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From melodrama to Cantonese opera, from silents to 3D animated film, *Remaking Chinese Cinema* traces cross-Pacific film remaking over the last eight decades. Through the refractive prism of Hollywood, Shanghai, and Hong Kong, Yiman Wang revolutionizes our understanding of Chinese cinema as national cinema. Against the diffusion model of national cinema spreading from a central point—Shanghai in the Chinese case—she argues for a multilocal process of co-constitution and reconstitution. In this spirit, Wang analyzes how southern Chinese cinema (huanan dianying) morphed into Hong Kong cinema through transregional and trans-national interactions that also produced a vision of Chinese cinema. Among the book's highlights are a rereading of *The Goddess*—one of the best-known silent Chinese films in the West—from the perspective of its wartime Mandarin-Cantonese remake; the excavation of a hybrid genre (the Western costume Cantonese opera film) inspired by Hollywood's fantasy films of the 1930s and produced in Hong Kong well into the mid-twentieth century; and a rumination on Hollywood's remake of Hong Kong's *Infernal Affairs* and the wholesale incorporation of "Chinese elements" in *Kung Fu Panda 2*. Positing a structural analogy between the utopic vision, the national cinema, and the location-specific collective subject position, the author traces their shared urge to infinitesimally approach, but never fully and finitely reach, a projected goal. This energy precipitates the ongoing processes of cross-Pacific film remaking, which constitute a crucial site for imagining and enacting (without absolving) issues of national and regional border politics. These issues unfold in relation to global formations such as colonialism, Cold War ideology, and postcolonial, postsocialist globalization. As such, *Remaking Chinese Cinema* contributes to the ongoing debate on (trans-)national cinema from the unique perspective of century-long border-crossing film remaking.

Screenplay: Building Story Through Character is designed to help screenwriters turn simple or intricate ideas into exciting, multidimensional film narratives with fully-realized characters. Based on Jule Selbo's unique 11-step structure for building story through characters, the book teaches budding screenwriters the skills to focus and shape their ideas, turning them into stories filled with character development, strong plot elements based on obstacles and conflicts, and multifaceted emotional arcs. Using examples and analysis from classic and contemporary films across a range of genres, from *The Godfather* to *Guardians of the Galaxy*, Selbo's *Screenplay* takes students inside the scriptwriting process, providing a broad overview for both beginners and seasoned writers alike. The book is rounded out with discussion questions, writing exercises, a guide to the business of screenwriting, in-depth film breakdowns, and a glossary of screenwriting terms.

Intended to be kept at a screenwriter's fingertips, *The Hollywood Standard* provides what even the best script software can't: clear, concise instructions and hundreds of examples to take the guesswork out of a multitude of formatting questions that perplex even seasoned screenwriters. Contents include:*

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when it isn't* How to format shot headings, dialogue, direction and transitions* How to control pace with formatting* How to make a script page visually inviting to the reader* What to capitalize and why* How to get into and out of a POV shot* How to handle text messages and Zoom meetings* How Hollywood's most innovative screenwriters are pushing the boundaries of format* How format for animation differs from live action formatsSimply put, Riley knows more about script format than anyone in Hollywood and shares it all in this indispensable guide.

The Complete Guide to Writing A Successful Screenplay outlines time saving tools to hone your writing, so you can attract Hollywood agents and producers. You will discover how to create (and stick to) a timeline and deadline, whether writing your screenplay is a full- or part-time job. Writing and pitching a screenplay is nothing like writing a novel, and this book presents screenplay-specific information vital for any aspiring film writer. This book discusses how to write great openings and endings the vital elements of a successful screenplay (and eventually movie) and how to create characters that grow and evolve as the plot thickens. One of the hardest parts of writing a screenplay is developing a solid dialogue, and this book takes you through, step-by-step, how to fine-tune your characters dialogue so it is not only believable but also well-written. Once your script is polished and perfect, you will need to pitch it to the public, and this book shows you how. You will grasp how to write a compelling query letter that is specifically geared to what agents are looking for, so your chances of getting represented are increased. Veteran screenwriters, television and film producers, agents, and directors have been interviewed for this book, and their experiences are showcased here, giving you their insider secrets on how to best write and sell your script. This book also contains an extensive resource section of production companies that are eager to receive and package your script, including the genre they are looking for, so you know exactly who to contact. If you are eager to jump into Hollywood as the next big thing in screenwriting, The Complete Guide to Writing A Successful Screenplay will help you get there. Atlantic Publishing is a small, independent publishing company based in Ocala, Florida. Founded over twenty years ago in the company president s garage, Atlantic Publishing has grown to become a renowned resource for non-fiction books. Today, over 450 titles are in print covering subjects such as small business, healthy living, management, finance, careers, and real estate. Atlantic Publishing prides itself on producing award winning, high-quality manuals that give readers up-to-date, pertinent information, real-world examples, and case studies with expert advice. Every book has resources, contact information, and web sites of the products or companies discussed.

