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For nearly a decade, Jackie Apodaca and Michael Kostroff shared duties as advice columnists for the actors' trade paper, Backstage. Their highly popular weekly feature, "The Working Actor," fielded questions from actors all over the country. A cross between "Dear Abby" and The Hollywood Reporter, their column was a fact-based, humorous, compassionate take on the questions actors most wanted answered. Using some of their most interesting, entertaining, and informative columns as launch points, Answers from "The Working

Actor" guides readers through the ins and outs (and ups and downs) of the acting industry. Apodaca and Kostroff share an approach that is decidedly "on the ground." They've both labored in the trenches just like their readers—dealing with auditions, classes, photos, résumés, rehearsals, contract negotiations, representatives, jobs, challenging colleagues, and the search for that elusive life/career balance. There are few absolutes in the acting profession and virtually no proven and reliable steps. Unlike books that claim to offer "Quick Steps to a Successful Acting Career," Answers from "The Working Actor" deals honestly with the realities, providing facts, options, strategies, stories, points of view, and the wisdom of experience, while ultimately challenging readers to make their own decisions. This book will give new actors a head start on their journeys and remind experienced professionals that, in the acting business, there is never only one answer to any question. In film, television and theatre, scripts often demand that actors reach intense emotional places. Great actors know how to personalize these emotions. They make them real, they make them specific, and they make us remember them. This book demystifies the process by breaking it down into simple, straightforward technique. For the first time in an acting book, artists are given the opportunity to improve their emotional intelligence with extensive exercises and a format for writing down important details and discoveries. 27 The External Creative State in Performance -- 28 General Creative State in Performance -- 29 The 'System' -- Appendices -- Endnotes -- Glossary of Key Terms -- Afterword by Anatoly Smeliansky Have you ever dreamed about becoming an actor or commercial model but had no idea how to get started? Or, how to take your current career to the next level? Do you live in a small market and think

*there is no work available, can't find an agent or afraid of being scammed? Actors and commercial models of all ages and sizes, beautiful and real looking, are cast for magazine, newspaper and billboard ads and in TV commercials, films and TV shows. From getting discovered to landing your dream audition and role, How to Become a Successful Actor and Model is the ultimate step-by-step, no luck required guide to becoming a successful actor and model. For over 34 years, Aaron Marcus has worked as a full-time actor and commercial model, booking over 1,250 jobs. Some of his many bookings includes: Gotham, House of Cards, Heart of Life, Irresistible, Thespian, Philomena, Halt and Catch Fire, Project Almanac, The Wire and Do No Harm. He has taken all of the strategies, techniques and lessons he has learned over his career and boiled them down into a simple, sensible, engaging, and fun approach to how actors and models can book the job! This book explains how he did it, and how you can too. Aaron teaches you, in a practical, honest, and economical way, his secrets and strategies for getting started and succeeding no matter where you live. Aaron has written this book to not only help those wanting to break into the industry, but also to help those actors and models who want to take their career to the next level. The chapters in How to Become a Successful Actor and Model are: 1. What is Commercial Modeling? 2. Preparation for Commercial Modeling 3. Head Shots 4. Resumes 5. Composite Sheets 6. Makeup 7. Finding a Good Agent 8. How to Get Work 9. How to Work as a Professional Model 10. Auditioning (Including – How to Shoot Home Auditions) 11. The Realities of Being a Full-time Actor and Model 12. Now What Do You Do? 13. Resources **Bonus** Free list of over 500 agents (agents from every state in the U.S.) and in other countries as well A sophisticated*

