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Forbidden Hollywood: The Pre-Code Era (1930-1934) (Turner Classic Movies)

Hollywood Movie Stills

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*Hollywood Costume* Rutgers University Press

Mark Parascandola documents the nearly forgotten legacy of moviemaking in the desert landscapes of Spain.

**What Just Happened?** Harper Collins  
"This is a fascinating book. It will educate you. Schwartzel has done some extraordinary reporting." — The New York Times Book Review "In this highly entertaining but deeply disturbing book, Erich Schwartzel demonstrates the extent of our cultural thrall to China. His depiction of the craven characters, American and Chinese, who have enabled this situation represents a significant feat of investigative journalism. His narrative is about not merely the movie business, but the new world order." —Andrew Solomon, author of *Far from the Tree* and *The Noonday Demon* An eye-opening and deeply reported narrative that details the surprising role of the movie business in the high-stakes contest between the U.S. and China From trade to technology to military might, competition between the United States and China dominates the foreign policy landscape. But this battle for global influence is also playing out in a strange and unexpected arena: the movies. The film industry, Wall Street Journal reporter Erich Schwartzel explains, is the latest battleground in the tense and complex rivalry between these two world powers. In recent decades, as China has grown into a giant of the international economy, it has become a crucial source of revenue for the American film industry. Hollywood studios are now bending over backward to make movies that will appeal to

China's citizens—and gain approval from severe Communist Party censors. At the same time, and with America's unwitting help, China has built its own film industry into an essential arm of its plan to export its national agenda to the rest of the world. The competition between these two movie businesses is a Cold War for this century, a clash that determines whether democratic or authoritarian values will be broadcast most powerfully around the world. *Red Carpet* is packed with memorable characters who have—knowingly or otherwise—played key roles in this tangled industry web: not only A-list stars like Matt Damon, Angelina Jolie, and Richard Gere but also eccentric Chinese billionaires, zany expatriate filmmakers, and starlets who disappear from public life without explanation or trace. Schwartzel combines original reporting, political history, and show-biz intrigue in an exhilarating tour of global entertainment, from propaganda film sets in Beijing to the boardrooms of Hollywood studios to the living rooms in Kenya where families decide whether to watch an American or Chinese movie. Alarming, occasionally absurd, and wildly entertaining, *Red Carpet* will not only alter the way we watch movies but also offer essential new perspective on the power struggle of this century.

[The Genius of the System](#) National Geographic Books

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[Jaro Fabry](#) McFarland

Stunning tribute to one of Hollywood's greatest photographers. Working from the 1940s to 1960s, Avery was especially renowned for his candid portraits of the stars.

*The Art of Immersion: How the Digital Generation Is Remaking Hollywood,*

*Madison Avenue, and the Way We Tell Stories* Henry Holt and Company

At a time when the studio is making a stunning comeback, film historian Thomas Schatz provides an indispensable account of Hollywood's traditional blend of business and art. This book lays to rest the persistent myth that businesspeople and producers stifle artistic talent and reveals instead the genius of a system of collaboration and conflict. Working from industry documents, Schatz traces the development of house styles, the rise and fall of careers, and the making-and unmaking-of movies, from *Frankenstein* to *Spellbound* to *Grand Hotel*. Richly illustrated and highly readable, *The Genius of the System* gives the definitive view of the workings of the Old Hollywood and the foundations of the New.

