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Veteran character actor David Dean Bottrell draws on his 35+ tumultuous years of work in the entertainment industry to offer a guide to breaking in, making a living, and making a life in the fabulous trenches of show business. Covers every facet of the business, including: - Capturing the perfect headshot - Starting (and maintaining) your network - Picking an agent - Audition do's and don'ts - Joining the union(s): SAG-AFTRA and Actors Equity Association (AEA) - On stage vs on screen - Paying the bills - Self-promotion - Late bloomers - When to get out David Dean Bottrell has worn many different hats during his decades in showbiz: television actor with appearances on Boston Legal, Modern Family, The Blacklist, Mad Men, True Blood, NCIS, and Days of Our Lives; screenwriter for Paramount and Disney; respected acting teacher at UCLA and AADA; and regular expert columnist for esteemed acting site Backstage. In Working Actor, Bottrell offers a how-to manual jammed with practical information and insider advice, essential reading for any artist (aspiring or established) in need of insight or inspiration. Mixing prescriptive advice ("Getting Started," "Learning Your Craft," "Finding an Agent") with wisdom drawn from Bottrell's own professional highs and lows and those of his acting compatriots, this book's humorous, tell-it-like-it-is tone is a must-have guide for anyone hoping to successfully navigate show business.

Provides a guide to auditioning for film and theatrical roles with confidence, including tips on preparing for a role, finding the right monologues and songs to showcase talent, and dealing with creative criticism.

Presents different techniques for stage and screen actors, including a new approach to acting and advice on auditioning, developing a character, and playing difficult roles.

This simple and essential book about the craft of acting describes a technique developed and refined by the authors, all of them young actors, in their work with Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright David Mamet, actor W. H. Macy, and director Gregory Mosher. A Practical Handbook for the Actor is written for any actor who has ever experienced the frustrations of acting classes that lacked clarity and objectivity, and that failed to provide a dependable set of tools. An actor's job, the authors state, is to "find a way to live truthfully under the imaginary circumstances of the play." The ways in which an actor can attain that truth form the substance of this eloquent book.

THE STORY: An honest, moving and courageous drama set in the early 1960s about two Columbia students rooming together in New York: Doug, a white, rebellious, young man; and Paul, an African-American. When the two disagree on their definitions of I

Confessions of a Casting Director is a must-have for any aspiring actor or stage parent—the definitive guide to breaking into film, television, theater, and even YouTube from longtime casting director and studio executive Jen Rudin. Packed with information that aspiring actors want, her up-to-the-minute expert advice is essential for anyone pursuing an acting career. Jen Rudin demystifies the often intimidating and constantly changing audition process, sharing insider tips on preparing for every type of audition: musical theater, television (including commercials and reality TV), and film to voiceovers, animated movies, and even web series. In this comprehensive guide, Rudin covers everything today's actor needs to succeed, including finding an agent or manager; using technology to your advantage; the demanding world of child acting; the pros and cons of New York vs. LA; turning a callback into an offer for the role, and much more. Every actor should walk into an audition room feeling confident and prepared, and this book is full of the Dos and Don'ts, sure-fire tricks, and must-have information to help turn rejection into that first big break. Complete with checklists, easy-to-follow game plans, and advice from real actors, agents, and entertainment industry professionals, Confessions of a Casting Director is like having your own private audition coach.

The best actor never gets the role. But the right actor always gets hired and if you want to be the right actor, you need to create a well-paved pathway through the traffic jam that can slow you down, divert your attention and create stress behind the wheel of the career you're committed to driving forward. It's your journey and it's time for a career tune up, even if you're just starting out In this revised and expanded Next Edition to his popular book for actors, talent manager, educator and author Brad Lemack tackles the tough challenges actors face in seeking, building and maintaining rewarding careers in the new landscape. From the role of personal ethics and integrity to landing the role of a lifetime, Lemack teaches readers how to navigate through and thrive in a continually changing landscape in an industry challenged to redefine itself and how it does business. Whether you're new to the business or in need of a professional career rebranding, The New Business of Acting: The Next Edition will empower you with a critical perspective on how to create, map out and embark on a life-long journey that will earn you the career-building opportunities you seek.

In this companion volume to her highly successful *Callback* Ginger Howard Friedman a veteran casting director playwright and teacher reveals her winning formula for a monologue audition that lands you the part. She explains her essential rules for a successful audition then selects scenes from 16 plays and adapts them into monologues comic and serious for men and women of all ages.

