, this book teaches the craft of writing short screenplays by guiding the student through carefully focused writing exercises of increasing length and complexity. Eight award-winning student screenplays are included for illustration and inspiration. The text is divided into three parts. Part one focuses on preparing to write by means of exercises designed to help students think more deeply about the screenwriter's purposes; their own unique vision, material and process; and finally about what screenplays are at their simplest and most profound level--a pattern of human change, created from specific moments of change--discoveries and decisions. Part two teaches students how to craft an effective pattern of human change. It guides

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them through the writing and re-writing of "Five (Not So Easy) Pieces"--five short screenplays of increasing length and complexity--focusing on a specific principle of dramatic technique: The Discovery, The Decision, The Boxing Match, The Improbable Connection, and The Long Short Screenplay. Part Three presents the five screenplays used throughout the book to illustrate the dramatic principles that have been discussed, and includes interviews with the screenwriters, a look at where they are now and what they are doing, and brief discussion of how each film evolved.

Adventures in the Screen Trade

Every award-winning short film begins its life with a clever idea, a good story and a screenplay. Patrick Nash here analyses the process of writing short film screenplays and gives advice on story and structure, idea generation, plot and pace, screenplay format, character motivation and goals, cliches and stereotypes, hooking the viewer, rewriting and much more. The book also includes a number of award-winning scripts and interviews, advice and contributions from award-winning screenwriters and a discussion of the benefits to writing a short screenplay.

Acting in Film

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In this book, Charles Merzbacher offers a concise, definitive guide to the essential skills, techniques and logistics of producing short films, focusing on the practical knowledge needed for line producing and overseeing smaller-scale productions. Drawing on insights from real-life production scenarios, veteran filmmaker and instructor Charles Merzbacher takes producers through every stage of the production process, from fundraising, preproduction and planning to the producer's role in postproduction and distribution. Key topics include: Finding a worthy project; Schedules and budgets; Managing the casting process; Recruiting and managing crew; Location scouting; Legal and safety issues; Running a production; Negotiating music rights; And much more! An accompanying website—available at theshortseries.com—offers document templates for contracts, call sheets, budgets and other production forms, as well as sample production documents and short video guides featuring top industry professionals.

Crafting Short Screenplays That Connect

The Savvy Screenwriter demystifies the film industry and reveals what aspiring screenwriters really want and need to know. From finding and working with agents, to insights about story analysts and movie executives, to understanding option

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agreements, to providing samples for queries, synopses, treatments, loglines, and outlines, to pitching, Susan Kouguell knows what works and what doesn't, and gives practical advice on getting your screenplay sold.

Write Great Fiction - Plot & Structure

The digital age has dramatically changed the purpose and nature of short films. Since 2005, YouTube has provided short video content to people around the world and, in the process, has forever altered how we watch and make short films. As a result, both new and seasoned filmmakers are seizing fresh opportunities to reach audiences. Short Films 2.0 explores how short filmmaking has adapted to the online world, why these changes have occurred, and how filmmakers can go about creating new short films that engage audiences. Mikel J. Wisler draws from over a decade of experience directing, writing, and producing award-winning short films in order to shine a light on the evolution of short films and their new structure in the digital age. Drawing on science, philosophy, and real world examples, this book explores the impact that the digital age has had on short film length, plot structure, audience expectations, film festival reception, and more.

Writing Short Films

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(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

The SHORT! Guide to Producing

"In Story screenwriting guru Robert McKee presents his powerful and much sought-after knowledge in a comprehensive guide to the essentials of screenwriting and storytelling." -- Methuen.

Gravity's Rainbow

The short film is a unique narrative art form that, while lending itself to experimentation, requires tremendous discipline in following traditional filmic considerations. This book takes the student and novice screenwriter through the storytelling process- from conception, to visualization, to dramatization, to characterization and dialogue- and teaches

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them how to create a dramatic narrative that is at once short (approximately half an hour in length) and complete. Exercises, new examples of short screenplays, and an examination of various genres round out the discussion. NEW TO THE THIRD EDITION: new screenplays, a chapter on rewriting your script, and a chapter on the future of short films

Writing the Short Film

This book will help you to write short films in different ways: the Hollywood (or classical) style, and the European form - 'miniplot' films where apparently nothing happens. Both options can result in beautiful films for the audience. But also boring ones. Here you'll find some tips to help you make them properly. I've been teaching Screenwriting for 10 years. Every season I read tens of scripts that are soon converted into short films, so I see both my students' achievements and their failures. And my own. Here I talk about common mistakes that I see in class, on the internet and on the big screen. The book includes 7 INTERVIEWS with successful screenwriters of feature films - Zdenek Sverak (Oscar winner with Kolya); Alejandro Hernández (Goya winner and co-writer of Amenábar) - and short films - Maryna Vroda (Cannes Palm d'Or winner), Borja Cobeaga (Oscar nominated) and Carlos

