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Cinematography theory and practice image making for cinematographers directors and videographers

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As director of photography specializing in resources and commercials, he is now based in Los Angeles.His books include A Sense of Place; Motion Picture and Video Lighting and The Filmmaker's Pocket Reference. His work can be seen in www.BlainBrown.com. © 1996-2015, Amazon.com, Inc. or its affiliates The world of cinematography has changed more in recent years than it has been since 1929, when sound recording was introduced. New technologies, new tools and new methods have revolutionized the art and craft of visually telling stories. While some aspects of visual language, lighting and color are eternal, filming methods, workflow and cameras have changed radically. Even experienced artists have the need to upgrade and review new methods and equipment. These changes affect not only the director of photography, but also the director, camera assistants, gaffers and digital imaging technicians. Cinematography: Theory and Practice covers both art and the craftsmanship of cinematography and visual narrative. Few art forms are as connected to their tools and technology as to cinematography. Take your mastery of these new tools, techniques and roles to the next level with this cutting-edge screenplay from author and filmmaker Blain Brown. Whether you're a film student, just instilling the business, currently working in the industry and looking to move up to the next level, or an experienced professional who wants to update your knowledge of tools and techniques, this book provides both a basic introduction to these issues and more advanced and in-depth coverage of the subject. The companion site features additional material including lighting demonstrations, basic lighting methods, broadcast usage and other topics. Topics Include: Visual Language Visual Narrative Continuity and Coverage Cameras and Digital Sensors Exposure Techniques for Film and Video Colors in Depth Understanding Digital Images waveform, vectors, Test graphics Using linear video, gamma and log encoded Image control and rating in the set The tools and the basics of film lighting ASC-CDL, ACES and other new methods Optics and focus Camera Movement Set operations Green Screen, high speed and other topics Start your review of Cinematography: Theory and Practice: Image Creation for Filmmakers, Directors and Cameramen Feew , which was a hell of a read. I started reading this before I started studying film, and that might have been a mistake. Some chapters were easy, but others were harder to understand without a little background. So after a few months of studying movies in all their glory, it was a little easier to get past it. Definitely interesting when you're in business or at least already know something about it. 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I have many of the cinematography books on the market and found this the most interesting and easy to read. What I like is that Brown will give you a lot of heavy technical information if you wish, but also practice real life in anecdotes and defined protocols, as well as art history and theory. I really liked the chapter of color theory with examples of Natural. It looks like a quality book because the pages are full of bright photos and graphics. My only caveat is that some of the photos are too small to absorb properly. You have almost miniature photos for many of the It would be nice if they were bigger. There's a lot of information packed in this tome. There are quotes and news taken from various filmmakers and filmmakers. I recommend this to anyone interested in cinematography or cinema in general. ... more 'biblical' book of fantastic cinematography. Not only have I read in full, but it's also my Go To Book for whenever I need answers or find certain ways to illuminate specific scenes. Sometimes I use it for inspiring purposes and sometimes to check two technical specificities or a combination of these two :) Very informative, but feel free to jump around if you have a past in photography stop. My only problem with this book were the numerous typos and grammar errors in almost every chapter. Please hire a reviewer, Mr. Brown. The first half is useful as an overview for a layman (Filmspace, Visual Language, Lens Language, Camera Dynamics, Continuity, etc.), but the second half is probably only accessible given a more extensive background in photography, color theory and optics. Many of the later chapters are equipment enumerations and techniques specific to their use that can be difficult to follow without practical experience working with them. 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I love the art of cinematography. In another universe I'm a director. Superbly organized with compelling graphics and images, this comprehensive book is loaded with tons of useful information. Best of all is the video section that coherently explains the fascinating history of the video signal and the various formats that have evolved. The film and video combinations are also well done and help explain why despite the digital craze and the 24FPS hd advances, the more cinem I love the art of cinematography. In another universe I'm a director. Superbly organized with compelling graphics and images, this comprehensive book is loaded with tons of useful information. Best of all is the video section that coherently explains the fascinating history of the video signal and the various formats that have evolved. The film-to-video comparisons are also well done and help explain why, despite the digital craze and 24FPS hd advances, most filmmakers still prefer to shoot and why the projects originated in the film still look better. This book can be a bit dry in parts and very technically oriented to types of non-cinematographic schools. But almost anyone with a casual interest in cinematography will find something to like and learn in this 300-page bible of cinematography. ... more This book provides a broad overview of the technical aspects of cinematography, and seems to be reliable, but needs to be edited. Often the same information is repeated two or more times in a paragraph or series of pages, and is sometimes expressed differently enough, or far enough after the initial statement, to ask a question whether they are intended to describe the same thing or different cases entirely. 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