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As Hollywood entered the sound era, it was rightly determined that the same public fascinated by the novelty of the talkie would be dazzled by the spectacle of a song and dance film. In 1929 and 1930, film musicals became the industry's most lucrative genre--until the greedy studios almost killed the genre by glutting the market with too many films that looked and sounded like clones of each other. From the classy movies such as *Sunnyside Up* and *Hallelujah!* to failures such as *The Lottery Bride* and *Howdy Broadway*, this filmography details 171 early Hollywood musicals. Arranged by subgenre (backstagers, operettas, college films, and stage-derived musical comedies), the entries include studio, release date, cast and credits, running time, a complete song list, any recordings spawned by the film, Academy Award nominations and winners, and availability on video or laserdisc. These data are followed by a plot synopsis, including analysis of the film's place in the genre's history. Includes over 90 photographs.

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The first study by an acclaimed American scholar of the artistic interdependencies between the German and the Hollywood cinema in the 1920s.

Bollywood movies have been long known for their colorful song-and-dance numbers and knack for combining drama, comedy, action-adventure, and music. But when India entered the global marketplace in the early 1990s, its film industry transformed radically. Production and distribution of films became regulated, advertising and marketing created a largely middle-class audience, and films began to fit into genres like science fiction and horror. In this bold study of what she names New Bollywood, Sangita Gopal contends that the key to understanding these changes is to analyze films' evolving treatment of romantic relationships. Gopal argues that the form of the conjugal duo in movies reflects other social forces in India's new consumerist and global society. She takes a daring look at recent Hindi films and movie trends—the decline of song-and-dance sequences, the upgraded status of the horror genre, and the rise of the multiplex and multi-plot—to demonstrate how these relationships exemplify different formulas of contemporary living. A provocative account of how cultural artifacts can embody globalization's effects on intimate life, *Conjugations* will shake up the study of Hindi film.

Examines popular films made in Hollywood by European directors, offering a fresh take on the much-debated issue of the "great divide" between modernism and mass culture.

In Hollywood, we hear, it's all about the money. It's a ready explanation for why so few black films get made—no crossover appeal, no promise of a big payoff. But what if the money itself is color-coded? What if the economics that governs film production is so skewed that no film by, about, or for people of color will ever look like a worthy investment unless it follows specific racial or gender patterns? This, Monica Ndounou shows us, is precisely the case. In a work as revealing about the culture of filmmaking as it is about the distorted economics of African American film, Ndounou clearly traces the insidious connections between history, content, and cash in black films. How does history

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come into it? Hollywood's reliance on past performance as a measure of potential success virtually guarantees that historically underrepresented, underfunded, and undersold African American films devalue the future prospects of black films. So the cycle continues as it has for nearly a century. Behind the scenes, the numbers are far from neutral. Analyzing the onscreen narratives and off-screen circumstances behind nearly two thousand films featuring African Americans in leading and supporting roles, including such recent productions as *Bamboozled*, *Beloved*, and Tyler Perry's *Diary of a Mad Black Woman*, Ndounou exposes the cultural and racial constraints that limit not just the production but also the expression and creative freedom of black films. Her wide-ranging analysis reaches into questions of literature, language, speech and dialect, film images and narrative, acting, theater and film business practices, production history and financing, and organizational history. By uncovering the ideology behind profit-driven industry practices that reshape narratives by, about, and for people of color, this provocative work brings to light existing limitations—and possibilities for reworking stories and business practices in theater, literature, and film.

The *Imaginary Geography of Hollywood Cinema 1960–2000* combines digital cartography with close readings of representative films from 1960 to 2000. Christian B. Long offers a unique history of twentieth-century Hollywood narrative cinema, one that is focused on the intersection of the geographies of narrative location, production, consumption and taste in the era before the rise of digital cinema. Long redraws the boundaries of film history, both literally and figuratively, by cataloging films' narrative locations on digital maps in order to illustrate where Hollywood actually locates its narratives over time. A PDF version of this book is available for free in open access via the OAPEN Library platform: *The Imaginary Geography of Hollywood Cinema*. It has been made available under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International Public License and is part of Knowledge Unlatched.

