

The Short Screenplay Your Short Film From Concept To Production Aspiring Filmmakers Library

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 films

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 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.

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What's Your Story? I want to help you create it. Follow your passion to craft the movie career of your dreams. No more excuses. Everything you need to know is laid out in this book. Develop real screenwriting techniques. Learn how professional writers do this with a competitive edge. Imagine, outline, and revise your own original content. Motivate yourself to start and finally finish writing your screenplay. Turn scripts into future blockbusters or binge-worthy experiences. Get them made, sold, watched. We all have great stories to tell. Whether it's one person or one billion, audience is everything. This book has it all. Embrace the lifestyle of becoming a better screenwriter.

The Short Screenplay Your Short Film from Concept to Production Course Technology Providing examples from well-known movies, Field explains the structural and stylistic elements as well as writing techniques basic to the creation of a successful film script. This new edition has been completely updated and revised along with the addition of several new chapters. Currently, this title remains the best selling university text book on writing short film screenplays.

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!

SHORT FILM IDEAS (Compelling and Scalable Short Film Ideas) are exactly that! It contains ideas for short films for all filmmakers and screenwriters who are experiencing writer's block, who are looking for ideas to get their juices flowing, or who need a storyline as soon as possible (i.e. for a film course). Your short screenplay should make the production of your film easy. SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE: Young Filmmakers, Student Filmmakers, Male Filmmakers, Female Filmmakers, Award-winning Filmmakers... SHORT FILMS - This is

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Volume 1. All of the ideas are scalable...meaning the ideas are general enough for the writer to tweak for their own purpose. We hope that you'll gain as much enjoyment from these ideas as we did writing them. If you're looking for more short film ideas, be sure and check out our book "Short Film Ideas: 110 Premium Short Film Ideas" Thanks. More info: [http:](http://www.shortfilmidea.com/short-film-ideas)

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Voted America's Best-Loved Novel in PBS's The Great American Read Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning masterwork of honor and injustice in the deep South—and the heroism of one man in the face of blind and violent hatred One of the most cherished stories of all time, *To Kill a Mockingbird* has been translated into more than forty languages, sold more than forty million copies worldwide, served as the basis for an enormously popular motion picture, and was voted one of the best novels of the twentieth century by librarians across the country. A gripping, heart-wrenching, and wholly remarkable tale of coming-of-age in a South poisoned by virulent prejudice, it views a world of great beauty and savage inequities through the eyes of a young girl, as her father—a crusading local lawyer—risks everything to defend a black man unjustly accused of a terrible crime.

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.

(Piano/Vocal/Guitar Songbook). Features 18 piano/vocal selections from this Broadway hit that won both Tony and Drama Desk awards. Includes a plot synopsis, sensational

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color photos, and these tunes: The Ballad of Farquaad * Big Bright Beautiful World * Build a Wall * Don't Let Me Go * Donkey Pot Pie * Finale (This Is Our Story) * Freak Flag * I Know It's Today * I Think I Got You Beat * Make a Move * More to the Story * Morning Person * Story of My Life * This Is How a Dream Comes True * Travel Song * What's Up, Duloc? * When Words Fail * Who I'd Be.

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 them through the writing and re-writing of "Five (Not

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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.

"Starting with the origins of writing five thousand years ago, with cuneiform and Egyptian hieroglyphs, Andrew Robinson explains how these early forms of writing developed into hundreds of scripts including the Roman alphabet and the Chinese characters. He reveals how the modern writing system we take for granted - including airport signage and electronic text messaging - resemble ancient scripts much more closely than we think." --Book Jacket.

Blake Snyder's Save the Cat!®, the world's top-selling story method for filmmakers and novelists, introduces The Last Book on Creating Binge-Worthy Content You'll Ever Need. ?Screenwriter Jamie Nash takes up Snyder's torch to lay out a step-by-step approach using Blake's principles so that both new and experienced writers can learn how to: -Use all the nuances, tricks, and techniques of pilot-writing (The Opening Pitch, The Guided Tour, The Whiff of Change) with examples from today's hottest series -Discover the Super-Secret Keep It On The Downlow TV Pitch Template that combines

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all the critical points of your amazing TV series into one easy-to-read-over-lunch high-level document -Define the 9 TV Franchise Types -Crack your story using the Save the Cat! beat sheet -Devise high-level series concepts with multi-season potential -Map out and organize TV pilots and multi-season shows -Break down the best and most diverse TV series using examples from Atlanta, Barry, Ozark, The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel, What We Do in the Shadows, Black-ish, The Mandalorian, Law and Order: SVU and more -Create layered characters who are driven by complex internal struggles It's time for Save the Cat! Writes for TV to help you create your binge-worthy TV series!

