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Looks at the similarities between politics and acting, reviewing presidents of the

twentieth-century and their skill as actors.

Acting and Character Animation

"Acting: An Introduction to the Art and Craft of Playing" discusses both the theory and practice of acting while placing the actor center stage as the crucial artist in the theatre. This text examines the underlying issues of acting and describes potential approaches to meet these challenges. Practical, experiential examples of applying the vocabulary are provided, but the book is not overloaded with exercises. The text identifies and clearly states the four fundamental actions and four basic tasks that form the basis for acting, focusing the student's energy for playing physically, vocally, imaginatively, and emotionally. Topically organized chapters examine the underlying processes and theories of the acting process through an open and descriptive approach and provide clear and concrete exercises to facilitate student development and understanding. Features Provides a descriptive rather than prescriptive approach to the acting process, helping students develop and explore their understanding. Features two intermissions, "The Theatrical Illusion" and "A Warm-up, " at the conclusion of Part Two, providing a theoretical and practical summary that prepares students for working on the stage. Includes practical, experiential exercises throughout to facilitate students' development of skills and understanding of how the acting process works. Provides analytical tools-such as outlines for text analysis, structural analysis (play and

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scene structure), and character analysis-to help students feel empowered to make their own choices regarding how, with what kind of material, and with whom they may work. Examines the role of emotion in the acting process, providing an effective and concrete discussion of how to utilize natural feelings that may arise in the process and of the controversies surrounding some common ideas in the field. Includes references to Web-based and traditional text resources throughout the book to support and expand on the ideas and exercises in each chapter and to help students further explore each topic. Praise for "Acting"" "Clearly, this writer is crafted and knows the "work." Beautifully realized, and extremely useable. . . . -George Maguire, Solano Community College I like how simple, readable, and friendly the author seems. . . . So many acting books seem to draw attention to the author or system of learning. This text puts the emphasis on acting and performers. -Marc Powers, University of South Florida

The Actor in You

Are you just starting in Voiceover? Do you have some experience, but aren't getting booked? Are you a working pro who wants to expand to new areas of VO work? The Art of Voice Acting is a must read if you are serious about a profession in voice over and looking to maximize your efforts for success in the business. Packed with basic acting techniques in The Art of Voice Acting, you will discover * All new scripts * 20 more pages of new and updated information * A completely

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new chapter of studio stories and 'tricks-of-the-trade' from professional voiceover talent around the world * Updated information for voiceover demos and marketing * A comprehensive index that makes it easy to find what you're looking for * More voice and acting techniques * Contributions from some of the top voice talent in the world * Audio content with the actual audio for every script in the book, <http://voiceacting.com/aovaextras/> * PLUS: exercises, demos and more! Written in an accessible and engaging style Alburger shares his experience as a performer, producer, director and performance coach to give you a clear no nonsense introduction to the business and art of voice acting. Audio content and images from the books are available at <http://voiceacting.com/aovaextras/>

Art of Acting

A disciple of Konstantin Stanislavski and a member of the Group Theatre in the 1930s, the noted actress and teacher offers advice on acting preparations, the demands of characterization, and dramatic exercises, as well as personal memories

A Small Perfection

My Life in Art

How did acting begin? What is its history, and what have the great thinkers on acting said about the art and craft of performance? In this single-volume survey of the history of acting, Jean Benedetti traces the evolution of the theories of the actor's craft drawing extensively on extracts from key texts, many of which are unavailable for the student today. Beginning with the classical conceptions of acting as rhetoric and oratory, as exemplified in the writing of Aristotle, Cicero and others, *The Art of the Actor* progresses to examine ideas of acting in Shakespeare's time right through to the present day. Along the way, Benedetti considers the contribution and theories of key figures such as Diderot, Stanislavski, Meyerhold, Brecht, Artaud and Grotowski, providing a clear and concise explanation of their work illustrated by extracts and summaries of their writings. Some source materials appear in the volume for the first time in English. *The Art of the Actor* will be the essential history of acting for all students and actors interested in the great tradition of performance, both as craft and as art.

