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The Intent to Live

A Hollywood coach introduces a twelve-part acting method that has been utilized by some of today's top stars and draws on the traditions of performance masters, sharing behind-the-scenes anecdotes while explaining how to apply her techniques

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to create genuine characters, disseminate scripts, and audition effectively. Reprint. 20,000 first printing.

Acting For Real

"Jack Garfein's book is a touching reminder of our early attempts at creating theater without artifice. It is good to know that he is still working hard at it."---Ben Gazzara Having arrived in America as a teenage Holocaust survivor, Jack Garfein would soon rise to the top of his field as a teacher and practitioner. He has worked with a who's who of twentieth-century acting, especially those associated with the Actors Studio, the West Coast branch of which he founded. Life and Acting is the product of more than sixty years in the worlds of theater and film, offering the kind of insight gained only through experience. Garfein distills his knowledge into a holistic learning technique. Beginning mostly with memoir, focusing on his own education in the theater and describing how his exposure to artists working in other media---particularly painters and writers---contributed to his understanding of acting, Garfein goes on to offer thirty-seven detailed lessons teaching acting techniques for the stage and applying his principles to acting in front of a camera. Life and Acting is an invaluable resource that belongs on the bookshelf of every actor and acting teacher.

Break a Leg!

“An Actor Prepares” is a 1936 guide to acting by Konstantin Stanislavski. Konstantin Sergeievich Stanislavski (1863 – 1938) was an influential Russian theatre practitioner. He was himself a highly-esteemed character actor and directed many successful productions. However, he is most famous for his 'system' of learning to act, focusing on training, preparation, and technique. This was the first of Stanislavski's book on acting. Concentrating on preparation, it offers the aspiring actor or actress tips and instructions on how they should prepare for performances. This seminal volume constitutes a must-have for all with an interest in acting and the work of Stanislavski. Contents include: “The First Test”, “When Acting Is An Art”, “Action”, “Imagination”, “Concentration”, “Of Attention”, “Relaxation Of Muscles”, “Units And Objectives”, “Faith And A Sense Of Truth”, “Emotion Memory”, “Communion”, “Adaptation”, “Inner Motive Forces”, “The Unbroken Line”, “The Inner Creative”, “State”, etc. 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 Life-coaching Approach to Screen Acting

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First published in 1994. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

Life and Acting

Amy Lyndon is Hollywood's Premiere Booking Coach and creator of the revolutionary Lyndon Technique: The 15 Guideline Map To Booking Handbook. Besides being a Coach and Mentor, she is also an Actress, Award Winning Director, Producer, Casting Director, and was a CEO of a successful Personal Management Company for 9 years. Her clients are Series Regulars, Guest Leads and Starring in Feature Films around the globe. Some of her Clients include: Nadine Velazquez (My Name is Earl), Adam Brody (The OC), Christel Khalil (The Young and the Restless), Hosea Chanchez (The Game), Sterling Knight (Sonny with a Chance), Kenton Duty (Shake It Up), Matthew J. Evans (Bad Teacher) and Raini Rodriguez (Austin and Ally). Lyndon won one of the Best Cold Reading Teachers in Los Angeles Backstage Magazine 2010, 2011 and 2012! The Lyndon Technique proves to be a practical approach to auditioning and booking the job on the first take. Each chapter provides detailed insight into each of Lyndon's 15 Guideline Map to Booking Technique. Lyndon travels Internationally to teach the principles of Booking, Marketing and running a successful business as an Actor. The information is applicable no matter where you live or where you are in your career.

The Power of the Actor

A new theory of acting that tears down the theatrical "Fourth Wall"

Telling Stories

A comprehensive manual for acting and theater, discussing improvisation, voice projection, breathing exercises, script analysis, and technical aspects of theater production.

Audition

Practiced by such actors of stature as Marlon Brando, Robert De Niro, Julie Harris, Dustin Hoffman, and Ellen Burstyn (not to mention the late James Dean) the Method offers a practical application of the renowned Stanislavsky technique. On Method Acting demystifies the "mysteries" of Method acting -- breaking down the various steps into clear and simple terms, including chapters on: Sense Memory -- the most vital component of Method acting Improvisation -- without it, the most integral part of the Method is lost Animal Exercises -- just one way to combat the mental blocks that prevent actors from grasping a character Creating The Outer Character -- so actors can give the freshness of originality to a role while at the

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same time living the life of the character On Method Acting is also an indispensable volume for directors, designers, lighting technicians, and anyone in the dramatic arts interested in creating a believable and realistic effect in their productions.

