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**The Films of Robert  
Wise** Scarecrow Press  
The French film

director Robert Bresson was one of the great artists of the twentieth century and among the most radical, original, and radiant stylists of any time. He worked with nonprofessional actors—models, as he called them—and deployed a starkly limited but hypnotic array of sounds and images to produce such classic works as *A Man Escaped*, *Pickpocket*, *Diary of a Country Priest*, and *Lancelot of the Lake*. From the beginning to the end of his career, Bresson dedicated himself to making movies in which nothing is superfluous and everything is always at stake. *Notes on the Cinematograph* distills the essence of Bresson's theory and practice as a filmmaker

and artist. He discusses the fundamental differences between theater and film; parses the deep grammar of silence, music, and noise; and affirms the mysterious power of the image to unlock the human soul. This book, indispensable for admirers of this great director and for students of the cinema, will also prove an inspiration, much like Rilke's *Letters to a Young Poet*, for anyone who responds to the claims of the imagination at its most searching and rigorous. *Notes on the Cinematograph* W. W. Norton & Company The only current authorized edition of the classic work on parliamentary procedure--now in a

new updated edition Robert's Rules of Order is the recognized guide to smooth, orderly, and fairly conducted meetings. This 12th edition is the only current manual to have been maintained and updated since 1876 under the continuing program established by General Henry M. Robert himself. As indispensable now as the original edition was more than a century ago, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised is the acknowledged "gold standard" for meeting rules. New and enhanced features of this edition include: Section-based paragraph numbering to facilitate cross-references and e-book compatibility Expanded appendix of charts, tables, and lists Helpful summary explanations

about postponing a motion, reconsidering a vote, making and enforcing points of order and appeals, and newly expanded procedures for filling blanks New provisions regarding debate on nominations, reopening nominations, and completing an election after its scheduled time Dozens more clarifications, additions, and refinements to improve the presentation of existing rules, incorporate new interpretations, and address common inquiries Coinciding with publication of the 12th edition, the authors of this manual have once again published an updated (3rd) edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised In Brief, a simple and concise

introductory guide  
cross-referenced to it.

The Ride of a Lifetime

Simon and Schuster

The only published  
writing by the great  
French flimmaker,  
Robert Bresson.

**Bresson on Bresson:  
Interviews,**

**1943-1983** Indiana  
University Press

Based on the findings  
of a commission  
chaired by James  
Mirrlees, this volume  
presents a coherent  
picture of tax reform  
whose aim is to  
identify the  
characteristics of a  
good tax system for  
any open developed  
economy, assess the  
extent to which the UK  
tax system conforms to  
these ideals, and  
recommend how it  
might be reformed in  
that direction.

*The Cinema of Robert  
Zemeckis* World Bank

Publications

In this 20th  
anniversary edition,  
Kolker continues and  
expands his inquiry  
into the phenomenon  
of cinematic  
representation of  
culture by updating  
and revising the  
chapters on Kubrick,  
Scorsese, Altman and  
Spielberg.

*The Filmmaker's Eye*

Oxford University  
Press, USA

Robert Bresson,  
published in 1998,  
remains one of the  
most acclaimed and  
thorough examinations  
of the French director's  
vision and style. Robert  
Bresson (Revised)  
reproduces essential  
contributions from the  
original edition,  
including essays by  
Susan Sontag, André  
Bazin, P. Adams Sitney,  
and Kristin Thompson,  
and features new or

original material by David Bordwell, Mark Rappaport, Shigehiko Hasumi, Jonathan Rosenbaum, Serge Daney, Jean-Michel Frodon, Colin Burnett, Richard Suchenski, and filmmakers Jean-Pierre Gorin and the Dardenne brothers, Jean-Pierre and Luc. With more than thirty key articles by leading critics and scholars, interviews, commentaries by important contemporary filmmakers, and an illuminating symposium on the director's current stature, *Robert Bresson (Revised)* is an invaluable volume for anyone seeking to understand the director's austere perfectionism and the beauty of his singular body of work.

Published by the Toronto International Film Festival and distributed in Canada by Wilfrid Laurier University Press. Distributed outside Canada by Indiana University Press. The Film Appreciation Book Allworth  
Based on the author's doctoral dissertation--New York University. *Robert Bresson* Univ of California Press  
Why would someone want to hang out with dead bodies? With curious anecdotes and unbelievable truth, funeral director Robert Webster reveals that answer and more, offering readers entertaining and quirky stories gleaned from a life lived around death. Webster tackles those embarrassing questions we all have about what really goes

on behind the scenes when you've left this world: Strange things people put in caskets The biggest rip-offs in the business The crazy things that happen to a body after death Lime, waz, and other ways to hide the truth The most important thing an undertaker does How to avoid the high-pressure funeral parlor What that's not a coffin the body is resting in *Robert Bresson* Manchester University Press

An examination of the French director's vision and style.