The Art of Acting

Animation has a lot to do with acting. That is, character animation, not the standardized, mechanical process of animation. Acting and animation are highly

creative processes. This book is divided into two parts: From film history we learn about the importance of actors and the variety of acting that goes into animation; then, we will turn to the actor's point of view to describe the various techniques involved. Through exhaustive research and interviews with people ranging from the late Ray Harryhausen, Jim Danforth, Joe Letteri, and Bruno Bozzetto, this book will be the primary source for animators and animation actors.

The End of Acting

This guide for actors and directors develops a valid method for training performers to act from their core--whether they are cold reading, auditioning, or performing for film or television. This book teaches actors how to achieve and respond to believable and honest emotions before the camera, and it maintains that the key to a successful performance lies in how the actors relate to one another and to the circumstances. Exercises, including script examples, throughout the book give readers an easy resource for practicing the principles outlined. The Art of Film Acting applies a classic stage acting method (Stanislavsky) to the more intimate medium of performing before a camera, teaching readers to experience an emotion rather than to indicate it.

On Actors and the Art of Acting

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The Actor in You enhances the reader'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 has benefited from helpful suggestions by teachers who have used it successfully in the classroom. Drawing exercises and examples from readers' 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.

Why Acting Matters

Stella Adler

Drawing on an archive of notebooks, transcriptions, and audiotapes, the lessons and insights Stella Adler brought to the craft of acting are presented.

The Art of Acting

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A network daytime casting director highlights the difference between the craft of acting and the business of auditioning, and how those two worlds meet in television. Included are proven-effective preparation techniques, including asking the right questions, making specific acting choices, sitting versus standing, finding beats and beat changes, using spontaneity, and much more. Also included are interviews with top daytime casting directors and actors, advice on headshots and resumes, and an examination of the difference between audition preparation and theatrical preparation.

Acting with the Voice

The first book on Hitchcock that focuses exclusively on his work with actors Alfred Hitchcock is said to have once remarked, "Actors are cattle," a line that has stuck in the public consciousness ever since. For Hitchcock, acting was a matter of contrast and counterpoint, valuing subtlety and understatement over flashiness. He felt that the camera was duplicitous, and directed actors to look and act conversely. In *The Camera Lies*, author Dan Callahan spotlights the many nuances of Hitchcock's direction throughout his career, from Cary Grant in *Notorious* (1946) to Janet Leigh in *Psycho* (1960). Delving further, he examines the ways that sex and sexuality are presented through Hitchcock's characters, reflecting the director's own complex relationship with sexuality. Detailing the fluidity of acting -- both what it means to act on film and how the process varies in each actor's career

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-- Callahan examines the spectrum of treatment and direction Hitchcock provided well- and lesser-known actors alike, including Ingrid Bergman, Henry Kendall, Joan Barry, Robert Walker, Jessica Tandy, Kim Novak, and Tippi Hedren. As Hitchcock believed, the best actor was one who could "do nothing well" - but behind an outward indifference to his players was a sophisticated acting theorist who often drew out great performances. *The Camera Lies* unpacks Hitchcock's legacy both as a director who continuously taught audiences to distrust appearance, and as a man with an uncanny insight into the human capacity for deceit and misinterpretation.

Acting for the Stage

Collection of articles written at different periods emphasizing the effect of criticism on the acting profession.

True and False

From Richard Hornby's preface: This book is written for those who act, those who teach acting, and those who are interested in seeing it. It is both a theoretical work and a call for action. This book is an unashamed attack on the American acting establishment. The concepts derive from my graduate seminars in acting theory.

and history in the School of Theatre at Florida State University Much of the feistiness of those classes carries over into this book If my arguments serve only to stimulate new dialogue, they will have been valuable.

