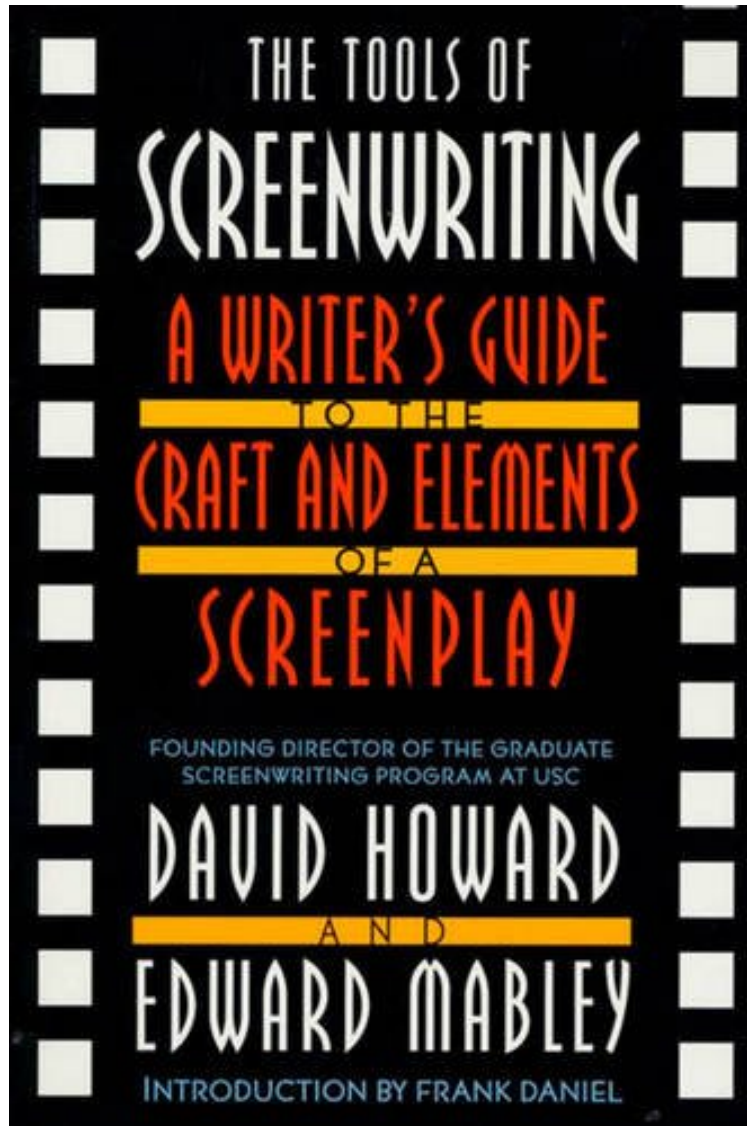


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the book to me so tally ho off I went to for some more mind candy. This author writes well. An Indiana Jones screenwriting tip (my conception) from the book: "It is a good idea to think of the three acts not as a mold or formula to be filled in with some kind of batter the writer has concocted, but rather as a set of landmarks an explorer/guide tries to keep sight of when traveling through new and dangerous territory." Learning a new craft IS traveling through new and dangerous territory. I've read a few how to books on how to write a screenplay. The ones I read leaned more to formula: "By such and such a page this must happen." In "The Tools of Screenwriting" one simply reads an engaging book. You don't want to put it down and you don't want it to end. In fact I haven't finished it. There are a few films I haven't seen that he's analyzed so I will see them first then read David Howard's analysis. Enjoy. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Benjamin A. Clarkson Excellent butter. Excellent bread. Excellent sandwich. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By AngelaGreat

In *The Tools of Screenwriting*, David Howard and Edward Mabley illuminate the essential elements of cinematic storytelling, and reveal the central principles that all good screenplays share. The authors address questions of dramatic structure, plot, dialogue, character development, setting, imagery, and other crucial topics as they apply to the special art of filmmaking. Howard and Mabley also demonstrate how, on a practical level, the tools of screenwriting work in sixteen notable films, including *Citizen Kane*, *E.T.*, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *Rashomon*, *The Godfather*, *North by Northwest*, *Chinatown*, and *sex, lies, and videotape*.

.com A comprehensive guide to writing screenplays by an experienced screenwriter and a respected writing teacher. Along with sections on the screenwriter's craft, basic storytelling, and the parts and objectives of a screenplay, the book is distinguished by detailed analyses of sixteen successful films' screenplays, including the likes of *E.T.*, *Some Like It Hot*, *North by Northwest*, *Citizen Kane*, and *Annie Hall*. David Howard calls this book 'a writer's guide.' I think it's a wonderful and indispensable producer's guide to story, storytelling, and screenwriting. Lawrence Turman, producer of *The Graduate*, *Running Scared*, *The Flim-Flam Man*, and other films What David Howard has done with *The Tools of Screenwriting* is to reveal for me and for all readers just how stories work; he shows that there are no absolute rules, but there are principles that can help a beginning writer gain understanding of all the elements that go into the creation of a 'good story well told.' Diane Keaton *The Tools of Screenwriting* is the best primer on the craft, far better than the usual paint-by-the-numbers sort of books that abound. Frank Pierson, Academy Award-winning screenwriter of *Cool Hand Luke*, *Dog Day Afternoon*, *Presumed Innocent*, and *A Star is Born* From the Back Cover Screenwriting is the art of telling stories dramatically - and it can be learned. Although there is no standard formula for writing a screenplay, there are central principles that all good screenplays share. In *The Tools of screenwriting*, the authors illuminate the essential elements of cinematic storytelling. These elements are guideposts for the aspiring screenwriter, and they can be used in different ways to accomplish a variety of ends. Questions of dramatic structure, plot, dialogue, character development, setting, imagery, and other crucial topics are discussed as they apply to the special art of filmmaking. The authors demonstrate how the tools of screenwriting work in sixteen notable films, including *Citizen Kane*, *E.T.*, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *Rashomon*, *The Godfather*, *North by Northwest*, *Chinatown*, and *sex, lies, and videotape*. in the analyses of these films, the reader will discover the common elements of compelling screen stories. *The Tools of Screen writing* is an essential book for anyone who wants to write a script that will be filmed.