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Violadé, Roberto Pérez Toledo and Kaveh Mazaheri, authors of short films that have achieved worldwide success. You'll also find LINKS to 100 GREAT SHORT FILMS recommended by people from different countries and positions in the film world. Even if you don't have a budget, when beginning a project you have the same weapons as a blockbuster: two hands, a computer and your imagination. Nowadays you can make great small films with a few banknotes, it's all about the story and knowing what you can do. About the Author Diego Fandos is a Spanish filmmaker who works as Screenwriting instructor in Prague Film School. He has written and directed award winning short films (*Under Pressure*, *Aurora*), documentaries, commercials and the feature film *Cosmos*.

"Where are You Going, where Have You Been?"

Bill Lee, an addict-hustler, travels to Mexico and then Tangier in order to find easy access to drugs, and ends up in the Interzone, a bizarre fantasy world

Producing and Directing the Short Film and Video

Where does a young filmmaker begin? With the right short-film concept and this book! The right short can be a filmmaker's "business

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card" in Hollywood. Here's the authoritative handbook by one of Hollywood's most connected insiders that offers a step-by-step guide through the entire creative process of shooting a short film, as well as expert advice from established filmmakers, and a final game plan for promoting and selling the film once it's in the can. Topics covered include: € Concept € Budget € Finding equipment € Assembling a crew € Casting € Arranging for location € Locating festivals and ancillary markets € Working with the unions € Film vs. digital video Plus: € A list of film schools € Oscar-winning shorts and nominees € A selection of short-film festivals € Actual short-film budgets € Sample scripts and shooting schedules € A helpful short-film glossary

Naked Lunch

Making a Winning Short is the first book to give hands-on instruction on how to write, direct, edit, and produce a fictional short in film or video. Edmond Levy guides the beginning filmmaker step-by-step through the stages of making a short: writing the script (from developing the idea to fine-tuning the final draft), launching production, casting, and working with the actors, working with the crew, directing the camera, editing, and other aspects of post-production. He devotes a separate chapter to Hi-8 video and gives a

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list of short-film festivals, both domestic and international.

Short Films

Plot must be as much about the emotions of the characters as it is about the events of the story. That's the message of *The Art of Plotting*, which teaches screenwriters how to integrate plot, characterization, and exposition to make stories compelling. Using examples from recent and classic movies, author Linda J. Cowgill demonstrates how the plot springs naturally from the characters—and how that technique makes audiences connect with the story on a more intimate level. Easy exercises reveal common plot problems and help writers overcome them.

Story

No Marketing Blurb

The Everything Creative Writing Book

Making Short Films, Third Edition

Anyone can make a short film, right? Just grab some friends and your handheld and you can do it in a weekend or two before being accepted to a slew of film festivals, right? Wrong. Roberta Munroe screened short film

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submissions at Sundance for five years, and is an award-winning short filmmaker in her own right. So she knows a thing or two about how not to make a short film. From the first draft of your script to casting, production, editing, and distribution, this is your one-stop primer for breaking into the business. Featuring interviews with many of today's most talented writers, producers, and directors, as well as revealing stories (e.g., what to do when the skinhead crack addict next door begins screaming obscenities as soon as you call "action") from the sets of her own short films, Roberta walks you through the minefield of mistakes that an aspiring filmmaker can make--so that you don't have to make them yourself.

Scriptwriting for Film, Television and New Media

What are the foundations of scriptwriting? Why do some scripts gain more prestige than others? How do you write a script and get it noticed? *Scriptwriting for Film, Television and New Media* answers these questions and more, offering a comprehensive introduction to writing scripts for film, television, the Internet, and interactive multimedia. Author Alan C. Hueth explains not just how to write, but how to think and apply the fundamental principles of screenwriting to multiple platforms and genres. This includes chapters

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on numerous script formats, including drama and comedy in film and TV, short films, commercials and PSAs, news and sports, interview shows, documentaries, reality shows, and corporate and educational media, including interactive multimedia. This book also addresses legal and ethical issues, how to become a professional scriptwriter, and a section on production language that provides helpful explanations of how camera, locations, visual and audio effects combine on screen to engage and sustain viewer attention, and, consequently, how to improve scriptwriting technique. The book features numerous case studies and detailed examples, including chapter by chapter exercises, plot diagrams, quick-look and learn tables that assist readers to quickly understand genre related script elements, and in-depth script close-ups to examine precisely how writers utilize the principles and elements of drama to create a successful script. It is also supported by a comprehensive companion website with further case studies, assignments, video clips, and examples of films and programs discussed in the book. Scriptwriting for Film, Television, and New Media is ideal for aspiring scriptwriters and anyone wanting to broaden their understanding of how successful scripts are created.