The Art of the Actor

A masterful introduction to the actor's craft presents a series of rigorous but flexible exercises, based on the Meisner Technique of acting, designed to help actors deal with a wide variety of performance challenges. Original. 15,000 first printing.

The Art of Acting in Connection with the Study of Character, the Spirit of Comedy and Stage Illusion

Acting Magic

In remembrance of John Cazale, on the 40th anniversary of his death, a new edition of A Small Perfection, with a greatly expanded timeline of the career of John Cazale. He is acting's best kept secret. John Cazale has the best filmography in motion picture history. From 1972 through 1978, he appeared in five masterpieces.

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But, his performances in them were masterpieces as well. He created stunning portraits of some of the most compelling characters in movie history, including Fredo in "The Godfather Parts I and II" and Sal in "Dog Day Afternoon." A favorite co-star of Al Pacino, Meryl Streep, Robert DeNiro, and many others, John has influenced generations of actors. Jonjo Powers reflects on John Cazale and the lessons he teaches all actors through his astonishing work. Each of his five performances are examined and the lessons extracted. Questions are asked about each character that reflect John's exceptional depth of genius. A guide for actors and movie lovers alike, that recalls one of acting's greatest practitioners. Writer and director Israel Horovitz, a frequent collaborator and close friend of John Cazale, offers the foreword to this reflection on his friend's greatest works.

To the Actor

Actors and the Art of Performance: Under Exposure combines the author's two main biographical paths: her professional commitment to the fields of both theatre and philosophy. The art of acting on stage is analysed here not only from the theoretical perspective of a spectator, but also from the perspective of the actor. The author draws on her experience as both a theatre actor and a university professor whose teachings in the art of acting rely heavily on her own experience and also on her philosophical knowledge. The book is unique not only in terms of its content but also in terms of its style. Written in a multiplicity of voices, the text

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oscillates between philosophical reasoning and narrative forms of writing, including micro-narratives, fables, parables, and inter alia by Carroll, Hoffmann and Kleist. Hence the book claims that a trans-disciplinary dialogue between the art of acting and the art of philosophical thinking calls for an aesthetical research that questions and begins to seek alternatives to traditionally established and ingrained formats of philosophy.

Lessons in the Art of Acting

Provides an overview of the theatrical production process with a focus on practical acting skills.

The Art of Acting

Examines the allure of acting for both the artist and the audience member while addressing the paradoxes inherent in acting itself.

Acting

One of our most brilliantly iconoclastic playwrights takes on the art of profession of acting with these words: invent nothing, deny nothing, speak up, stand up, stay

out of school. Acting schools, “interpretation,” “sense memory,” “The Method”—David Mamet takes a jackhammer to the idols of contemporary acting, while revealing the true heroism and nobility of the craft. He shows actors how to undertake auditions and rehearsals, deal with agents and directors, engage audiences, and stay faithful to the script, while rejecting the temptations that seduce so many of their colleagues. Bracing in its clarity, exhilarating in its common sense, True and False is as shocking as it is practical, as witty as it is instructive, and as irreverent as it is inspiring.

The Technique of Acting

The Art of Unarmed Stage Combat is your guide to the principles and techniques of theatrical violence, combining detailed discussions of the mechanics of stage fighting with the nuances of acting decisions to make fighting styles reflect character and story. Expert Fight Director Robert Najarian offers never-before-published games and exercises that will allow you to develop the skills and concepts for performing violence for stage and screen. This title utilizes a unique system of training techniques that result in stage violence that is both physically engaging for you as a performer, while remaining viscerally engaging for the audience.