**Notice & Note** Univ of California Press

The Negro Motorist Green Book was a groundbreaking guide that provided African American travelers with crucial information on safe places to stay, eat, and visit during

the era of segregation in the United States. This essential resource, originally published from 1936 to 1966, offered a lifeline to black motorists navigating a deeply divided nation, helping them avoid the dangers and indignities of racism on the road. More than just a travel guide, *The Negro Motorist Green Book* stands as a powerful symbol of resilience and resistance in the face of oppression, offering a poignant glimpse into the challenges and triumphs of the African American experience in the 20th century. Beyond Caligari Knopf

Challenging the prevailing notion among cinephiles that the auteur is an isolated genius interested primarily in

individualism, Colin Burnett positions Robert Bresson as one whose life's work confronts the cultural forces that helped shape it. Regarded as one of film history's most elusive figures, Bresson (1901-1999) carried himself as an auteur long before cultural magazines, like the famed Cahiers du cinéma, advanced the term to describe such directors as Jacques Tati, Alfred Hitchcock, and Jean-Luc Godard. In this groundbreaking study, Burnett combines biography with cultural history to uncover the roots of the auteur in the alternative cultural marketplace of midcentury France. Poisoner in Chief Toronto International Film Festival Rage is an

unprecedented and intimate tour de force of new reporting on the Trump presidency facing a global pandemic, economic disaster and racial unrest. Woodward, the #1 international bestselling author of Fear: Trump in the White House, has uncovered the precise moment the president was warned that the Covid-19 epidemic would be the biggest national security threat to his presidency. In dramatic detail, Woodward takes readers into the Oval Office as Trump's head pops up when he is told in January 2020 that the pandemic could reach the scale of the 1918 Spanish Flu that killed 675,000 Americans. In 17 on-the-record interviews with Woodward over

seven volatile months—an utterly vivid window into Trump’s mind—the president provides a self-portrait that is part denial and part combative interchange mixed with surprising moments of doubt as he glimpses the perils in the presidency and what he calls the “dynamite behind every door.” At key decision points, Rage shows how Trump’s responses to the crises of 2020 were rooted in the instincts, habits and style he developed during his first three years as president. Revisiting the earliest days of the Trump presidency, Rage reveals how Secretary of Defense James Mattis, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats

struggled to keep the country safe as the president dismantled any semblance of collegial national security decision making. Rage draws from hundreds of hours of interviews with firsthand witnesses as well as participants’ notes, emails, diaries, calendars and confidential documents. Woodward obtained 25 never-seen personal letters exchanged between Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, who describes the bond between the two leaders as out of a “fantasy film.” Trump insists to Woodward he will triumph over Covid-19 and the economic calamity. “Don’t worry about it, Bob. Okay?” Trump told the author in July. “Don’t worry about it.



We'll get to do another book. You'll find I was right."

*Rage* U of Minnesota Press

An astonishing photographic study of black men today from the acclaimed portrait photographer.

*Sweating Bullets* New York Review of Books

This is a book for cinephiles, pure and simple. Author and filmmaker, Jim Piper, shares his vast knowledge of film and analyzes the most striking components of the best movies ever made. From directing to cinematography, from editing and music to symbolism and plot development, *The Film Appreciation Book* covers hundreds of the greatest works in cinema, combining history, technical knowledge, and the art

of enjoyment to explain why some movies have become the most treasured and entertaining works ever available to the public, and why these movies continue to amaze viewers after decades of notoriety.

Read about such classic cinematic masterpieces as *Citizen Kane*, *Gandhi*, *Midnight Cowboy*, *Easy Rider*, *True Grit*, *Gone With the Wind*, and *The Wizard of Oz*, as well as more recent accomplishments in feature films, such as *Requiem for a Dream*, *Munich*, *The King's Speech*, and *The Hurt Locker*. Piper breaks down his analysis for you and points out aspects of production that movie-lovers (even the devoted ones) would never recognize on their own.

This book will endlessly fascinate, and by the time you get to the last chapter, you're ready to start all over again. In-depth analysis and thoughtful and wide-ranging film choices from every period of cinema history will ensure that you never tire of this reading companion to film. Allworth Press, an imprint of Skyhorse Publishing, publishes a broad range of books on the visual and performing arts, with emphasis on the business of art. Our titles cover subjects such as graphic design, theater, branding, fine art, photography, interior design, writing, acting, film, how to start careers, business and legal forms, business practices, and more. While we don't aspire to publish a New

York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are deeply committed to quality books that help creative professionals succeed and thrive. We often publish in areas overlooked by other publishers and welcome the author whose expertise can help our audience of readers.