The Art of Plotting

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Provides guidelines and examples for handling research, outlining, spelling, punctuation, formatting, and documentation.

Proof of Concept

Ever watch a movie, and despite great production value, fantastic action sequences, a great cast, etc, you come away thinking—I just didn't buy it. Chances are it was because you didn't care about the characters. Screenwriter's Compass presents a new way of approaching screenwriting, examining how effective screen storytelling must be grounded in the vivid imagining and presentation of character. Screenwriter's Compass will not offer formulas to follow but instead will give you the tools needed to chart your own path to screenwriting success. It details useful ways of thinking about writing, as well as practical ideas and concepts to help you discover the unique geography of your own imagination and navigate the problems posed by the struggle to express vision, agenda, and story. You'll learn how to root your writing in motivation and voice, to create screenplays that seduce and make your reader lean forward, and, most importantly, identify with your characters.

Writing Short Films

With the growth of film festivals, cable

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networks, specialty home video, and the Internet, there are more outlets and opportunities for screening short films now than at any time in the last 100 years. But before you can screen your short film, you need to shoot it. And before you can shoot it, you need to write it. The Short Screenplay provides both beginning and experienced screenwriters with all the guidance they need to write compelling, filmable short screenplays. Explore how to develop characters that an audience can identify with. How to create a narrative structure that fits a short time frame but still engages the audience. How to write dialogue that's concise and memorable. How to develop story ideas from concept through final draft. All this and much more is covered in a unique conversational style that reads more like a novel than a "how-to" book. The book wraps up with a discussion of the role of the screenplay in the production process and with some helpful (and entertaining) sample scripts. This is the only guide you'll ever need to make your short film a reality!

Writing Short Film Scripts

Steven Spielberg, Martin Scorsese, Francis Ford Coppola, and George Lucas all began their careers making a short film. By contrasting and comparing the differences and

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similarities between feature films and short films, 'Writing Short Films, 2nd Edition', offers readers the essential requirements necessary to make their writing crisp, sharp and compelling. Emphasising characters, structure, dialogue and story, Linda Cowgill dispels the 'magic formula' concept that screenplays can be constructed by anyone with a word processor and a script formatting program. This new edition has been completely updated and revised along with the addition of several new chapters and new film examples. Currently, this title remains the best selling university text book on writing short film screenplays.

Writing for Short Film

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- Story and structure
- Ideas generation
- Plot and pace
- Screenplay format
- Dos and don'ts
- Eliciting emotion
- Dialogue and subtext
- Character design
- Protagonists and antagonists
- Character motivation and goals
- Conflict, obstacles and stakes
- Clichés and Stereotypes
- Beginnings, middles and ends
- Hooking the viewer
- Screenplay competitions
- Loglines, outlines and synopses
- Rewriting and length
- Practicalities and budgets

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scripts and interviews, advice and contributions from their award-winning screenwriters and a discussion of the benefits to writers of writing short screenplays.

Short Films 2.0

What goes into the making of Hollywood's greatest motion pictures? Join the authors as they examine recent screenplays on their perilous journey from script to screen.

The Short Screenplay

An essential handbook featuring never-before-published writing exercises from the acclaimed screenwriters of *Raging Bull*, *Ali*, *Terminator 2*, *Fame*, *Groundhog Day*, *Cape Fear*, *"Lost"*, *"True Blood"*, *"The Shield"*, and many other hit films and television shows. Now *Write!* Screenwriting—the latest addition to the *Now Write!* writing guide series—brings together the acclaimed screenwriters of films like the Oscar-winning *Raging Bull*, Oscar-nominated *Ali*, era-defining blockbuster *Terminator 2*, musical classic *Fame*, hit series *"Lost"*, *"True Blood"* and *"The Shield,"* *Groundhog Day*, *Cape Fear*, *Chicken Run*, *Reversal of Fortune*, *Before Sunrise*, *Mystic Pizza*, *Indecent Proposal*, and many more, to teach the art of the story. *Learn about why it is sometimes best to write what you don't

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know from Christina Kim ('Lost') *Find out how Stephen Rivele (Ali, Nixon) reduces his screenplay ideas down to their most basic elements, and uses that as a writing guide *Learn why you should focus on your character, not your plot, when digging yourself out of a plot hole from Danny Rubin (Groundhog Day) *Take tips from Karey Kirkpatrick (Chicken Run, The Spiderwick Chronicles) on how to give an inanimate object intense emotional significance *Let Kim Krizan (Before Sunrise, Before Sunset) teach you how to stop your internal critic dead in his tracks This lively and easy-to-read guide will motivate both aspiring and experienced screenwriters. No other screenwriting book offers advice and exercises from this many writers of successful, iconic films.