*Destined for Hollywood* Chronicle Books

"The production of a Hollywood movie encompasses the work of many people from the screenwriter and editor to the cinematographer and boom operator. Yet it is the director who is considered the artistic force behind a film. The notion of the director as the author of a film was not always a given but the result of a variety of different historical and institutional factors, including the breakup of the classical Hollywood studio system and the rise of the auteur theory in the 1960s. An often overlooked player in this story is the Directors Guild of America (DGA) that, as Virginia Wright Wexman argues, played a crucial role in establishing the director's status and power in Hollywood and in the public's mind. In *Hollywood's Artists*, Wexman provides the first history of the DGA and its influence. She begins by discussing how it differentiated itself from other industry unions, focusing on issues of

status, networking, and creative control as opposed to money and job security. Wexman then considers how the DGA fought for directors to be credited as "authors" of the film and how this put them in conflict with others in the film industry. In addition to tracing the history of how directors created their image in the public's imagination, including their role in the McCarthy hearings, Wexman discusses how the DGA fought to have directors get more legal control over their films"--

*The Hollywood Book Club* W. W. Norton & Company

This generously illustrated book explores the connections between Thomas Hart Benton's art and Hollywood movies from groundbreaking perspectives. Thomas Hart Benton was a thoroughly American artist. His regionally focused paintings and murals depicted everyday American life as well as the country's history. This volume focuses on one of the most American of Benton's associations: Hollywood. Not only did Benton create commissioned murals and portraits of film stars and movies, but he also developed a style that was highly theatrical and narrative. This volume is the first to collect all the works conceived by Benton for the film industry. It includes related ephemera, photographs, and documents of Benton at work, along with a series of thought-provoking essays that explore a diverse array of topics—from Benton's engagement with American identity from the 1920s to the 1960s, to parallels between Benton's use of Old Master methods and film production techniques. Fans of Thomas Hart Benton will find surprising insights into his career, while those fascinated by Hollywood history will discover how one of America's most revered artists shaped and was in turn

influenced by the film industry.

**MGM Style** Simon & Schuster

This exquisite book, edited by Robin Bronk and designed by typographer and award-winning art director Nancy Rouemy, features renowned photographer Jeff Vespa's intimate portraits and key inspirational moments and stories from Hollywood luminaries including Zach Braff, Jessica Chastain, Tim Daly, Adam Driver, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Ashley Greene, Jonathan Groff, Michael C. Hall, Ethan Hawke, Amber Heard, Cheryl Hines, Kate Hudson, Anna Kendrick, Nicole Kidman, Jared Leto, John Leguizamo, Jeremy Renner, Seth Rogen, Mark Ruffalo, Zoe Saldana, Gabourey Sidibe, Kristen Stewart, Justin Theroux, Naomi Watts, Forest Whitaker, Shailene Woodley, and other icons of the entertainment industry. A portion of the proceeds from the sales of *The Art of Discovery* will go to support the arts advocacy programs of The Creative Coalition ([thecreativecoalition.org](http://thecreativecoalition.org)), the premier nonprofit, nonpartisan social and public advocacy organization of the arts and entertainment community.

*Liberating Hollywood* Penguin

Looks at the often secretive process of audience testing Hollywood movies and how it can help shape movies, with first-hand accounts from directors such as Ron Howard, Cameron Crowe, Drew Barrymore and Ed Zwick.

**Setting the Scene** Rizzoli Publications

Who can forget the over-the-top, white-on-white, high-gloss interiors through which Fred Astaire danced in *Top Hat*? The modernist high-rise architecture, inspired by the work of Frank Lloyd Wright, in the adaptation of Ayn Rand's *The Fountainhead*? The lavish, opulent drawing rooms of Martin Scorsese's *The Age of Innocence*? Through the use of film design—called both art direction and

production design in the film industry—movies can transport us to new worlds of luxury, highlight the ornament of the everyday, offer a vision of the future, or evoke the realities of a distant era. In *Designs on Film*, journalist and interior designer Cathy Whitlock illuminates the often undercelebrated role of the production designer in the creation of the most memorable moments in film history. Through a lush collection of rare archival photographs, Whitlock narrates the evolving story of art direction over the course of a century—from the massive Roman architecture of *Ben-Hur* to the infamous Dakota apartment in *Rosemary's Baby* to the digital CGI wonders of *Avatar's* Pandora. Drawing on insights from the most prominent Hollywood production designers and the historical knowledge of the venerable Art Directors Guild, Whitlock delves into the detailed process of how sets are imagined, drawn, built, and decorated. *Designs on Film* is the must-have look book for film lovers, movie buffs, and anyone looking to draw interior design inspiration from the constructions and confections of Hollywood. Whitlock lifts the curtain on movie magic and celebrates the many ways in which art direction and set design allow us to lose ourselves in the diverse worlds showcased on the big screen.

