

# Screen Plays



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In this fascinating survey of contemporary screen craft, David Cohen of Script and Variety magazines leads readers down the long and harrowing road every screenplay takes from idea to script to screen. In interviews with Hollywood screenwriters from across the board—Oscar winners and novices alike—Cohen explores what sets apart the blockbuster successes from the downright disasters. Tracing the fortunes of twenty-five films, including *Troy*, *Erin Brockovich*, *Lost in Translation*, and *The Aviator*, Cohen offers insider access to back lots and boardrooms, to studio heads, directors, and to the over-caffeinated screenwriters themselves. As the story of each film evolves from the drawing board to the big screen, Cohen proves that how a script is written, sold, developed, and filmed can be just as dramatic and intriguing as the movie itself—especially when the resulting movie is a fiasco. Covering films of all kinds—from tongue-in-cheek romps like John Waters's *A Dirty Shame* to Oscar winners like *Monster's Ball* and *The Hours*—*Screen Plays* is an anecdote-filled, often inspiring, always revealing look at the alchemy of the movie business. With Cohen as your expert guide, *Screen Plays* exposes how and why certain films (such as *Gladiator*) become "tent poles," those runaway successes every studio needs to survive, and others

become train wrecks. Full of critical clues on how to sell a script—and avoid seeing it destroyed before the director calls Action! —it's the one book every aspiring screenwriter will find irresistible.

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