analysis of how the intersection of technique, memory, and imagination inform performance, this book redirects the intercultural debate by focusing exclusively on the actor at work. Alongside the perspectives of other prominent intercultural actors, this study draws from original interviews with Ang Gey Pin (formerly with the Workcenter of Jerzy Grotowski and Thomas Richards) and Roberta Carreri (Odin Teatret). By illuminating the hidden creative processes usually unavailable to outsiders--the actor's apprenticeship, training, character development, and rehearsals--Nascimento both reveals how assumptions based on race or ethnicity are misleading, trouble definitions of intra- and intercultural practices, and details how performance analyses and claims of appropriation fail to consider the permanent transformation of the actor's identity that cultural transmission and embodiment represent. The camera enables us to see right into a character's soul, revealing his or her innermost thoughts and emotions. Screen acting requires a more rigorously truthful and spontaneous performance than the stage, as well as very different technical expertise. From Stage to Screen is a handbook for the professional actor packed with advice on how to make the transition and fully prepare for a TV or film role. The book is divided into three sections: the first examines the relationship between the actor and the camera and how it differs from that of a performer with a stage audience; the second addresses the technical skills the screen actor needs in order to work as part of a large collaborative team and 'make the shot work'; and the third explores the very different experience of an actor working on a screen project, including getting the job, how to prepare properly, what to expect and how to manage the whole process, from casting through to ADR, in order to deliver

*the very best work. In *Stanislavski and the Actor*, Stanislavski scholar and biographer Jean Benedetti has recovered materials that can stand as a final, last work by the great director and teacher. In this volume readers will find the first English text of Stanislavski's notes and practical exercises from these last sessions. This is a major rediscovered work by Stanislavski, full of new ideas and insights about his working method. To the original materials Jean Benedetti adds his own analysis of Stanislavski's approach to acting and rehearsal methods. The master's own summary of a lifetime of theatrical experience, *Stanislavski and the Actor* will quickly become an essential tool for actors, students, and teachers everywhere. Stanislavski's 'system' has dominated actor-training in the West since his writings were first translated into English in the 1920s and 30s. His systematic attempt to outline a psycho-physical technique for acting single-handedly revolutionized standards of acting in the theatre. Until now, readers and students have had to contend with inaccurate, misleading and difficult-to-read English-language versions. Some of the mistranslations have resulted in profound distortions in the way his system has been interpreted and taught. At last, Jean Benedetti has succeeded in translating Stanislavski's huge manual into a lively, fascinating and accurate text in English. He has remained faithful to the author's original intentions, putting the two books previously known as *An Actor Prepares* and *Building A Character* back together into one volume, and in a colloquial and readable style for today's actors. The result is a major contribution to the theatre, and a service to one of the great innovators of the twentieth century. This Routledge Classics edition includes a new Foreword by the director Richard Eyre. *The Actor at Work* presents experiential exercises designed to help students develop a complete*

understanding of the physical, vocal, analytical, and ethical aspects of acting. For more than thirty years, Robert Benedetti's highly acclaimed The Actor at Work has offered students a thorough focus on the underlying principles of the acting process. Elizabeth Bernhardt loves Jesus. She also loves acting. But marrying the two has been a confusing endeavor. Even after trying to "make it" in New York and earning a graduate degree in theatre, the path still seemed unclear. As she continued to struggle with the boundary-blurring, temptations, and emotional struggles of the actor's life, Elizabeth knew there must be a better way. Part memoir, part research project, part Bible study, The Power of Pretend: An Actor's Struggle to Unite Faith & Work is Elizabeth's vulnerable invitation to wrestle alongside her as she seeks to take both her faith and her work seriously. It's a book for Christians and non-Christians, artists and non-artists. Asked with equal parts introspection and humor, investigation and poetry, The Power of Pretend contains a challenge for every reader: Why do you do what you do? "Elizabeth is genuine and funny as she reflects on her own experiences and challenges all of us, even the nonactors like myself, to live integrated lives." -Blake Schwarz Director of The Pegasus Institute, Park Cities Presbyterian Church, Dallas, TX"Her raw, real and thoughtful struggles will help other artists realize their journey is both meaningful and relevant. This book is a perfect example of what it means to wrestle with God." -Rev. Joel and Michelle Pelsue Co-founders, Arts & Entertainment Ministries, Los Angeles, CA"As a professor of film, including a class on acting for the camera, this will be one of my new textbooks." -Dr. Arnold Ytreeide Ph.D., Director, The Film School @ NNU, Northwest Nazarene University Stanislavski's 'system' has dominated actor-training in the West since

