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Move over, movies: the freshest storytelling today is on television, where the multi-episodic format is used for rich character development and innovative story arcs. **Directors Tell the Story** offers rare insight and advice straight from two A-list television directors whose credits include *Monk*, *Grey's Anatomy*, *Desperate Housewives*, *Weeds*, and more. They direct dramas and comedies using the same process that Steven Spielberg (or any other movie director uses)-just with less money and time.

Learn what it takes to become a director: master the technical aspects, appreciate aesthetic qualities, and practice leadership, all while exuding that "X" factor that distinguishes the excellent director from the merely good one. Covering everything from prep, the shoot, and post, the authors emphasize how aspiring directors can develop a creative vision-because without it, they are just technicians.

Hands-on and practical, this book lets you not only read about the secrets of directors, it also includes exercises using original scripted material. The companion web site includes scenes from the authors' own TV shows, along with the scripts, shot lists, and other materials that made the scenes possible.

## Key Features

- \* Highly experienced Hollywood directors share inside information about what it really takes to be a director, giving the advice that readers covet.
- \* Covers everything a director needs to know: the creative vision, how to translate script into a visual story, establishing the look and feel, selecting and leading a crew, coaching actors, keeping a complex operation on time and on budget, overseeing the edit, and troubleshooting through the whole shoot.
- \* "Insider Info" sections feature interviews, advice, and tips from film and TV luminaries whose productions include *Private Practice*, *Monk*, *Brothers & Sisters*, *Desperate Housewives*, *The Informant*, *American Beauty*, and more!
- \* Hands-on exercises help you understand and master the craft of directing.

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