Acting in Musical Theatre remains the only complete course in approaching a role in a musical. It covers fundamental skills for novice actors, practical insights for professionals, and even tips to help veteran musical performers refine their craft. Educators will find the clear structure ideal for use with multiple courses and programs. Updates in this expanded and revised third edition include: A comprehensive revision of the book's companion website into a fully online "Resource Guide" that includes abundant teaching materials and syllabi for a range of short- and long-form courses, PowerPoint slide decks and printable handouts for every chapter. Updated examples, illustrations, and exercises from more recent musical styles and productions such as Hamilton, Waitress, and Dear Evan Hansen. Revision of rehearsal and performance guidelines to help students and teachers at all levels thrive. Updated and expanded reading/listening/viewing lists for specific-subject areas, to guide readers through their own studies and enhance the classroom experience. New notes in the "The Profession" chapters to reflect the latest trends in casting, self-promotion, and audition practice. Acting in Musical Theatre's chapters divide into easy-to-reference units, each containing group and solo exercises, making it the definitive textbook for students and practitioners alike.

Tips from a Talent Agent is an incredibly informative and entertaining step-by-step guide that walks you through all the aspects of show business. It takes you through the collective knowledge

necessary to ensure that, if applied correctly, your career as an actor is armed with solid, insider advice, and professionalism. Whether you're a novice to the business or even the most seasoned of actors, you need to make this literary treasure your new actor's bible. Being an actor in the business of show often feels like trying to navigate through a Wild West-like terrain where there are ambiguous rules, if any, and is seemingly every one for himself or herself. To counter the vortex that so many actors fall into, Rebecca Hale has brilliantly distilled her over 50 years of experience as an actor, director, and talent agent into a modern-day treatise on how to be a professional actor. This is a concise and thorough book that is a must read for every actor or parent of a child actor.

Sanford Meisner was one of the best known and beloved teachers of acting in the country. This book follows one of his acting classes for fifteen months, beginning with the most rudimentary exercises and ending with affecting and polished scenes from contemporary American plays. Written in collaboration with Dennis Longwell, it is essential reading for beginning and professional actors alike. Throughout these pages Meisner is a delight—always empathizing with his students and urging them onward, provoking emotion, laughter, and growing technical mastery from his charges. With an introduction by Sydney Pollack, director of *Out of Africa* and *Tootsie*, who worked with Meisner for five years. "This book should be read by anyone who wants to act or even appreciate what acting involves. Like Meisner's way of teaching, it is the straight goods."—Arthur Miller "If there is a key to good acting, this one is it, above all others. Actors, young and not so young, will find inspiration and excitement in this book."—Gregory Peck

The legendary acting coach shares his inspirational philosophy and effective techniques—including case studies, exercises, and professional insights—designed to help actors connect personally with a script, develop a character from the inside out, overcome fear and inhibitions, hone technical skills, and more. Reprint. 17,500 first printing.

Veteran acting coach Warren helps readers make the best of any script. She shows how to take big risks, deepen one's choices, perfect technique, and get hired.

"How do we move actors into the less accessible regions of themselves and release hotter, more dangerous, and less literal means of approaching a role?" Superscenes are a revolutionary new mode of teaching and rehearsal, allowing the actor to discover and utilize the primal energies underlying dramatic texts. In *Acting, Archetype, and Neuroscience* Jane Drake Brody draws upon a lifetime's experience in the theatre, alongside the best insights into pedagogical practice in the field, the work of philosophers and writers who have focused on myth and archetype, and the latest insights of neuroscience. The resulting interdisciplinary, exciting volume works to: Mine the essentials of accepted acting theory while finding ways to access more primally-based human behavior in actors Restore a focus on storytelling that has been lost in the rush to create complex characters with arresting physical and vocal lives Uncover the mythical bones buried within every piece of dramatic writing; the skeletal framework upon which hangs the language and drama of the play itself Focus on the actor's body as the only place where the conflict inherent in drama can be animated. *Acting, Archetype, and Neuroscience* weaves together a wealth of seemingly disparate performance methods, exciting actors to imaginatively and playfully take risks they might otherwise avoid. A radical new mixture of theory and practice by a highly respected teacher of acting, this volume is a must-read for students and performance practitioners alike.