Theatre Arts: The Dynamics of Acting, Student Edition

The Art of Voice Acting

“Reflections on the Art of Acting” is a small book — a tiny book. It makes a singular and clear point about acting that hasn't been well articulated in the history of writing about acting. I describe, define, and delineate “the double”. The actor — the character. “Reflections on Acting” is a mini-memoir as I use a few stories from my life in the theater to illustrate my conviction that acting is a rare art — even as it is ubiquitous as advertising, entertainment, and diversion. I write to argue to my readers, both in the theater and outside, that we can live deliberately and improvisationally at the same time. Paradox is the center of the art of acting. In “Reflections on the Art of Acting” I use the Tao Te Ching as a goad to my thinking. The poetry of the Tao Te Ching allows me to write in a slightly elevated way, every now and then. This book is small , but it is highly concentrated. I was hugely affected by Eugen Herrigal's Zen in the Art of Archery. Joe Chaikin's The Presence of the Actor has inspired me to think about what I do and what I teach. Obviously this little book has to be presented as an art object. It should appeal to a much wider audience than theater teachers, students, and professionals. Setting my writing against the Tao Te Ching has allowed me to articulate artistic ideals in the

training and practice of acting. I have also given non-actors some keys to creative concentration. I hope to inspire my readers to the notion that an examined life might do without judgment.

Actors and the Art of Performance

Aimed at both the amateur enthusiast and those wishing to pursue their interest and undertake professional training, this basic introduction to the craft is full of valuable advice. The basic skills that every actor needs to develop are covered in this guide, including breathing, voice control, the use of body language, timing, and handling the audience. The importance of understanding a text and the interaction of the characters within it is considered, as is the relationship between the actor/actress and director. Auxiliary activities such as actors' exercises and warm-ups are evaluated and general advice is provided. Specific skills are discussed, such as learning lines, mime, mastering dialects and accents, period manners, and how to ensure that makeup is suitable to the role. Summaries are provided of the ideas of famous theorists, directors, and actors, such as Stanislavski, Lee Strasberg, Michael Chekhov and Dorothy Heathcote, Peter Brook and Peter Hall, as well as John Gielgud, Laurence Olivier, Simon Callow, Ian McKellen, Judi Dench, Alec Guinness, Michael Caine, and Dirk Bogarde. Other topics considered are the differences between stage and screen acting; the problems of acting in the open air; and the particular demands of certain playwrights, such as

Shakespeare and Brecht.

Poems. Essay on the art of acting

In *To the Actor* Michael Chekhov has recorded brilliantly the results of his many years of experimenting, testing and verifying in the professional theater and schools of the theater. He brings to actors far greater insight into themselves and the characters they are to portray, which enables them to approach any role with new ease and skill. "To the Actor is by far the best book that I have read on the subject of acting. Actors, directors, writers and critics will be grateful for it. It should prove enlightening to theatergoers who wish to deepen their appreciation for fine acting and thus help to invigorate the theatrical art."—Gregory Peck "I think without a doubt every creative person in the theater will want to have it as a constant reference book, outside of its being, in my opinion, absorbing and entertaining reading."—Yul Brynner (from the Preface) "One of the most remarkable and practical books on the technique of acting I have ever read. Enthusiastically recommended to all theatre collections of whatever size."—Library Journal

The Art of Unarmed Stage Combat

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ACTING MAGIC is a comprehensive guidebook that takes the aspiring actor from beginning steps to a high level of performance excellence. The book breaks down all the components of acting into simple and engaging chunks so that even the youngest students can apply them on the stage. Games, stories, exercises, illustrations, handouts, and teacher's keys guide the actor to discover everything the pros know. The extensive glossary of theater terms and the in-depth history of theater completes the book as a perfect study and performance text.

Art of Coarse Acting

The Camera Lies

The Science and Art of Acting for the Camera provides a precise yet practical approach to help unlock the mysteries of acting for film and television. Written by veteran actor, producer, and director John Howard Swain, the book offers a clear-cut, no-nonsense technique that equips aspiring or working actors with the necessary skills to succeed on camera. The technique teaches you how to build multi-dimensional characters; construct truthful and exciting relationships; ignite stimulating emotions; craft a series of discoveries guaranteed to energize your work; and much, much more. The book also provides instruction for actors working

in commercials—from slating, to the dreaded "tell us about yourself" interview, to nailing "the tag" and embracing the cliché—and supplies sample commercial copy for students to practice.