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circumstances. One fateful evening, Eva climbs through a window in Grace's room, setting off a chain of stolen nights on the beach. When Eva tells Grace that she likes girls, Grace's world opens up and she begins to believe in happiness again. *How to Make a Wish* is an emotionally charged portrait of a mother and daughter's relationship and a heartfelt story about two girls who find each other at the exact right time. 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. Real conversations with working actors at all levels --Broadway darlings, feature film heartthrobs, commercial pitchmen, sitcom series regulars, standup comedians, and on-air

personalities. These candid stories focus on the creative process and maintaining emotional balance in a difficult profession and are humorous and motivational. A photograph and biography accompany each first-person account. Includes: * how they got their first agents * how they prepare for roles * who their favorite actors are

Acting Qs is both an inspirational volume for aspiring actors and a delightful peek into the personal lives of the actors whose work we know so well. In his most famous book, *An Actor Prepares*, Stanislavski dealt with the imaginative processes. In the second book, *Building a Character*, he deals with the physical realisation of character on the stage, expressions, movement and speech etc. It is a book in which every theory is inextricably bound up with practice - a perfect handbook to the physical art of acting. The work of Stanislavski has inspired generations of actors and trainers. This edition, now reprinted with a new cover at a more accessible price, has stood the test of time for actors all over the world and was the original English language translation. A classic text for every actors library. An Actor must work all his life, cultivate his mind, train his talents systematically, develop his character; he may never despair and never relinquish this main purpose - to love his art with all his strength and love it unselfishly. (Constantin Stanislavski)

The celebrated survival guide for the working actor - now completely updated and expanded with a foreword by Tony award-winning actor Joe Mantegna! Renowned for more than two decades as the most comprehensive resource for actors, *How to Be a Working Actor* is a must-read for achieving success in *The Business*. Now this "Bible of the Biz" has been completely revised and greatly expanded to address new markets, ever-changing opportunities, and the many new ways today's actors find work. Talent manager, teacher, and

career coach Mari Lyn Henry and actress, author, and spokeswoman Lynne Rogers combine their extensive skills and years of experience to cover all the essentials of how to market yourself, land roles, and manage a successful career. They also include expert advice from scores of other industry experts - well-known actors, agents, managers, casting directors, and teachers. How to Be a Working Actor is loaded with advice on how to: - put together a professional wardrobe - get a head shot that brings out the real you - create a resume that really works - find the training to develop your talents - communicate effectively with agents and managers - use the internet to promote your business and explore new opportunities - get the most value out of union membership - excel at auditions and screen tests - discover how to get work in regional markets - cope with success How to Be a Working Actor takes a no-nonsense approach to the whole business of being a working actor, with detailed information on how to live on a budget in New York and Los Angeles, what the acting jobs are and what they pay, even how to find a survival strategy that will augment your career. And an extensive section on script analysis shows you how to investigate the depth of a character to create a memorable audition for roles in theatre, film, and television. An Actor's Work on a Role is Konstantin Stanislavski's exploration of the rehearsal process, applying the techniques of his seminal actor training system to the task of bringing truth to one's chosen role. Originally published over half a century ago as Creating a Role, this book was the third in a planned trilogy – after An Actor Prepares and Building a Character, now combined in An Actor's Work – in which Stanislavski sets out his psychological, physical and practical vision of actor training. This new translation from renowned scholar Jean

Benedetti not only includes Stanislavski's original teachings, but is also furnished with invaluable supplementary material in the shape of transcripts and notes from the rehearsals themselves, reconfirming 'The System' as the cornerstone of actor training.