Cut the Eyeball

A guide designed to help the beginning writer enter the world of short films, from travelogues to animated shorts.

Screenwriter's Compass

Winner of the 1974 National Book Award "A screaming comes across the sky. . ." A few months after the Germans' secret V-2 rocket bombs begin falling on London, British Intelligence discovers that a map of the city

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pinpointing the sexual conquests of one Lieutenant Tyrone Slothrop, U.S. Army, corresponds identically to a map showing the V-2 impact sites. The implications of this discovery will launch Slothrop on an amazing journey across war-torn Europe, fleeing an international cabal of military-industrial superpowers, in search of the mysterious Rocket 00000, through a wildly comic extravaganza that has been hailed in *The New Republic* as “the most profound and accomplished American novel since the end of World War II.”

Short Films 101

The short film is a unique narrative art form that, while lending itself to experimentation, requires tremendous discipline in following traditional filmic considerations. This book takes the student and novice screenwriter through the storytelling process- from conception, to visualization, to dramatization, to characterization and dialogue- and teaches them how to create a dramatic narrative that is at once short (approximately half an hour in length) and complete. Exercises, new examples of short screenplays, and an examination of various genres round out the discussion. NEW TO THE THIRD EDITION: new screenplays, a chapter on rewriting your script, and a chapter on the future of short

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Secrets of Screenplay Structure

This work is the first of its kind to single out individual short fiction films for comprehensive presentation and close study. Two Men and a Wardrobe (Roman Polanski, Poland, 1958, 15 min.), Coffee and Cigarettes (Jim Jarmusch, USA, 1986, 6 min.), Sunday (John Lawlor, Ireland, 1988, 8 min.), Cat's Cradle (Liz Hughes, Australia, 1991, 12 min.), Eating Out (Pal Sletaune, Norway, 1993, 7 min.), Come (Marianne Olsen Ulrichsen, Norway, 1995, 4.5 min.), Wind (Marcell Ivanyi, Hungary, 1996, 6 min.), Possum (Brad McGann, New Zealand, 1997, 14 min.), and The War Is Over (Nina Mimica, Italy, 1997, 7 min.) are the nine short fiction films studied. The films represent a broad range of storytelling approaches and a number of very different film cultures. Each film has a chapter of its own, including a shot-by-shot reproduction of the film with a still from every shot. In most cases, an interview with the director and an original screenplay and storyboard is also included. The book also describes a new conceptual model, derived from the films studied in the work, which can be used both for analyzing the ways in which a short fiction film tells its story and as a set of guidelines for student filmmakers writing their own

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screenplays. Instructors considering this book for use in a course may request an examination copy here.

Now Write! Screenwriting

This ultimate insider's guide reveals the secrets that none dare admit, told by a show biz veteran who's proven that you can sell your script if you can save the cat!

The Art of Plotting

In 1998, I was on a panel with five filmmakers who had made \$10,000 films. We were there to inspire filmmakers, but we did the opposite we were cautionary tales, because our films had not done anything for our careers. Two years later, one of these six filmmakers got distribution for his film, "Following." The director's name was Christopher Nolan, who most recently made a \$200 million movie. Nolan had the foresight to make his film when there were no apparent rewards. This true story illustrates that great storytellers always find a way -- and with short films, this way will only grow, since we are living in an era of short mediums. In this new book, I will free your imagination to write a short screenplay with the full impact of your creativity. I will share basic techniques I have cultivated from 25 years in the film industry and watching

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the masters closely. From David Lynch to the Duplass Brothers, from George Lucas to Woody Allen, from Mayan Deren to Lena Dunham, I will share secrets that have not been discussed in any other book or website. Whereas screenwriting books presume everyone needs the same advice, I do the opposite. Provide strategies that tailors to your unique personality. - There are 7 types of film creators. Are you a Visionary like Jane Campion? A Comic Genius like Woody Allen? A Self-Muse like Lena Dunham? - One of 6 genres fits every short film ever made. Do you want to make a Weird Movie like David Lynch? A Mock like Neil Blomkamp? A Spoof like Trey Parker and Matt Stone? - And then there's the Why. Are you writing a short for film school like Steven Spielberg? Or the YouTube New Wave like Ilana Glazer and Abbi Jacobson? Or because you want your short to grow into a feature, like Wes Anderson? In this really short, simple book, I also share basic story tools like The Secret Mystery and The Forbidden Love that will amplify your short script into its highest form. Whether you want to write short script for a career or hobby, my aim is to let your creativity soar with this new book.