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 Violadé, Roberto Pérez Toledo and Kaveh Mazaheri, authors of short films that have achieved worldwide success. You'll also find

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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.

Each year 8,000+ short films compete to fill 60 slots at the Sundance Film Festival. On an average day, 792 film and video projects vie for funding on Kickstarter. And every minute 300 hours of video are uploaded to YouTube. In this competitive environment, a short filmmaker can no longer invest time, money, and dreams of glory in the theory that if you build it, they will come. The challenge is making the right kind of short: one that will make a splash. Covering the nuts-and-bolts of production while stressing the importance of artistic expression, this invaluable handbook shows a first-time filmmaker how to make a buzzworthy little film that could launch a lucrative Hollywood career. Packed with over 75 photos and insider advice from dozens of high-profile professionals, including Sundance and Tribeca festival programmers and Academy Award(r) winners and nominees, Making It Big in Shorts puts the emphasis on making films shorter, faster, and cheaper."

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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.

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

An invaluable practical resources for teachers and students of media, film studies, screenwriting, drama and English.

Introduction to Cinematography offers a practical, stage-by-stage guide to the

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creative and technical foundations of cinematography. Building from a skills-based approach focused on professional practice, cinematographer and author Tania Hoser provides a step-by-step introduction for both cinematographers and camera assistants to the techniques, processes, and procedures of working with cameras, lenses, and light. She provides hands-on insight into negotiating with production constraints and understanding the essentials of the image workflow from shot to distribution, on projects of any scope and budget. Richly illustrated, the book incorporates exercises and sample scripts throughout, exploring light, color, movement, 'blocking', and pacing scenes. The principles and techniques of shaping and controlling light are applied to working with natural light, film lamps, and, as with all areas of cinematography, to low budget alternatives. This makes Introduction to Cinematography the perfect newcomer's guide to learning the skills of cinematography that enables seamless progression from exercises through to full feature shoots. Assessment rubrics provide a framework to measure progress as the reader's ability to visually interpret scripts and enhance the director's vision develops. The book also teaches readers: To understand and develop the combination of skills and creativity involved in cinematography; Photographic principles and how they are applied to control focus exposure, motion blur, and image sharpness; To identify the roles and skills of each

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member of the camera department, and how and when each are required during a shoot; The order and process of lighting on all scales of productions and the use and application of the four main types of lamps; How to use waveforms, false color, and zebras for monitoring light levels, and meters for guiding exposure choices; The principles of the color wheel, color palettes, and the psychological effects of color choices; How to shoot for different types of fiction and nonfiction/documentary films and how to apply these skills to other genres of TV and film production; Strategies for both starting and progressing your career within cinematography and the camera department. **Winner of 'Best new Textbook in Humanities and Media Arts' in the Taylor and Francis Editorial Awards 2018**

Crafting Short Screenplays That Connect, Fifth Edition, stands alone among screenwriting books by emphasizing that human connection, though often overlooked, is as essential to writing effective screenplays as conflict. This ground-breaking book will show you how to advance and deepen your screenwriting skills, increasing your ability to write richer, more resonant short screenplays that will connect with your audience. Award-winning writer and director Claudia Hunter Johnson teaches you the all-important basics of dramatic technique and guides you through the challenging craft of writing short

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screenplays with carefully focused exercises of increasing length and complexity. In completing these exercises and applying Johnson's techniques and insights to your own work, you will learn how to think more deeply about the screenwriter's purpose, craft effective patterns of human change, and strengthen your storytelling skills. This 20th Anniversary Edition features 11 short screenplays, including Academy Award winning Barry Jenkins' (Moonlight, If Beale Street Could Talk) luminous short film, My Josephine, and an accompanying companion website that features the completed films and additional screenplay examples. The book has also been expanded and updated to include two new award-winning screenplays Killer Kart and The Great Wall of Vicky Lynn. and a brand-new chapter exploring the use of genre in the short film. An absolute must-have resource for students of screenwriting.

Crafting Short Screenplays That Connect, Fourth Edition stands alone among screenwriting books by emphasizing that human connection, though often overlooked, is as essential to writing effective screenplays as conflict. This groundbreaking book will show you how to advance and deepen your screenwriting skills, increasing your ability to write richer, more resonant short screenplays that will connect with your audience. With her candid, conversational style, award-winning writer and director Claudia Hunter Johnson teaches you the

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all-important basics of dramatic technique and guides you through the challenging craft of writing short screenplays with carefully focused exercises of increasing length and complexity. In completing these exercises and applying Claudia's techniques and insights to your own work, you will learn how to think more deeply about the screenwriter's purpose, craft effective patterns of human change, and strengthen your storytelling skills. This new edition has been expanded and updated to include: A companion website (www.focalpress.com/cw/johnson) with ten award-winning short films featured in the book, including two outstanding, all-new short films—Intercambios and the Student-Emmy-Award-winning Underground A new chapter on scene and structure that will help you find the right structure for your short screenplay A new chapter on crafting effective dialogue and subtext that will teach you to make the most of every word and add further depth to your script

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.