Acting Techniques for Everyday Life

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

The Actor's Art and Craft

Most people can name at least one situation—a business presentation, a job interview, a cocktail party, or a blind date—in which they felt uncomfortable, nervous, or simply self-conscious. Jane Marla Robbins, a successful stage and film actress and teacher for almost forty years, found that she could use the same acting techniques she employed to look and feel confident on stage and screen to make herself feel more comfortable in "real-life" situations. In clear and accessible language, Robbins describes acting techniques that actors having been using for centuries and explains—using real-life examples and easy-to-follow exercises—how each can be used by ordinary people to make difficult everyday situations easier to handle. Acting Techniques for Everyday Life will teach readers how to create a

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sense of well-being and self-confidence at will, giving them the tools they need to be as confident, strong, witty, authentic, relaxed, and happy as they want to be in any given situation.

On Method Acting

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.

Building A Character

In order to bring a character to life, it is beneficial for animators to have a solid understanding of acting principles, and this book examines the important skills behind the artistry of creating animated characters. With a particular emphasis on a character's motions and movement, this unique resource covers the basic elements of acting for CG animation and then progresses to more advanced topics such as internal intent and motivation. Note: CD-ROM/DVD and other supplementary materials are not included as part of eBook file.

Action!

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.

Acting in Person and in Style

An Actor's Companion

What should an actor be thinking onstage? This overlooked, important question is the crux of this new book that combines psychological theory, numerous practical exercises, and a thorough and wide-reaching examination of inner monologue in various forms including film, musical theatre, and comedy.

Acting: Basic Skills

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Appropriate for both fundamental and advanced levels, the authors ground their commentary on actor training on the process of personalization and the innovative approaches to voice and movement training. They define the personalization process as one in which the actor discovers and explores in the self, characteristics, qualities, attitudes, and experiences that are legitimate dimensions of the role being created. Part I transitions from essential ingredients used in creating a role, such as focusing and speaking, to guidelines for auditioning and rehearsing, including role analysis. The discussions of basic acting principles are supported by skills-building exercises. Part II explores historical performance styles and shows how basic stylistic elements can be freshly adapted for modern audiences. Thus, in Part II, the authors center their discussions of voice, movement, character, and emotion around theatrical styles prevalent during certain historical periods and around sound acting theories gleaned from a wide range of acting traditions. Each chapter in this part ends with a helpful checklist that summarizes voice, movement, gesture, and other elements common to the era discussed.

Using the Stanislavsky System

Aimed at all practising and would-be actors.

Acting

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.

An Analysis of Zeami's Three Fundamental Acting Techniques with an Emphasis on Their Possible Significance to the Western Actor

Contains step-by-step exercises and improvisations for the actor, including how to use the body and voice, the rehearsal process, auditions, and performance

The Lyndon Technique

A 'fast-forward' acting course covering all the essential techniques an actor needs to know and use - with a suite of exercises to put each technique into practice. The Acting Book offers various ways to analyse a text and to create character, using not only the established processes of Stanislavsky and Meisner, but also new ones

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developed by the author over many years of teaching drama students. It also sets out a wide range of rehearsal techniques and improvisations, and it brims over with inventive practical exercises designed to stimulate the actor's imagination and build confidence. The book will be invaluable to student actors as an accompaniment to their training, to established actors who wish to refresh their technique, and to drama teachers at every level. 'Abbott knows what he's talking about and has a gift for expressing himself in straightforward, clutter-free language' *The Stage on Improvisation in Rehearsal*

Inner Monologue in Acting

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

Encyclopedia of Acting Techniques

"I was totally unprepared for the transformation that Seth's technique created in me. . . . I realized that what I thought I knew about acting up to that point was largely misguided . . . but I now had a great, talented, dedicated teacher who generously wanted to share his tools with everyone. There is muscularity, not to mention wisdom and truth to Seth's techniques. He is a wonderful teacher, and I

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know that having him as my first guide is one of the luckiest things to have happened to me in my career and life. And when I can't get back to class with him, I am so grateful I have this book to turn to."—Anne Hathaway "This book is truly unlike anything else I know—these pieces are haikus on specific elements of performance and character building."—Philip Himberg, executive director, Sundance Theatre Institute A collection of practical acting tips, tools, and exercises, *An Actor's Companion* is ideal for both the seasoned professionals and actors-in-training. The tips—all simple, direct, and useful—are easy to understand and even easier to apply, in both rehearsal and in performance. Seth Barrish is an actor, teacher, and the co-artistic director of The Barrow Group in New York City. In his thirty-year career, he has directed the award-winning shows *My Girlfriend's Boyfriend* (Lucille Lortel Award for Best Solo Show, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle nominations for Best Solo Show), *Sleepwalk With Me* (Nightlife Award for Outstanding Comedian in a Major Performance), *The Tricky Part* (Obie Award, Drama Desk nominations for Best Play and Best Solo Show), *Pentecost* (Drama Desk nomination for Best Play), *Old Wicked Songs* (Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Award and Garland Award for Best Direction), and *Good* (Straw Hat Award for Best Direction), among dozens of others.