BREAKING AND ENTERING: A MANUAL FOR THE WORKING ACTOR IN FILM STAGE AND TV 'I consider this book a precious report that permits one to assimilate some of those simple and basic principles which the self-taught at times come to know, yet only after years of groping and errors. The book furnishes information regarding discoveries which the actor can understand in practice, without having to start each time from zero. Thomas Richards has worked with me systematically since 1985. Today he is my essential collaborator in the research dedicated to Art as Vehicle.' - from the Preface by Jerzy Grotowski

The Work of an Actor sets a new industry standard that provides reference tools like no other. As a result, it delivers a wealth of clear, detailed instructions and inspiration for giving unforgettably captivating performances for actors of all levels. With more than twenty years of experience in acting, coaching, and directing, Michael Woolson not only shares the essential foundation and mechanics of acting in a clear and concise manner but he also demystifies sitcom technique, playing a killer, creating authentic fear, making sense of bad direction, how to audition effectively, and building layered character work. A must-read for aspiring actors, An Actor Prepares is an essential guide to acting and character performance, written by the father of 'method acting' Constantin Stanislavski. First published in 1936, this volume is brimming with inspiring methods for anyone interested in the craft of acting. In the book, Stanislavski teaches the fundamentals of his 'system' of learning to act, detailing the essentials of training,

*preparation and technique, and providing readers with the building blocks of great character acting. The narrative format in which it is written allows for classic techniques to be brought into practice today. The contents of this volume includes: - When Acting is an Art - Concentration of Attention - Relaxation of Muscles - Emotion Memory - The Inner Creative State - On the Threshold of the Subconscious Stanislavski is considered the original thinker for the basis of many modern acting techniques and theories, with his method inspiring countless decades of those studying theatre. This edition by Read & Co. Books features an introductory biography of the author and is an essential text for any actor's library. "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 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. *Working on the Inside* goes backstage into the inner lives of respected actors like Liam Neeson, Vanessa Williams, Phylicia Rashad, Edward Herrmann, Kristin Chenoweth and many others to reveal the deep spirituality each one relies on in their lives and work. Visit our website for sample chapters! Competition for acting work is fierce, and although talent is important, actors need all the help they can get. Now in its fourth edition, this practical, comprehensive guide contains invaluable information and advice to enable actors to make the most of: drama schools; audition speeches and sight-readings; letters, CVs and photographs; finding and working with an agent; auditions for musicals; the fringe; interviews; TV, commercials and films; voice-overs; the Internet; Equity. The author, an experienced director, has drawn on his own knowledge and also on the experience of numerous other professionals to produce a book that has become the standard work of reference for actors of all ages. In the first book-length study of the work and legacy of West End actor-manager George Alexander since the 1930s, *George Alexander and the Work of the Actor Manager* examines the key part this figure played in presenting new drama by authors

including Oscar Wilde and Henry James. The book sheds new light on the figure of the actor-manager, assessing in detail the influence of Alexander within and beyond his time. At the St. James's Theatre in London between 1891 and 1918, through a range of strategies including the support of new writers, and adaptation of fiction to the stage, Alexander sustained professional status through practices that continue to be reflected in the cultural industries today. A range of evidence is employed including production reviews, anecdotal accounts, financial records, and personal correspondence, to reveal how he operated as a business entrepreneur as well as an artistic innovator. Despite their considerable presence in Hollywood, extras and working actors have received scant attention within film and media studies as significant contributors to the history of the industry. Looking not to the stars but to these supporting players in film, television, and, recently, streaming programming, Below the Stars highlights such actors as precarious laborers whose work as freelancers has critically shaped the entertainment industry throughout the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. By addressing ordinary actors as a labor force, Kate Fortmueller proposes a media industry history that positions underrepresented and quotidian experiences as the structural elements of the culture and business of Hollywood. Resisting a top-down assessment, Fortmueller explores the wrangling of labor unions and guilds that advocated for collective action for everyday actors and helped shape professional norms. She pulls from archival research, in-person interviews, and firsthand observation to examine a history that cuts across industry boundaries and situates actors as a labor group at the center of industrial and technological upheavals, with lasting implications for race, gender, and labor relations in Hollywood. It's extremely

