



A Star Is Found: Our Adventures Casting Some of Hollywood's Biggest Movies

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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Quick ReadBy Avid ReaderSo I ordered this book, used, for like, less than \$6. I LOOOOOVED it. It's going in my library. I'm an aspiring actress and what I wouldn't give to get into the mind of the casting directors who have worked with Spielberg and other "greats." Dude. It's important to know HOW things work in the industry. It's important to get to KNOW who your potential future co-workers can be.

Professionals go to college to learn from professors who have been in their industry. Since film actors don't have "Movie Star University"--we have to rely on books like this to be our "text books." These ladies know what they're looking for when they are searching for lead roles, supporting roles, or "small" roles, and they SHARE that info... and if you are an aspiring actor, why not capitalize on that? I didn't buy this book for gossip on movie stars, who the heck cares. I'm an aspiring actor, HOPING to WORK with those "movie stars" and possibly be one myself----READ THIS BOOK ACTORS. It's helpful and an ENCOURAGING read. Jane Janet are super duper cool for writing this book. God bless them. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Required reading for anyone in the Film and Television industry. By Your Acting Coach I must have read this book over at least three times. I have been fortunate enough to even meet Janet in a workshop. This book goes through both the life of Casting Directors who found some of the biggest stars in Hollywood. You'll hear their personal journeys as they climb the ladder of success in Hollywood. As an Actor I learned more about the process of Casting than I ever thought possible. This book helped my confidence and was a great guide to knowing what to do and what not to do in this industry. For anyone who wants or is working the Film and Television industry, this book is a must! Those who aren't learning in this industry get left behind. This book will help you understand the process of casting in ways I have found no other book could. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Run-of-the-mill name dropper By Ga303 Just another name-dropping attempt by talentless people to cash in on the talents of others. Boring and tedious to boot.

For anyone who's ever walked out of a movie and said, "That guy was all wrong for the part," comes this first-of-its-kind look at how actors are chosen and careers are born. Two of the top casting directors in the business, who recently cast the much-lauded choice of Daniel Craig as the new James Bond, offer an insider's tour of their crucial craft--spotting stars in the making. Janet and Jane share the fascinating, funny stories of discovering and casting then-unknown stars such as Julia Roberts, Tom Cruise, Leonardo DiCaprio, John Cusack, Matt Damon, Jennifer Connelly, Virginia Madsen, Joaquin Phoenix, Meg Ryan, Benicio Del Toro, and the Harry Potter kids. Taking us from the first casting call through head shots, auditions, meetings, and desperate searches to fill a part, they give us the kind of behind-the-scenes access to the machinery of star-making that captivates movie fans and aspiring actors alike.