(Applause Acting Series). The way some introductory acting books are written, it seems that a literal leg break is your best option. In *The Young Actor's Handbook*, Jeremy Kruse, an actor, writer, producer, and director who teaches method acting, acting for camera, improvisation, and sketch comedy at The Lee Strasberg Theatre and Film Institute in New York, mends this mangled genre, distilling invaluable lessons and years of experience down to a lean, mean, intuitive hundred page primer. Rather than bludgeoning the uninitiated with dense paragraphs, vague concepts, and opaque examples, *The Young Actor's Handbook* ignites the beginning actor's creative soul with inspirational acting exercises, acting theory, writing exercises, and insight into what it means to be an actor. This concise and pragmatic manual will guide and inform the young actor, beginning actor, novice acting teacher, or anyone who wants to understand acting through a broad and diverse survey of essential knowledge. The teachings of Richard Boleslavsky, Stella Adler, Sanford Meisner, Uta Hagen, Michael Shurtleff, Lee Strasberg, and Constantin Stanislavsky are eloquently and accessible rendered, as are basics of script analysis, camera technique, the audition mindset, agent acquisition, and the actor's life. Whether you're a curious novice, veteran acting teacher, or even an interested observer, *The Young Actor's Handbook* will enhance your understanding of this vast and rewarding craft.

Describes the differences and similarities between stage acting and film or television acting, discusses role preparation, and explains how performances are filmed

Jenna Fischer's Hollywood journey began at the age of 22 when she moved to Los Angeles from her hometown of St. Louis. With a theater degree in hand, she was determined, she was confident, she was ready to work hard. So, what could go wrong? Uh, basically everything. The path to being a professional actor was so much more vast and competitive than she'd imagined. It would be eight long years before she landed her iconic role on *The Office*, nearly a decade of frustration, struggle, rejection and doubt. If only she'd had a handbook for the aspiring actor. Or, better yet, someone to show her the way—an established actor who could educate her about the business, manage her expectations, and reassure her in those moments of despair. Jenna wants to be that person for you. With amusing candor and wit, Fischer spells out the nuts and bolts of getting established in the profession, based on her own memorable and hilarious experiences. She tells you how to get the right headshot, what to look for in representation, and the importance of joining forces with other like-minded artists and creating your own work—invaluable advice personally acquired from her many years of struggle. She provides helpful hints on how to be gutsy and take risks, the tricks to good auditioning and callbacks, and how not to fall for certain scams (auditions in a guy's apartment are probably not legit—or at least not for the kind of part you're looking for!). Her inspiring, helpful guidance feels like a trusted friend who's made the journey, and has now returned to walk beside you, pointing out the pitfalls as you blaze your own path towards the life of a professional actor.

A guide to the art of auditioning for every performing field. Stage, movies, commercials, television, voice-overs, corporate shows, CD-ROM and DVD all provide actors with employment opportunities. The manual covers the essentials of preparing for an audition, and discusses how to get into unions, create an effective resume, get an agent, and exploit the on-line methods that performers are now using to advance their careers. It also explains how auditions will be different from one medium to another and what actors can expect as they enter each new situation.; This third edition escorts the reader through a range of Internet resources and proposes strategies for self-promotion in cyberspace—particularly the creation of one's own Web site. It lists useful Web sites and on-line news groups. This edition also features an updated glossary. Updated with new information about major industry changes, a latest edition of a successful guide counsels actors on the business side of the profession while sharing practical advice on such topics as crafting an effective résumé, joining unions and getting an agent. Original.

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.

This third volume examines the development of a character from the viewpoint of three widely contrasting plays.

All actors and acting teachers need *The Ultimate Scene and Monologue Sourcebook*, the invaluable guide to finding just the right piece for every audition. The unique format of the book is ideal for acting teachers who want their students to understand each monologue in context. This remarkable book describes the characters, action, and mood for more than 1,000 scenes in over 300 plays. Using these guidelines, the actor can quickly pinpoint the perfect monologue, then find the text in the Samuel French or Dramatist Play Service edition of the play. Newly revised and expanded, the book includes the author's own assessment of each monologue.