The Acting Book

Sanford Meisner was one of the best known and beloved teachers of acting in the

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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

Captivate

Honed by the author's 35 years of teaching, this advanced book offers different warm-up exercises concentrating on the actor's sense of smell, sound, sight, and touch; sensory tools for conveying the climate and environment of the text; tips for suggesting a character's physical conditions; and much more. Individual exercises will help actors to free the voice and body, create a character, find the action and condition of scenes, and explore the subconscious for effective emotional recall. Readers will also find meticulous guidelines for best using rehearsal time and

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preparing for in-class scene work. The foreword is written by two-time Academy Award nominee Edward Norton. Those who act, direct, or teach will not want to miss the acting lessons that have made T. Schreiber Studio a premier actor training program.

Stella Adler

Suitable for professional and student actors, and for acting teachers, this book explains how to create a character in plays of various period, using the Stanislavsky system. It also covers the way men and women moved, stood, and sat in the clothing they wore; and, the use of accessories such as fans, swords, snuffboxes, gloves, and hats.

An Actor Prepares

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Stage Acting Techniques

A comprehensive step-by-step how-to guide for the beginner movie actor.

Sanford Meisner on Acting

"Wish you knew exactly what to say in awkward social situations? Do you want a formula for charisma? Do you want to know exactly what to say to your boss, your date, or your mother-in-law? You need to know how people work. As a human behavior investigator, Vanessa Van Edwards studies the hidden forces that drive our behavior patterns in her lab--and she's cracked the code. In *Captivate* she shares a wealth of valuable shortcuts, systems and behavior hacks for taking charge of their interactions at work, at home, and in any social situation. These aren't the people skills you learned in school. This is the first comprehensive, science backed, real life manual on human behavior and a completely new approach to building

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connections. Just like knowing the right formulas to use in chemistry, or the right programming language to write code, the hacks in this book are simple ways to solve for people. For example: -The Social Game Plan: Every party, networking event and social situation has a predictable map - discover how to work a room and the sweet spot for making the most connections. -The 7 Microexpressions: Learn how to speed-read the 7 universal facial expressions and how they can be used to predict people's emotions. -Conversation Sparks: All conversations can be hacked--if you know how certain words generate dopamine in the people you meet. When you understand the laws of human behavior you can get along with anyone, and your influence, impact, and income will increase as a result. What's more, you will improve your interpersonal intelligence, make a killer first impression, and build rapport quickly and authentically in any situation--negotiations, interviews, parties, and pitches. You will never interact in the same way again"--

Acting as a Business

Building a Character is one of the three volumes that make up Stanislavski's The Acting Trilogy. An Actor Prepares explores the inner preparation an actor must undergo in order to explore a role to the full. In this volume, Sir John Gielgud said, this great director "found time to explain a thousand things that have always troubled actors and fascinated students." Building a Character discusses the

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external techniques of acting: the use of the body, movement, diction, singing, expression, and control. *Creating a Role* describes the preparation that precedes actual performance, with extensive discussions of Gogol's *The Inspector General* and Shakespeare's *Othello*. Sir Paul Scofield called *Creating a Role* "immeasurably important" for the actor. These three volumes belong on any actor's short shelf of essential books.

Acting in Film

"*Telling Stories: A Grand Unifying Theory of Acting Techniques* is an essential resource for professional actors, acting students and teachers, or anyone who wants to better understand the evolution of modern acting theory. This guidebook provides a history of acting theories and training and describes techniques that enable an actor to inhabit a character. In the book are numerous acting exercises that illustrate each method, as well as advice on performing Shakespeare and on developing scripts." "*Telling Stories* is an important addition to any theatrical library and can serve as the basis for acting and theater courses across a wide range of levels."--BOOK JACKET.

Acting in Real Time

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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.

Acting in Musical Theatre

Intended for actors, directors, teachers and researchers, this book offers an exceptionally clear and thorough introduction to the renowned acting technique developed by Michael Chekhov. Sinéad Rushe's book provides a complete overview of the whole method, and includes illuminating explanations of its principles, as well as a wide range of practical exercises that illustrate, step by step, how they can be applied to dramatic texts. Part One provides an outline of the ideas that underpin the work, which help to prepare practitioners to become responsive and receptive, and to awaken their imagination. Part Two charts a journey through the foundational psychophysical exercises that can both orient an actor's training routine and be applied directly to the development of a role. Part Three focuses on more specific and elaborate methods of scene work, characterisation and the art of transformation. Drawing on the full range of Chekhov's writing in English and French, this book also examines unpublished material from the Dartington Hall archives and features interviews with actors who have worked with the technique, including Simon Callow and Joanna Merlin. It illustrates Chekhov's approach by

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referring to Rushe's own productions of Nikolai Gogol's short story Diary of a Madman and Shakespeare's Othello, as well as characters and scenes in Sarah Kane's Blasted and the contemporary American television series Breaking Bad. Michael Chekhov's Acting Technique is an accessible, comprehensive and contemporary point of reference for those already trained in the method, as well as an initiation and toolkit for practitioners who are just beginning to discover it.

