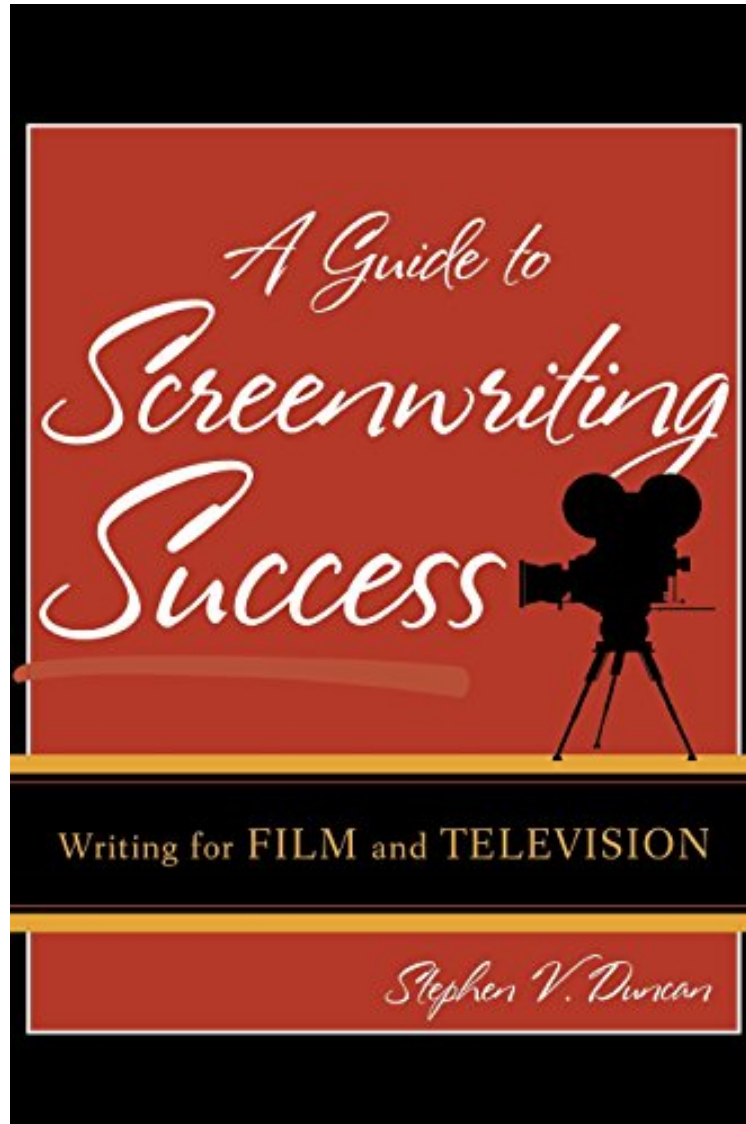


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is he someone who can teach but "cannot write." He knows what he's talking about because he's a produced writer. Duncan succeeded in both film and television, unlike many of his book writing peers. This book is a no bulls*** tutorial in the craft of screenwriting. Written like a textbook, by someone who knows what it's like to teach the craft. Duncan delivers a practical treatise in screenwriting, covering everything from story, character, structure, and dialogue. Simply put, this is the only book you will ever need on the subject. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very SurprisedBy CustomerNever thought I'd actually take the time to write a review, ever. Surprising Gem.I have formulated my own film and tv plotting template over the years for clients and in house work. I primarily combined and blended all the more well known film writing guru methods.I originally purchased this book because of parts I came across for sub plotting in Google books. Much to my surprise Mr. Duncan basically already had what amounted to my template, on steroids and more succinct.Really, really wish I'd known about this book before. The ONLY reason I didn't give it a 5 star is because it jumps around on the part I originally bought it for, subplots. If he gets around to a new version, I would suggest a separate more detailed chapter with multiple examples on his Subplot paradigm. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Highly RecommendedBy Bob JustmanStephen Duncan clearly explains feature structure in an easy-to-understand way. Even better, he demonstrates how to write in each genre. No matter which genre you're writing for, this book clearly outlines the do's and don'ts, and how to build and hold viewer interest through character development. There are many writing exercises to help, and Duncan's conversational tone makes for a very pleasant read. Even better, this book teaches feature AND television writing. Thus far, it's the most best, most concise guide I've read.

Sample Script 1: Act One of a Screenplay ~ Sample Script 2: One-Hour Teleplay ~ Sample Script 3: Situation Comedy A Guide to Screenwriting Success provides a comprehensive overview of writing_and rewriting_a screenplay or teleplay. Duncan's handy book teaches new screenwriters the process of creating a professional screenplay from beginning to end. It shows that inspiration, creativity, and good writing are not elusive concepts but attainable goals that any motivated person can aspire to. Duncan includes sections on all aspects of screenwriting_from character development to story templates_and breaks down the three acts of a screenplay into manageable pieces. A Guide to Screenwriting Success contains dozens of exercises to help writers through these steps. The second half of Duncan's practical book covers another, often overlooked, side of screenwriting_the teleplay. Aspiring writers who also want to try their hand at writing for television will need to learn the specifics of the field. The book breaks down this area into two parts, the one-hour teleplay and the situation comedy. Success in screenwriting is no longer a dream but an achievable goal for those who pick up Duncan's guide.

In every chapter the insights just keep coming. Clear and comprehensive, a valuable cut-to-the-chase guide for screenwriters. Duncan possesses that rare teaching giftthe ability to make a challenging art form understandable while at the same time reassuring hopeful newcomers that, yes, you too can write a terrific movie. Don't start your screenplay without Steve Duncan's book close at hand. (Eric Edson, California State University, Northridge; screenwriter, Lethal Vows, Diving In, and The Rose and the Jackal)Savvy, targeted, and on-point. . . . Steve Duncan's advice is presented in a straight, no-nonsense style. Finally, valuable information that gives any writer the tools necessary for success. A must-read for every aspiring screenwriter. (Erica Byrne, screenwriter, La Femme Nikita, Nowhere Man, and Silk Stalkings)A Guide to Screenwriting Success is a natural extension of Steve Duncan's skill as a professional screenwriter and his prowess as one of the most respected professors in the screenwriting arena. (Fred Rubin, producer, Night Court, Family Matters, and Step by Step)About the AuthorStephen V. Duncan is associate professor of screenwriting at Loyola Marymount University's School of Film and Television, the co-creator and executive consultant of the CBS-TV one-hour Vietnam War series Tour of Duty, writer-producer of the ABC-TV one-hour action series A Man Called Hawk, and the co-writer of the Turner Network Television original movie The Court-Martial of Jackie Robinson.