Hollywood's script guru teaches you how to write a screenplay in the ultimate three-volume guide to writing for film, featuring “the ‘bible’ of screenwriting” (*The New York Times*), *Screenplay*—now celebrating forty years of screenwriting success! This blockbuster ebook bundle includes: **SCREENPLAY: FOUNDATIONS OF SCREENWRITING • THE SCREENWRITER'S WORKBOOK • THE SCREENWRITER'S PROBLEM SOLVER** Syd Field was “the most sought-after screenwriting teacher in the world” according to *The Hollywood Reporter*. His pioneering insights into structure, concept, and character launched innumerable careers. Now in one handy collection, his invaluable expertise is available to aspiring writers and working professionals alike. *The Essential Screenplay* contains Syd Field's *Screenplay: The Foundations of Screenwriting*, the industry standard for script development; *The Screenwriter's Workbook*, a hands-on workshop full of practical exercises for creating successful screenplays; and *The Screenwriter's Problem Solver*, a guide to identifying and fixing problems in your latest draft. Throughout, you'll learn:

- why the first ten pages of your script are crucially important
- how to visually “grab” the reader from page one
- what makes great stories work
- the basics of writing dialogue
- the essentials of creating great characters
- how to adapt a novel, a play, or an article for the screen
- the three ways to claim legal ownership of your work
- tips for allowing your creative self to break free when you hit the “wall”
- how to overcome writer's block forever

Featuring expert analysis of popular films including *Pulp Fiction*, *Thelma & Louise*, and the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, *The Essential Screenplay* will transform your initial idea into a screenplay that's destined for success—and maybe even Cannes. Praise for Syd Field “The most sought-after screenwriting teacher in the world.”—*The Hollywood Reporter* “Syd Field is the preeminent analyzer in the study of American screenplays.”—James L. Brooks, Academy Award-winning writer, director, producer

Forensic Science in Court explores the legal implications of forensic science—an increasingly important and complex part of the justice

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Defining more than 10,000 words and phrases from everyday slang to technical terms and concepts, this dictionary of the audiovisual language embraces more than 50 subject areas within film, television, and home entertainment. It includes terms from the complete lifecycle of an audiovisual work from initial concept through commercial presentation in all the major distribution channels including theatrical exhibition, television broadcast, home entertainment, and mobile media. The dictionary definitions are augmented by more than 700 illustrations, 1,600 etymologies, and nearly 2,000 encyclopedic entries that provide illuminating anecdotes, historical perspective, and clarifying details.

In this witty, probing, and sometimes hilarious account, Ian Hamilton traces the history of screenwriting from the crude subtitles of *Birth of a Nation* to the sardonic ironies of *Sunset Boulevard*--a film that opens with a screenwriter floating face down in Gloria Swanson's swimming pool. By 1950, when that Billy Wilder film was released, the image of the writer in Hollywood was well established: a guilt-ridden malcontent who'd sold out to Tinsel Town and was treated like dirt by the studio system. This is just one of the caricatures Hamilton challenges. There are the famous cases--Fitzgerald, Hammett, Chandler, Faulkner, and West--but Hamilton also explores the world of the professional screenwriters, those ex-newspapermen, failed playwrights, and New York wits who flooded into Hollywood during the Great Talkies Panic and stayed to take both the big money and the indignity of toiling on a literary assembly line, producing scripts that were then red-penciled by Hays Office censors, studio moguls, martinet directors, and wartime propagandists. Here are the great fights over screen credits on *Citizen Kane* and *Casablanca*. Here is Sam Goldwyn haplessly trying to fathom Nobel laureate Maurice Maeterlinck's avant-garde work. Here are the long fight over the Screen Writers Guild, the story of the Hollywood Ten, and the conflicting political pressures that wracked the industry during the pre- and postwar years. Here are not just the spectacular failures, but those writers like P.G. Wodehouse who took the money and ran, and those like Ben Hecht, Nunnally Johnson, Herman Mankiewicz, and Anita Loos--highly paid professionals who produced box office successes still loved by moviegoers sixty years later. Full of wonderful anecdotes about writers' strange rites of passage through a callow but exuberant industry, and with engaging firsthand accounts from the likes of Faulkner, Wodehouse, Dorothy Parker, and G.B. Shaw, the book vividly portrays the golden era of the major studios and offers a timely reminder that all those old movies really began life on the page.--From jacket flap.

Bob Koster was born in Hollywood and worked for 35 years in the movie industry, spanning the time from the Studio System to the current spate of Independent filmmakers. He worked in various phases of production but mainly in the production department as an Assistant Director and a Unit Production Manager. He worked with some of the most famous directors and actors of their time. His insights and comments on these films and the characters involved are fascinating, and told as seen through the eyes of a child of the times. Bob's father was a famous film director so he was

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raised in an atmosphere of glamour and drama, but he was also distant enough from it to be able to keep an interesting perspective on the fascinating circus surrounding him. An absorbing read for anyone interested in cinema history and the backstage activities surrounding the great films.