*Robert Bresson*

(Revised) Henry Holt and Company

The Revolution of '28 explores the career of New York governor and 1928 Democratic presidential nominee Alfred E. Smith. Robert Chiles peers into Smith's work and uncovers a distinctive strain of American progressivism that resonated among urban, ethnic, working-class Americans in the early twentieth

century. The book charts the rise of that idiomatic progressivism during Smith's early years as a state legislator through his time as governor of the Empire State in the 1920s, before proceeding to a revisionist narrative of the 1928 presidential campaign, exploring the ways in which Smith's gubernatorial progressivism was presented to a national audience. As Chiles points out, new-stock voters responded enthusiastically to Smith's candidacy on both economic and cultural levels. Chiles offers a historical argument that describes the impact of this coalition on the new liberal formation that was to come with Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal,

demonstrating the broad practical consequences of Smith's political career. In particular, Chiles notes how Smith's progressive agenda became Democratic partisan dogma and a rallying point for policy formation and electoral success at the state and national levels. Chiles sets the record straight in *The Revolution of '28* by paying close attention to how Smith identified and activated his emergent coalition and put it to use in his campaign of 1928, before quickly losing control over it after his failed presidential bid.

**The Revolution of '28** Indiana University Press

Robert Bresson, the director of such cinematic masterpieces as *Pickpocket*, *A*

Man Escaped Mouchette, and L'Argent, was one of the most influential directors in the history of French film, as well as one of the most stubbornly individual: He insisted on the use of nonprofessional actors; he shunned the "advances" of Cinerama and Cinema-Scope (and the work of most of his predecessors and peers); and he minced no words about the damaging influence of capitalism and the studio system on the still-developing—in his view—art of film. Bresson on Bresson collects the most significant interviews that Bresson gave (carefully editing them before they were released) over the course of his forty-year career to reveal both

the internal consistency and the consistently exploratory character of his body of work. Successive chapters are dedicated to each of his fourteen films, as well as to the question of literary adaptation, the nature of the sound track, and to Bresson's one book, the great aphoristic treatise Notes on the Cinematograph. Throughout, his close and careful consideration of his own films and of the art of film is punctuated by such telling mantras as "Sound...invented silence in cinema," "It's the film that...gives life to the characters—not the characters that give life to the film," and (echoing the Bible) "Every idle word shall

be counted.” Bresson’s integrity and originality earned him the admiration of younger directors from Jean-Luc Godard and Jacques Rivette to Olivier Assayas. And though Bresson’s movies are marked everywhere by an air of intense deliberation, these interviews show that they were no less inspired by a near-religious belief in the value of intuition, not only that of the creator but that of the audience, which he claims to deeply respect: “It’s always ready to feel before it understands. And that’s how it should be. Theater and Film New York Review of Books Each of the thirty-nine films that Wise has directed is presented here in photographs, a complete cast and

credits listing, a story synopsis, and, most importantly, Robert Wise's own comments. Robert Wise on His Films is illustrated with 270 photographs and includes a short biographical portrait of Wise that draws heavily on his own words and Forewords by director Arthur Hiller and screenwriter Nelson Gidding.

**The Art of Case Study Research** New York Review of Books The image that appears on the movie screen is the direct and tangible result of the joint efforts of the director and the cinematographer. A Hidden History of Film Style is the first study to focus on the collaborations between directors and cinematographers, a partnership that has

played a crucial role in American cinema since the early years of the silent era. Christopher Beach argues that an understanding of the complex director-cinematographer collaboration offers an important model that challenges the pervasive conventional concept of director as auteur. Drawing upon oral histories, early industry trade journals, and other primary materials, Beach examines key innovations like deep focus, color, and digital cinematography, and in doing so produces an exceptionally clear history of the craft. Through analysis of several key collaborations in American cinema from the silent era to the late twentieth century—such as those

of D. W. Griffith and Billy Bitzer, William Wyler and Gregg Toland, and Alfred Hitchcock and Robert Burks—this pivotal book underlines the importance of cinematographers to both the development of cinematic technique and the expression of visual style in film.

**Tax By Design** Cornell University Press  
 Draws on the actor, director, and producer's personal documents to offer insight into his complex life behind his famous roles, discussing the death of his son, his relationship with Sydney Pollack, and his establishment of the Sundance Film Festival.

**Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 12th edition** New York

### Review of Books

This is the only book that combines conceptual and practical instruction on creating polished and eloquent images for film and video with the technical know-how to achieve them. Loaded with hundreds of full-color examples, *The Filmmaker's Eye* is a focused, easy-to-reference guide that shows you how to become a strong visual storyteller through smart, effective choices for your shots. This book has struck a chord worldwide and is being translated into

several languages

After a short introduction to basic principles, a variety of shots are deconstructed in the following format: - Why It Works: an introduction to a particular type of shot - How It Works: callouts point out exactly how the shot works the way it does--the visual rules and technical aspects in action - Technical Considerations: the equipment and techniques needed to get the shot. - Breaking the Rules: examples where the "rules" are brilliant subverted