A Director Prepares is a thought-provoking examination of the challenges of making theatre. In it, Anne Bogart speaks candidly and with wisdom of the courage required to create 'art with great presence'. Each chapter tackles one of the seven major areas Bogart has identified as both potential partner and potential obstacle to art-making. They are Violence; Memory; Terror; Eroticism; Stereotype; Embarrassment; and Resistance. Each one can be used to generate extraordinary creative energy, if we know how to use it. *A Director Prepares* offers every practitioner an extraordinary insight into the creative process. It is a handbook, Bible and manifesto, all in one. No other book on the art of theatre comes even close to offering this much understanding, experience and inspiration.

THE STORY: Darren Lemming, the star center fielder of the world champion New York Yankees, is young, rich, famous, talented, handsome and so convinced of his popularity that when he casually announces he's gay, he assumes the news will be readily a

Michael Shurtleff has been casting director for Broadway shows like "Chicago" and "Becket" and for films like "The Graduate" and "Jesus Christ Superstar." His legendary course on auditioning has launched hundreds of successful careers. Now in this book he tells the all-important HOW for all aspiring actors, from the beginning student of acting to the proven talent trying out for that chance-in-a-million role!

From the most exciting individual in American theater" (Newsweek), here is Anna Deavere Smith's brass tacks advice to aspiring artists of all stripes. In vividly anecdotal letters to the young BZ, she addresses the full spectrum of issues that people starting out will face: from questions of confidence, discipline, and self-esteem, to fame, failure, and fear, to staying healthy, presenting yourself effectively, building a diverse social and professional network, and using your art to promote social change. At once inspiring and no-nonsense, *Letters to a Young Artist* will challenge you, motivate you, and set you on a course to pursue your art without compromise.

The Actor's Business Plan is a self-directed practical guide for actors graduating from formal training programs, as well as for those already in the business whose careers need to move ahead more successfully. Using the familiar language of acting training, the book offers a method for the achievement of dreams through a five-year life and career plan giving positive steps to develop a happy life as an actor and as a person. It assists performers to flourish using the same kind of business/career planning that is a necessary part of life for entrepreneurs and business people. This introduction to the acting industry provides essential knowledge not only for how the business actually works, but also describes what casting directors, agents, and managers do, demystifies the role of unions, discusses how much things cost, and offers advice on branding and marketing strategies. It differs from other such handbooks in that it addresses the everyday issues of life, money, and jobs that so frequently destroy an actor's career before it is even begun. While addressing NYC and LA, the guide also gives a regional breakdown for those actors who may wish to begin careers or to settle in other cities. It is loaded with personal stories, and interviews with actors, casting directors, and agents from throughout the US. *The Actor's Business Plan* is the answer to the common complaint by students that they were not taught how to negotiate the show business world while at school. It is the perfect antidote for this problem and can easily fit into a ten or a thirteen-week class syllabus. Offering support as a personal career coach, empowering the actor to take concrete steps towards their life and career dreams, *The Actor's Business Plan: A Career Guide for the Acting Life* is a must-have book for actors who are determined to be a part of the professional world .

First Time in Print Updated and expanded To win a role in a movie or on network or cable TV, you must make a strong first impression in your brief, crucial audition—and the first person you have to impress is the casting director. In *How to Audition On Camera*, Casting Director Sharon Bialy answers the twenty-five questions actors ask most frequently about how to nail an audition. What is the casting director looking for? If you mess up, can you start over? What is the most common mistake experienced actors make? Should you audition off book or can you look at the page? Should you dress in character? How much can you improvise? Actors—both novice and professional—are often misled by myths and outdated prescriptions. This guide replaces such misinformation with concise and accurate advice from someone who is in the room helping to make the decision on who gets the job. Bialy gets readers started immediately on the road to screen acting success.

The casting director for Chicago, Pippin, Becket, Gypsy, The Graduate, the Sound of Music and Jesus Christ Superstar tells you how you can find your dream role! Absolutely everything an actor needs to know to get the part is here: What to do that moment before, how to use humour; create mystery; how to develop a distinct style; and how to evaluate the place, the relationships and the competition. In fact, *Audition* is a necessary guide to dealing with all the "auditions" we face in life. This is the bible on the subject.