An analysis of the ideologies and artistic conventions of American movies includes examinations of films such as Casablanca, Taxi Driver, and The Godfather

Aimed at both the head and the heart, *The Defining Moment* plumbs the depths of the most memorable characters ever to appear on the screen, the stage or the page. The book focuses on those moments so pivotal in a character's formation that they create a distinct boundary of before and after, moments without which the character couldn't exist and moments through which characters can transform before our eyes. Writers, actors and storytellers of all stripes will discover a powerful new key to unlock any character they seek to develop, write or portray. They may even unlock a deeper understanding of themselves.

Features: The first in-depth study of the essential principles that will redefine the way storytellers understand their characters and themselves. Essential insights into the forces that create character. Dozens of examples of character-defining moments from film, television, theater and literature. An exploration of pivotal moments: birth, death, discovery, decision-making, injury and healing. An examination of how writers and actors employ defining moments in their deepest and most unforgettable works. Insights into how directors, editors, cinematographers and composers dramatize key moments. Practical exercises for defining and redefining character. Tips for discovering the moments that matter most. Deeply personal stories from the authors' lives to illustrate the variety of moments that define us. For every storyteller, no matter their medium, *The Defining Moment* will redefine the way they understand their characters and themselves.

Unlike most screenwriting guides that generally analyze several aspects of screenwriting, *Constructing Dialogue* is devoted to a more analytical treatment of certain individual scenes and how those scenes were constructed to be the most highly dramatic vis á vis their dialogue. In the art of screenwriting, one cannot separate how the scene is constructed from how the dialogue is written. They are completely interwoven. Each chapter deals with how a particular screenwriter approached dialogue relative to that particular scene's construction. From *Citizen Kane* to *The Fisher King* the storylines have changed, but the techniques used to construct scene and dialogue have fundamentally remained the same. The author maintains that there are four optimum requirements that each scene needs in order to be successful: maintaining scenic integrity; advancing the storyline, developing character, and eliciting conflict and engaging emotionally. Comparing the original script and viewing the final movie, the student is able to see what exactly was being accomplished to make both the scene and the dialogue work effectively.

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Department of Media Culture and co-coordinator of the Modern China Studies Program at the City University of New York, College of Staten Island. Stanley Rosen is director of the East Asian Studies Center and a professor of political science at the University of Southern California. Robert Altman and the Elaboration of Hollywood Storytelling reveals an Altman barely glimpsed in previous critical accounts of the filmmaker. This re-examination of his seminal work during the "Hollywood Renaissance" or "New Hollywood" period of the early 1970s (including M*A*S*H, Brewster McCloud, McCabe & Mrs. Miller, Images, The Long Goodbye, Thieves Like Us, California Split, and Nashville) sheds new light on both the films and the filmmaker, reframing Altman as a complex, pragmatic innovator whose work exceeds, but is also grounded in, the norms of classical Hollywood storytelling rather than someone who rejected those norms in favor of modernist art cinema. Its findings and approach hold important implications for the study of cinematic authorship. Largely avoiding thematic exegesis, it employs an historical poetics approach, robust functionalist frameworks, archival research, and formal and statistical analysis to demystify the essential features of the standard account of Altman's filmmaking history and profile-lax narrative form, heavy reliance on the zoom, sound design replete with overlapping dialogue, improvisational infidelity to the screenplay, and a desire to subvert based in his time in the training grounds of industrial filmmaking and filmed television. The book provides a clear example of how a filmmaker might work collaboratively and pragmatically within and across media institutions to elaborate upon their sanctioned practices and aims. We misunderstand Altman's work, and the creative work of Hollywood filmmakers in general, when we insist on describing innovation as opposition to institutional norms and on describing those norms as simply assimilating innovation.

In the mid-1990s Turkish cinema experienced a remarkable revival. However, what is particularly unusual about this revival is the emergence of a new representational form: silent, inaudible characters. Equally unusual is the fact that this new on-screen silence had a gender(ed/ing) aspect, since, for the most part, the mute(d) characters were female. This book focuses on these newly emergent silent female characters in the new cinema of Turkey, and explores the relationship between the 'new' female representational form, the 'new' cinema of Turkey, and the 'new' socio-political climate in Turkey after the September 12, 1980 military coup. It investigates two central questions: what are the functions, formations and operations of these silent female characters, and why did this female representational form emerge specifically in this timeframe? Bearing a cinematic function of instrumentality and exposing, one way or another, a close association between point of view and discursive authority in the films studied, the silent female representational form in the new cinema of Turkey is a cinematic symptom of the on-going struggle over the disrupted orders of gender, nation and national memory due to an increase in thus-far silenced or marginalized voices in Turkey. The silent form not only functions as a cinematic instrument to reveal crises in hegemonic power positions, but also becomes a battleground within a struggle for (re)obtaining a position of discursive authority in the realms of gender, nation and past. The silent form in itself becomes an instrument on the discursive level, which enables a response to Turkey's crises in these three interconnected realms in the post-1980s.

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