Celebrate Earth Day with Dr. Seuss and the Lorax in this classic picture book about protecting the environment! I am the Lorax. I speak for the trees. Dr.

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Seuss's beloved story teaches kids to speak up and stand up for those who can't. With a recycling-friendly "Go Green" message, *The Lorax* allows young readers to experience the beauty of the Truffula Trees and the danger of taking our earth for granted, all in a story that is timely, playful and hopeful. The book's final pages teach us that just one small seed, or one small child, can make a difference. Printed on recycled paper, this book is the perfect gift for Earth Day and for any child—or child at heart—who is interested in recycling, advocacy and the environment, or just loves nature and playing outside. Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not. "Pretty much all the stuff you need to know is in Dr. Seuss." –President Barack Obama

In 1967, after a session with a psychiatrist she'd never seen before, eighteen-year-old Susanna Kaysen was put in a taxi and sent to McLean Hospital. She spent most of the next two years in the ward for teenage girls in a psychiatric hospital as renowned for its famous clientele—Sylvia Plath, Robert Lowell, James Taylor, and Ray Charles—as for its progressive methods of treating those who could afford its sanctuary. Kaysen's memoir encompasses horror and razor-edged perception while providing vivid portraits of her fellow patients and their keepers. It is a brilliant evocation of a "parallel universe" set within the kaleidoscopically shifting landscape of the late sixties. *Girl, Interrupted* is a clear-sighted, unflinching document that gives lasting and specific dimension to our definitions of sane and insane, mental illness and recovery.

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Develop your creative voice while acquiring the practical skills and confidence to use it with this new and fully updated edition of Mick Hurbis-Cherrier's filmmaking bible, *Voice & Vision*. Written for independent filmmakers and film students who want a solid grounding in the tools, techniques, and processes of narrative film, this comprehensive manual covers all of the essentials while keeping artistic vision front and center. Hurbis-Cherrier walks the reader through every step of the process—from the transformation of an idea into a cinematic story, to the intricacies of promotion and distribution—and every detail in between. Features of this book include: Comprehensive technical information on video production and postproduction tools, allowing filmmakers to express themselves with any camera, in any format, and on any budget An emphasis on the collaborative filmmaking process, including the responsibilities and creative contributions of every principal member of the crew and cast A focus on learning to work successfully with available resources (time, equipment, budget, personnel, etc.) in order to turn limitations into opportunities Updated digital filmmaking workflow breakdowns for Rec. 709 HD, Log Format, and D-Cinema productions Substantial coverage of the sound tools and techniques used in film production and the creative impact of postproduction sound design An extensive discussion of digital cinematography fundamentals, including essential lighting and exposure control tools, common gamma profiles, the use of LUTs, and the role of color grading Abundant examples referencing contemporary and classic films from around the world Indispensable information on production safety, team etiquette, and set procedures. The third edition also features a robust companion website that includes eight award-winning example short films; interactive and high-resolution figures; downloadable raw footage; production forms and logs for preproduction, production, and postproduction; video examples that illustrate key

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concepts found within the book, and more. Whether you are using it in the classroom or are looking for a comprehensive reference to learn everything you need to know about the filmmaking process, Voice & Vision delivers all of the details in an accessible and reader-friendly format.

Crafting Short Screenplays that Connect introduces the essential element of 'human connection' - the ability to 'touch' the reader or observer - to the screenwriting and story creation process for short films. Claudia Hunter Johnson teaches the craft of short screenplay writing by guiding you through carefully focused writing exercises of increasing length and complexity. You will learn how to think more deeply about the screenwriter's purposes, craft an effective pattern of human change, and hone your vision and process for your short screenplays.

This updated edition of Writing for Visual Media will enable you to understand the nature of visual writing that lies behind the content of all visual media. This unique kind of writing must communicate to audiences through content producers, since audiences don't read the script. Most media content provides a solution to a communication problem, which the writer must learn to analyze and solve before writing the script. The Fourth Edition strengthens the method for creating content and writing in the correct language and established format for each visual medium, including commercial communication such as ads and PSAs, corporate communications, and training. An extended investigation into dramatic theory and how entertainment narrative works is illustrated by examples and detailed analysis of scenes, scripts and storylines, designed to save writers from typical pitfalls and releasing your creative powers of invention. Writing for Visual Media will help you to develop an improved foundation

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for understanding interactive media and writing for non-linear content, while gaining the tools to effectively connect with your audience like a professional. Purchase of this book includes access to the companion website, which provides: Sample scripts and video clips of those produced scripts An interactive glossary of camera shots, movements, and transitions Storyboards, scripts, screenplays, and links to industry resource Instructor materials such as PowerPoint lecture slides, a sample syllabus, and a test bank. Visit the site at www.routledge.com/textbooks/9780415815857

With the growth of film festivals, cable 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!