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE ACTING INDUSTRY - CONVERSATIONS WITH A VETERAN HOLLYWOOD CASTING DIRECTOR New Second Edition of this significant book on the casting process for TV and film, told with compassion, wisdom, and brutal honesty by a veteran Hollywood casting director. Casting credits include "Frasier," "Arrested Development," and former Manager of Casting at NBC. Topics not found in any other book of it's kind include: The Different Styles of Auditioning For Each Type of TV Show, Film, Commercial, Webseries What is Sex Appeal, and How To Project It? Ten Secrets of Charisma: What We Are Drawn To and How To Enhance Your Own The Transition from Theatre to On-Camera Work. The Demystification of the Audition Process. Current Trends in Casting That Have Changed the Way We Cast. Revealing interviews with Broadway & Hollywood Actors. A Special Section for Parents of Gifted Young Actors. How to get jobs in TV and Film and Keep Them. REVIEWS FROM FIRST EDITION: Blessing to Actors!, June 12, 2012 by Great, the Alexander "This is a great education coming from a Pro, well established and fresh in the business! Why CDs think and act the way they do. Etiquette in the room, Agencies worth noting, Even hotspots in LA Night Life!! She writes so that you feel like you're actually in front of her, having a conversation. I met Cathy shortly after reading her book for the first time and can testify, there is nothing fake about her! She

represents everything she teaches and thus practices what she preaches. In her book she talks about loving actors who are genuinely great people inside. She is this, in the form of a casting director and educator." "There is SO much valuable information in this book for actors with all levels of experience. I keep it with my audition materials and handy for inspiration. Read this book, re-read, and use it as a reference. It will change your life, or at least your acting career for the better!"

(Applause Books). A master actor who's appeared in an enormous number of films, starring with everyone from Nicholson to Kermit the Frog, Michael Caine is uniquely qualified to provide his view of making movies. This revised and expanded edition features great photos, with chapters on: Preparation, In Front of the Camera Before You Shoot, The Take, Characters, Directors, On Being a Star, and much more. "Remarkable material ... A treasure ... I'm not going to be looking at performances quite the same way ... FASCINATING!" Gene Siskel

"Acting - The First Six Lessons" is a collection of essays by Richard Boleslavsky. Written in the form of a series of dialogues, these lessons aim to inform and instruct the budding actor on some of the basic principles of acting and learning to act. A novel approach to teaching acting techniques, this volume is highly recommended for novices and young actors or actresses looking to hone their abilities. Richard Boleslavsky (1889 – 1937) was a Polish theatre director, actor and teacher. Other notable works by this author include: "The Way of the Lancer" (1932), "Lances Down" (1932), and "New Features in Acting" (1935). Contents include: "Richard Boleslavsky", "Introduction", "The First Lesson", "The Second Lesson", "The Third Lesson", "The Fourth Lesson", "The Fifth Lesson", and "The Sixth Lesson". Many vintage books such as this are increasingly scarce and expensive. It is with this in mind that we are republishing this volume now in an affordable, modern, high-quality edition complete with a specially-commissioned new biography of the author.

A vital companion for actors in rehearsal - a thesaurus of action-words to revitalise performance, with a foreword by Terry Johnson. Finding the right action is an essential part of the process of preparation for the actor. Using this thesaurus of active verbs, the actor can refine the action-word until s/he hits exactly the right one to help make the action come alive. The method of 'actioning' is widely used in rehearsal rooms, but has never before been set down in a systematic and comprehensive way. 'If you want to act, or act better, Actions will take you a long way on the journey to excellence' Terry Johnson

This clearly written guide to the Stanislavski method has long been a favorite among students and teachers of acting. Now, in light of books and articles recently published in the Soviet Union, Sonia Moore has made revisions that include a new section on the subtext of a role. She provides detailed explanations of all the methods that actors in training have found indispensable for more than twenty years. Designed to create better actors, this guide will put individuals in touch with themselves and increase personal sensitivity as well.

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.

Explains how plays are structured, looks at theatrical exposition, theme, and images, and shows how to analyze a play and understand its production

This volume offers strategic approaches to auditioning for women, men, and non-binary actors of the global majority. It provides a fresh approach from the perspectives of two directors of color who are also actors working in theater, film, and television.

Provides acting students with specific advice on handling every possible auditioning situation and offers behind-the-scenes stories about the beginning days of such stars as Barbra Streisand, Dustin Hoffman, and Lily Tomlin

Secrets of Acting Shakespeare isn't a book that gently instructs. It's a passionate, yes-you-can designed to prove that anybody can act Shakespeare. By explaining how Elizabethan actors had only their own lines and not entire playscripts, Patrick Tucker shows how much these plays work by ear. Secrets of Acting Shakespeare is a book for actors trained and amateur, as well as for anyone curious about how the Elizabethan theater worked.

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