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Editorial Review

Review

At last a book for the professional practitioners of filmmaking but accessible to the interested layman. The business of film, past, present and future, are researched in meticulous detail, helpful case studies and valuable personal observations. Most important, the book is full of insights into the digital age of distribution and production with a road map for the future development of the film business. If you are going to buy one book on the international business of film, this is it! *Sandy Lieberson, Chairman of Film London, former head of Fox*

This really is the complete guide to today's film industry. Right up to date, but with a real understanding of the journey that the industry has taken to get here. That understanding of the history is fundamental to an understanding of the present day challenges. Comprehensive and well researched; erudite and very readable. The balance between the "players" and the "business", is absolutely right throughout. Quite simply the book that all practitioners and industry players alike have been waiting for. Many, I suspect, may pretend to themselves that they know it already, but privately will keep the book near at hand for constant reference and self assurance. I know I will. *Ken Dearsley, Partner, DLA Piper Middle East LLP*

This book successfully accomplishes what many others on the same topic have failed to do. It not only captures the excitement of the international film industry, but it also delves deeply into its structure and practices. The author uses to full advantage his first-hand knowledge of the film business to develop a comprehensive analysis that will have enduring value for both film insiders and readers that are fascinated by this industry. *Joseph Lampel, Professor of Strategy, Cass Business School, City University London*

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