Acting Techniques for Everyday Life

A unique survey of the twentieth century's most influential acting methods, offering invaluable practical insights for actors and drama teachers. Each of the ten famous techniques included in this handbook is described in detail by one of today's foremost practitioners. Each chapter outlines the development of the respective technique and offers practical guidance for actors wishing to explore it for themselves. • Lee Strasberg Technique by Anna Strasberg • Stella Adler Technique by Tom Oppenheim • Sanford Meisner Technique by Victoria Hart • Michael Chekhov Technique and The Mask by Per Brahe • Uta Hagen's Technique by Carol Rosenfeld • Physical Acting Inspired by Grotowski by Stephen Wangh • The Viewpoints by Mary Overlie • Practical Aesthetics by Robert Bella • Interdisciplinary Training by Fritz Ertl • Neo-classical Training by Louis Scheeder 'a remarkable and significant book The thing that makes it so special is that editor Arthur Bartow brings together chapters on all the major practitioners written by

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other highly respected teachers and practitioners' [ReviewsGate.com](#)

Acting

Combining life-coaching and screen-acting tools and techniques in one accessible handbook, this guide empowers actors to overcome personal inhibitions and approach their work, characters and careers with the assuredness to produce powerful, real and believable acting on screen. Structured to build confidence and understanding of yourself before you take on the role of someone else, this book offers the tools and techniques to give you the necessary conviction and self-assurance to perform uninhibited. Dresner then examines essential elements of a screen actor's craft, such as emotions, imagination, nerves, focus, listening, improvisation and line-learning. Published in partnership with The Actor's Centre, the book includes online videos of coaching sessions with professional actors and is ideal for readers and teachers looking to replicate the method in their own training.

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Amateur Theatricals

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Handbook of Acting Techniques

Acting: Basic Skills (Second Edition) by J.M. Salter is a small, inexpensive acting text for beginners and non-majors that can fit in a student's back pocket. The text is designed to give the student necessary skills before embarking upon scene analysis and self-study. Instructors can use this book as a supplement or a primary textbook for a beginning acting laboratory class. "Acting: Basic Skills" helps students start monologue/scene work early by providing a useful, handy reference.

Masking Unmasked

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(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

Michael Chekhov's Acting Technique

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. Updates in this expanded and revised second edition include: A brand new companion website for students and teachers, including Powerpoint lecture slides, sample syllabi, and checklists for projects and exercises. Learning outcomes for each chapter to guide teachers and students through the book's core ideas and lessons New style overviews for pop and jukebox musicals Extensive updated professional insights from field testing with students, young professionals, and industry showcases Full-colour production images, bringing each chapter to life 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.

A Film Actor's Technique

Acting with masks is one of the most ancient stage techniques still in use today. Masking Unmasked is a basic guide to using this ancient art to develop character and movement in four sections that correspond to mask size: Full-Face Masks, Clowning, Bag Masks, and Half-Face Masks. Each section addresses fundamental acting principles and shows how the ancient technique can be applied to the contemporary stage. It is the perfect book to use as background to traditional, non-masked acting principles. For instance, mask acting provides a great way of strengthening core acting skills. Actors in masks experience the primary goal of acting because they are required to tap into profound physical, vocal, emotional, and psychological transformations in the course of creating a character. In addition, masking promotes honest, believable, and detailed work. Illustrated profusely throughout, the hands-on exercises developed by Simon teach actors to shift cleanly between beats, execute moment-to-moment specificity, unleash creative impulses, take risks and expand character range, power and vulnerability. Masking Unmasked is a book of ancient acting techniques that are indispensable for the actor of today.

The Art of Acting

The one and only book on successfully staging amateur productions. In this book, drama teachers and community directors are given everything they need to know about picking the right show; licensing, casting, and budgeting; organizing a schedule; costumes, makeup, staging, lighting, and music; tickets, fundraising, programs, cast parties, and more. Illustrated with help plans and photos from actual productions. * Perfect for nonprofit organizations' fundraising theater events and community theater groups * Complete with an extensive resource section * Illustrated with help plans and great photos from actual productions

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