*Cecil B. DeMille* Princeton University Press

The definitive behind-the-scenes history of one of Hollywood's most closely guarded cinematic secrets finally revealed—painted backdrops and the scenic artists who brought them to the big screen. In almost every feature film of Hollywood's golden age, from *The Wizard of Oz* to *North by Northwest* to *Cleopatra* to *The Sound of Music*, painted

backings have convinced moviegoers that what they are seeing—whether the fantastic roads of Oz, the presidents of Mount Rushmore, or ancient Egyptian kingdoms—is absolutely real. These backings are at once intended to transport the audience and yet remain unseen for what they really are. *The Art of the Hollywood Backdrop* reveals the hidden world and creators of these masterpieces, long-guarded as a special effects secret by the major studios such as MGM, Warner Brothers, Universal, Columbia, 20th Century Fox, and Paramount. Despite the continued use of hand-painted backings in today's films, including the big-budget *Interstellar* and Lemony Snicket's *A Series of Unfortunate Events* among many others, digital technology is beginning to supplant the art form. In an effort to preserve the irreplaceable knowledge of scenic masters, Karen Maness and Richard Isackes, in collaboration with the Art Directors Guild, have compiled a definitive history of the craft, complete with interviews of the surviving artists. This is a rich undiscovered history—a history replete with competing art departments, dynastic scenic families, and origins stretching back to the films of Méliès, Edison, Sennett, Chaplin, and Fairbanks.

**The Art of Fielding** Where's Wally  
With ruminations on drawing, colour and caricature, on the political meaning of fairy-tales, talking animals and human beings as machines, *Hollywood Flatlands* brings to light the links between animation, avant-garde art and modernist criticism. Focusing on the work of aesthetic and political revolutionaries of the inter-war period, Esther Leslie reveals how the animation of commodities can be studied as a journey into modernity in cinema. She

looks afresh at the links between the Soviet Constructivists and the Bauhaus, for instance, and those between Walter Benjamin and cinematic abstraction. She also provides new interpretations of the writings of Siegfried Kracauer on animation, shows how Theodor Adorno's and Max Horkheimer's film viewing affected their intellectual development, and reconsiders Sergei Eisenstein's famous handshake with Mickey Mouse at Disney's Hyperion Studios in 1930. *The Art of Immersion: How the Digital Generation Is Remaking Hollywood, Madison Avenue, and the Way We Tell Stories* Running Press Adult  
Critical to a movie's success, the art director helps create the overall "look" for which a film is remembered. This book, filled with 165 stunning illustrations--some in color--surveys the careers of the greatest Hollywood art directors from the silent era to the present. Covers such movies as *The Birth of a Nation* (1915) and *Batman*(1989).

*County Business Patterns, Arkansas*  
Grove Press

This is a field guide to the visionaries - and the fans - who are reinventing the art of storytelling.

*Young Hollywood* Abrams

Filled with rare images and untold stories from filmmakers, exhibitors, and moviegoers, *Forbidden Hollywood* is the ultimate guide to a gloriously entertaining era when a lax code of censorship let sin rule the movies.