How Not to Make a Short Film

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The Savvy Screenwriter

Fully revised and updated practical and inspirational guide for students and independent film-makers, describing and explaining the whole process - from creating an original or adapted script, through producing, directing and editing, to finance and distribution.

Writing the Short Film

Now available as an ebook for the first time! No one knows the writer's Hollywood more intimately than William Goldman. Two-time Academy Award-winning screenwriter and the bestselling author of *Marathon Man*, *Tinsel*, *Boys and Girls Together*, and other novels, Goldman now takes you into Hollywood's inner sanctum and behind the scenes for *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, *All the President's Men*, and other films into the plush offices of Hollywood producers into the working lives of acting greats such as Redford, Olivier, Newman, and Hoffman and into his own professional experiences and creative thought processes in the crafting of screenplays. You get a firsthand look at why and how films get made and what elements make

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a good screenplay. Says columnist Liz Smith, "You'll be fascinated."

Making a Winning Short

Producing and Directing the Short Film and Video is the definitive book on the subject for beginning filmmakers and students. The book clearly illustrates all of the steps involved in preproduction, production, postproduction, and distribution. Its unique two-fold approach looks at filmmaking from the perspectives of both producer and director, and explains how their separate energies must combine to create a successful short film or video, from script to final product. This guide offers extensive examples from award-winning shorts and includes insightful quotes from the filmmakers themselves describing the problems they encountered and how they solved them. The companion website contains useful forms and information on grants and financing sources, distributors, film and video festivals, film schools, internet sources for short works, and professional associations.

MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers

Many people can write. But writing well enough to get published takes hours of practice, the ability to take criticism, and

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expert advice. Filled with stories and tips from published authors, this easy-to-use guide teaches you the basics of the writing craft. Whether you want to create poems or plays, children's books or online blogs, romance novels or a memoir, you'll learn to write more effectively and creatively. Published author, editor, and PR consultant Wendy Burt-Thomas covers all aspects of writing, including how to: Prepare to write, from planning to research to organization Properly structure your piece to fit your chosen genre Stay focused during the drafting and editing processes Work with other authors Overcome writer's block Market your writing

The Art of the Short Fiction Film

The complete, clear guide to creating compelling plots for film -Integrate plot, characterization, and exposition to make stories real - Examples from new and classic movies examine great plots in action Plot must be as much about the emotions of the characters as it is about the events of the story. That's the message of The Art of Plotting, which teaches screenwriters how to integrate plot, characterization, and exposition to make stories compelling. Using examples from recent and classic movies, author Linda J. Cowgill demonstrates how the plot springs naturally from the characters--and how that technique makes

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audiences connect with the story on a more intimate level. Examples include *American Beauty*, *Shakespeare in Love*, *Erin Brockovich*, *Spider-Man*, *Chinatown*, *Jaws*, and more. Easy exercises reveal common plot problems and help writers overcome them. Clear and easy to understand and to use, *The Art of Plotting* shows exactly how great plotting evolves from characters caught in life-changing conflicts--and how to create great plots driven by that idea.

From Script to Screen

Craft an Engaging Plot How does plot influence story structure? What's the difference between plotting for commercial and literary fiction? How do you revise a plot or structure that's gone off course? With *Write Great Fiction: Plot & Structure*, you'll discover the answers to these questions and more. Award-winning author James Scott Bell offers clear, concise information that will help you create a believable and memorable plot, including:

- Techniques for crafting strong beginnings, middles, and ends
- Easy-to-understand plotting diagrams and charts
- Brainstorming techniques for original plot ideas
- Thought-provoking exercises at the end of each chapter
- Story structure models and methods for all genres
- Tips and tools for correcting common plot problems

Filled with

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plot examples from popular novels, comprehensive checklists, and practical hands-on guidance, *Write Great Fiction: Plot & Structure* gives you the skills you need to approach plot and structure like an experienced pro.

Understanding Screenwriting

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