difficult to be an actor, for many reasons: It's mostly unrewarding financially. It takes a lot of hard work before an actor even gets a part. A career is apt to be short-lived. The field is incredibly competitive. Cream does not always rise to the top. And yet actors young and old line up by the thousands wanting to do it. What fuels this desire? What is it that drives actors to withstand the frustration of not getting parts, of getting bad parts in bad plays, of being mistreated by directors, misunderstood by audiences, misinterpreted by critics? With a nod to the Paris Review's Writers at Work model, Actors at Work looks at the way some of our most respected stage and film actors today approach their calling. In a collection of interviews with a dozen artists, including Philip Seymour Hoffman, Patti LuPone, and Billy Crudup, the book explores not only the impetus to perform but also key topics about the process and profession, including the way actors approach a role, what techniques they use to deal with directors and other cast members, the ways in which they use their own personal lives in their work, and their influences, idols, and insecurities. The result is a book that actors will find indispensable and fans will find irresistible. What is it like to pursue a career in acting? Forty working actors comment on auditions, day jobs, agents, rejection, and what drives them to keep going when there is no work. These personal essays have been drawn from interviews with actors at different stages in their careers. Some have just begun; others have frequented Broadway, film, and television. They share stories of every aspect of being a professional actor, from heart-wrenching rejection, to the exhilaration of getting that first big part. Their often humorous stories, from the practical to the inspirational, will be invaluable for anyone studying acting or already embarking on a career. 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. 'You are an actor. You have worked hard to be an actor. You have made a considerable outlay, financially or emotionally, and often both, to do this. So do it. Do it with style. Do it wholeheartedly. Do it every day. Be a working actor.' Being a working actor isn't just about the days you spend rehearsing or performing. It's about approaching your chosen occupation with dedication, energy and focus, so that you always think of yourself

as an actor - especially on those days when you're not acting - and that every single day you do something, however small, to help further your career. Written by the Chairman of the Actors Centre, with over forty years' experience as an actor himself, The Working Actor is the essential guide to putting yourself in the best possible position to get work, to keep getting it, and to make a living from it. It covers a comprehensive range of topics including: Finding work: the types of jobs on offer, how to track them down, working with your agent Landing the job: nailing auditions and meetings (and how they can go wrong), writing a winning letter Promoting yourself: compiling a showreel, building your website, choosing (and resembling!) your headshots, networking both on- and offline Supporting yourself: choosing a suitable day job, joining Equity, staying positive, avoiding feeling isolated Each chapter features a work task to inspire you to reflect on what you've learned and to put your knowledge into practice. By the end of the book, armed with your own personal Working Actor Plan, you'll be ready to find your path in the industry, manage your career, and maximise your potential. The Working Actor is an inspiring, reassuring book for actors of all ages and backgrounds - from recent graduates, to more experienced professionals - who want to take their career to the next level. It won't teach you how to act - but it will teach you how to be an actor. 'Paul Clayton's great experience as a working actor shines through these pages. His passion for our profession remains undimmed, but he doesn't disguise the pitfalls and doldrums that are an inevitable part of an actor's life. Paul's book is an essential companion to anyone starting out, and pretty damn useful to those already out there. I only wish he'd written it forty years ago.' Alex Jennings *'The most comprehensive, informed and practical advice*