*Forbidden Hollywood* is a history of "pre-Code" like none other

A name=\_Hlk518256457: you will eavesdrop on production conferences, read nervous telegrams from executives to censors, and hear Americans argue about "immoral" movies. /aYou will see decisions artfully wrought, so as to fool

some of the people long enough to get films into theaters. You will read what theater managers thought of such craftiness, and hear from fans as they applauded creativity or condemned crassness. You will see how these films caused a grass-roots movement to gain control of Hollywood—and why they were "forbidden" for fifty years. The book spotlights the twenty-two films that led to the strict new Code of 1934, including *Red-Headed Woman*, *Call Her Savage*, and *She Done Him Wrong*. You'll see Paul Muni shoot a path to power in the original *Scarface*; Barbara Stanwyck climb the corporate ladder on her own terms in *Baby Face*; and misfits seek revenge in *Freaks*. More than 200 newly restored (and some never-before-published) photographs illustrate pivotal moments in the careers of Clara Bow, Joan Crawford, Norma Shearer, and Greta Garbo; and the pre-Code stardom of Claudette Colbert, Cary Grant, Marlene Dietrich, James Cagney, and Mae West. This is the definitive portrait of an unforgettable era in filmmaking.

*The Art of the Hollywood Backdrop* Verso Books

During the Golden Age of Hollywood no illustrator chronicled the great stars better than Jaro Fabry. His artwork graced such magazines as *Colliers*, *Harpers*, and *The New Yorker*. Now see his behind-the-scenes illustrations of Hollywood nightlife as portrayed in the 1930s through to the early 1950s.

*The Unseen Art of Hollywood* Harry N. Abrams

Marlene Dietrich, Greta Garbo, Clark Gable, Marilyn Monroe . . . it is through the eye of the stills camera that we experience and recall some of the cinema's most memorable events and faces. Still images are so powerful that they can easily pass for actual scenes

from the movies they represent—rather than separately posed, lighted, and photographed shots that may not even find their way into the finished film. This classic study traces the origin of stills photography during the silent era and the early development of the star system, to the rise of the giant studios in the 1930s and their eventual decline. Finler focuses on the photographers, on the stars they photographed, and on many key films and filmmakers.

*Hollywood Movie Stills* is illustrated by hundreds of rare and unusual stills from the author's own collection, including not only portraits and scene stills but production shots, behind-the-scenes photos, poster art, calendar art, leg shots, photo collages, and trick shots.

There are also photos showing the stars' private lives and special events in Hollywood, all produced in vast numbers by the great studios in their heyday.

*Where's Wally?* Running Press Adult  
Published to accompany an exhibition at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, this book recounts Hirshfeld's career as a graphic artist, and reprints 100 plus drawings, paintings, collages, posters, billboards, and murals. Classic caricatures and behind-the-scenes perspectives of major players in Hollywood are accompanied by more vibrantly colored works. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

### **The Lost Artwork of Hollywood**

Rowman & Littlefield

At Westish College, a small school on the shore of Lake Michigan, baseball star Henry Skrimshander seems destined for big league stardom. But when a routine throw goes disastrously off course, the fates of five people are upended. Henry's fight against self-doubt threatens to ruin his future. College president Guert

Affenlight, a longtime bachelor, has fallen unexpectedly and helplessly in love. Owen Dunne, Henry's gay roommate and teammate, becomes caught up in a dangerous affair. Mike Schwartz, the Harpooners' team captain and Henry's best friend, realizes he has guided Henry's career at the expense of his own. And Pella Affenlight, Guert's daughter, returns to Westish after escaping an ill-fated marriage, determined to start a new life. As the season counts down to its climactic final game, these five are forced to confront their deepest hopes, anxieties, and secrets. In the process they forge new bonds, and help one another find their

true paths. Written with boundless intelligence and filled with the tenderness of youth, *The Art of Fielding* is an expansive, warmhearted novel about ambition and its limits, about family and friendship and love, and about commitment--to oneself and to others.

*Sid Avery: the Art of the Hollywood Snapshot* Reel Art Press

Take a trip through film history and find Wally and friends along the way! Journey to the Wild, Wild West, crawl into Ali Baba's crazy cave, wander through the *Where's Wally* musical. With lots of eye-boggling extras, Wally is smaller and harder to find than ever!

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