On Actors and the Art of Acting

The Art of Auditioning

This inspirational guide for advanced acting students brings together multiple ways of creating excellence in performance. David Krasner provides tried and tested exercises, a history of actor training and explores the complex relationships between acting theories and teachers. Drawing on examples from personal experience as an actor, director and teacher, *An Actor's Craft* begins with the building blocks of mind, body and voice, moving through emotional triggers and improvisation, to a final section bringing these techniques together in approaching a role. Each chapter contains accompanying exercises that the actor should practice daily. Combining theory and practice, this thought-provoking and challenging study of acting techniques and theories is for actors who have grasped the basics and now want to develop their knowledge and training further.

The Art of Directing Actors

The Science and Art of Acting for the Camera

Acting for the Stage is a highly accessible guide to the business of theater acting, written for those interested in pursuing acting as a profession. This book is a collection of essays by and interviews with talented artists and businesspeople who have built successful careers in the theater; it's a goldmine of career advice that might take years to find on your own. Herein, the myths around professional acting are dispelled, and the mysteries revealed. Acting for the Stage illuminates practical strategies to help you build a life as a theater professional and find financial rewards and creative fulfillment in the process. Contains essays by and interviews with working stage actors, acting coaches, directors, writers, and agents. Features discussions on selecting a graduate school program, choosing acting classes and workshops, making the most out of your showcase, landing an agent, networking and promoting yourself, and the business of casting. Covers issues of money management, balancing the highs and lows of the profession, finding work to nourish your acting career, and building your creative team and support network.

On Politics and the Art of Acting

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(Applause Books). Stella Adler was one of the 20th Century's greatest figures. She is arguably the most important teacher of acting in American history. Over her long career, both in New York and Hollywood, she offered her vast acting knowledge to generations of actors, including Marlon Brando, Warren Beatty, and Robert De Niro. The great voice finally ended in the early Nineties, but her decades of experience and teaching have been brilliantly caught and encapsulated by Howard Kissel in the twenty-two lessons in this book.

The Actor's Art and Craft

Leads the actor in building a technique, and then fully explains how to put that technique to work from basic exercises to multi-dimensional performances.

The Art of Acting

This is second edition of The Art of Directing Actors book. The book may look like other books you have seen, but there are some important differences which will make it easier and more helpful: This handbook- concentrates on the most common mistakes made by film and theater directors and actors ("20 examples of the result-oriented and general directions"). We sought to keep the guide complete enough to answer all your questions without becoming thick enough to become a doorstop.

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The Art of Directing Actors has all the tools you need to effectively direct actors and to create memorable performances.- presents directing actors as a practical psychology: the art of managing human behavior.- explains modern and classic methods of directing actors (17 methods or tools of the director and actors). You will have a complete and versatile toolbox for use in any film or theater production. You need not look in other books to find these tools.- presents a comprehensive source-book for directors and actors. It contains a full list of action verbs with a thesaurus and a classification of action verbs, examples of a full script breakdown with spines, needs, objectives, actions and adjustments.- gives the practical application of the tools (The Bear, The importance of being earnest). You will have the script breakdown of the classic plays of Anton Chekhov and Oscar Wilde.- offers exercises in a useful format. In order to apply your understanding of various methods of directing actors, explore the relevant exercises.

The Art of Film Acting

Reflections on the Art of Acting

(Limelight). Blumenfeld convincingly argues that the basic techniques of acting apply whether the actor is performing onstage or in a sound studio. Numerous

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practice exercises help the actor to speak the words of a text that can be enhanced by the varying sounds of the human voice.

An Actor's Craft

JERRY ORBACH: PRINCE OF THE CITY HIS WAY FROM THE FANTASTICKS TO LAW AND ORDER

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