on the job of acting you are likely to find.' Paul Clarkson, Head of Acting, Bristol Old Vic Theatre School 'If you need advice as an aspiring actor, Paul Clayton is the man to go to. A must-have - and a good read too!' Anita Dobson Each year, hundreds of aspiring and experienced actors head to LA hoping to make it big in Hollywood. While many of them have their acting chops in shape, few realize what it actually takes to survive in Tinseltown. Even if they happen to make it onto a set, many are clueless about what's expected of them and how they should behave. *Acting in LA: How to Become a Working Actor in Hollywood* is exactly what these actors need: a handbook to arriving, surviving, and thriving on- and off-set in LA. Written by veteran Hollywood actor, acting coach, and acting teacher Kristina Sexton, this comprehensive guide takes no prisoners. With just enough snark to keep readers entertained—and on their toes—*Acting in LA* delivers solid advice on such topics as: Headshots, resumes, and reels How to find your “image” and market it The SAG/AFTRA debate Networking Agents and managers The importance of creating your own opportunities Maintaining a life outside of acting Setiquette On-set terminology And much more A comprehensive guide that can be utilized by actors either inside or outside Hollywood, *Acting in LA* relies on Kristina's real-life experience as a working actress and exposes the pleasures, pitfalls, and practicalities of pursuing a career in acting. Theoretically, the actor ought to be more sound in mind and body than other people, since he learns to understand the psychological problems of human beings when putting his own passions, his loves, fears, and rages to work in the service of the characters he plays. He will learn to face himself, to hide nothing from himself -- and to do so takes an insatiable curiosity about the human condition. from

the Prologue Uta Hagen, one of the world's most renowned stage actresses, has also taught acting for more than forty years at the HB Studio in New York. Her first book, Respect for Acting, published in 1973, is still in print and has sold more than 150,000 copies. In her new book, A Challenge for the Actor, she greatly expands her thinking about acting in a work that brings the full flowering of her artistry, both as an actor and as a teacher. She raises the issue of the actor's goals and examines the specifics of the actor's techniques. She goes on to consider the actor's relationship to the physical and psychological senses. There is a brilliantly conceived section on the animation of the body and mind, of listening and talking, and the concept of expectation. But perhaps the most useful sections in this book are the exercises that Uta Hagen has created and elaborated to help the actor learn his craft. The exercises deal with developing the actor's physical destination in a role; making changes in the self serviceable in the creation of a character; recreating physical sensations; bringing the outdoors on stage; finding occupation while waiting; talking to oneself and the audience; and employing historical imagination. The scope and range of Uta Hagen here is extraordinary. Her years of acting and teaching have made her as finely seasoned an artist as the theatre has produced. Acting in America has staggered to a dead end. Every year tens of thousands of aspiring actors pursue the Hollywood grail and chant the familiar strains of the Stanislavski "Method" in classrooms and studios across the nation. The initial liberating spirit of Stanislavski's experiments has long ago withered into rigid patterns of inhibitions and emotional introspection. According to Richard Hornby, the Method now "shackles American acting". With his iconoclastic new work, The End of Acting, Richard Hornby dismantles, tenet by tenet,

the American Method as promulgated by Lee Strasberg and other pretenders to the Stanislavski dynasty. Hornby separates the myth from the Method in his exploration of Stanislavski's original initiatives and the proprietary feud over his theories which continues even today. This book investigates how individual politicians and political parties strategically make use of the media to reach their political goals. Looking beyond a purely Americentric viewpoint, the chapters present data from more than ten Western democracies to argue that the media are both a source of information and an arena for political communication. This double functional role of the media is examined from both a theoretical and an empirical perspective, including chapters dealing with different aspects of politics - from campaigning to law making - and within different political contexts. The role of the news media is discussed from the perspective of the political actor, focusing on both the opportunities and the constraints the news media provide, resulting in a multidisciplinary text that will appeal to students and scholars of both communication and political science. Acting: Make It Your Business, written by an award-winning, veteran casting director, puts the power to land jobs and thrive in any medium - stage, film, TV, or the Internet - directly into the hands of the actor. This blunt, wise, and often hilarious guide overflows with cutting-edge audition, marketing, and networking strategies, combining traditional techniques with those best suited for the digital age. Well-known actors and powerful agents make cameos throughout, offering newcomers and working professionals alike a clear-eyed, uncensored perspective on survival and advancement within the entertainment industry. "Humorous and witty . . . Actors everywhere who are trying to succeed in the business, young or old, on stage or

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