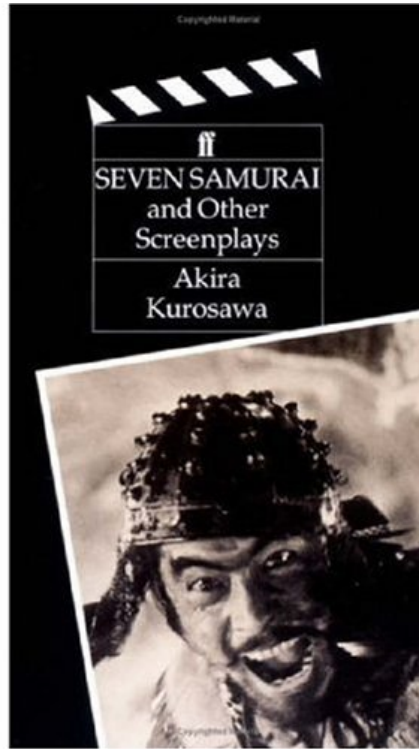


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About the AuthorWriter/director Akira Kurosawa is considered one of history's greatest filmmakers. His films have

profoundly affected the style and content of international cinema; in America, for example, his indelible influence can be found in everything from classic Westerns to Star Wars. When he died in 1998, he had written 62 films (and had directed 32 of these).