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emotion Dialogue and subtext Character design Protagonists and antagonists Character motivation and goals Conflict, obstacles and stakes Cliches and Stereotypes Beginnings, middles and ends Hooking the viewer Screenplay competitions Loglines, outlines and synopses Rewriting and length Practicalities and budgets The book also includes a number of award-winning scripts and interviews, advice and contributions from their award-winning screenwriters and a discussion of the benefits to writers of writing short screenplays. A practical guide to writing effective short scripts for films or videos, focusing on dialog, settings, characters, structure, and themes.

Veteran script consultant Jill Chamberlain discovered in her work that an astounding 99 percent of first-time screenwriters don't know how to tell a story. These writers may know how to format a script, write snappy dialogue, and set a scene. They may have interesting characters and perhaps some clever plot devices. But, invariably, while they may have the kernel of a good idea for a screenplay, they fail to tell a story. What the 99 percent do instead is present a situation. In order to explain the difference, Chamberlain created the Nutshell Technique, a method whereby writers identify eight dynamic, interconnected elements that are required to successfully tell a story. Now, for the first time, Chamberlain presents her unique method in book form with *The Nutshell Technique: Crack the Secret of Successful Screenwriting*. Using easy-to-follow diagrams ("nutshells"), she thoroughly explains how the Nutshell Technique can make or break a film script. Chamberlain takes readers step-by-step through thirty classic and contemporary movies, showing how such dissimilar screenplays as *Casablanca*, *Chinatown*, *Pulp Fiction*, *The Usual Suspects*, *Little Miss Sunshine*, *Juno*, *Silver Linings Playbook*, and *Argo* all have the same system working behind the scenes, and she

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teaches readers exactly how to apply these principles to their own screenwriting. Learn the Nutshell Technique, and you'll discover how to turn a mere situation into a truly compelling screenplay story.

Describes in clear, vivid prose and hundreds of examples how to format every element of a screenplay or television script, with new chapters on avoiding a dozen deadly formatting mistakes, clarifying the difference between a spec script and production script, and mastering the vital art of proofreading. Original.

26 Short Screenplays for Independent Filmmakers is a collection of creative commons, open source screenplays for independent filmmakers to use to hone their film making skills or to build their portfolios. Each script has a cinematic task (such as create a montage or showcase an actress) associated with it as well as a story and dialogue. More information can be found at www.26screenplays.com. Where does a young filmmaker begin? With the right short-film concept and this book! The right short can be a filmmaker's "business 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 €

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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

By considering D.H. Lawrence's stories through the lens of critically neglected short films, this book provides a fresh, forward-looking approach to Lawrence studies which engages with current adaptation theory to reflect on the evolving critical reception of the author's tales.

"A Long Dark Summer" is a pseudo-memoir told in a compilation of poems set between 1993 and 2021. It chronicles the journey of a young woman letting go of the angst of adolescence and surrendering to the pull of adulthood all while confronting issues around race, identity, relationships, and an unforgiving entertainment industry. Part dreamscape, part punch in the stomach, "A Long Dark Summer" is a cautious love letter to the intoxication of how one wishes the world to be and the pain of embracing how it truly is. Praise for "A Long Dark Summer": "...a beautiful tribute to what it feels like to be an Asian-American woman, pre-internet and today." - Lynn Chen (writer/director, "I Will Make You Mine") "...a fascinating look inside the mind of a growing artist, within the boundaries of 97 pages. Helenna never ceases to amaze me in her artistry, and

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"I'm excited for what's to come." - Tim Guzman (director/producer) "A Long Dark Summer is a shadowed and unflinching exploration into the vulnerability of relationships, making sense of oneself, and pursuing the boldest of dreams. Through her own reflections, Helenna Santos guides the reader on a compassionate journey toward self-assurance." - Shannon Corbeil (writer/actor) "A Long Dark Summer threads memories and years of searching for one's identity into a tender emotional tapestry that spans time and place. A beautiful read." - Zadi Diaz (director/producer)

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

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templates for contracts, call sheets, budgets and other production forms, as well as sample production documents and short video guides featuring top industry professionals.

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 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

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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.

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