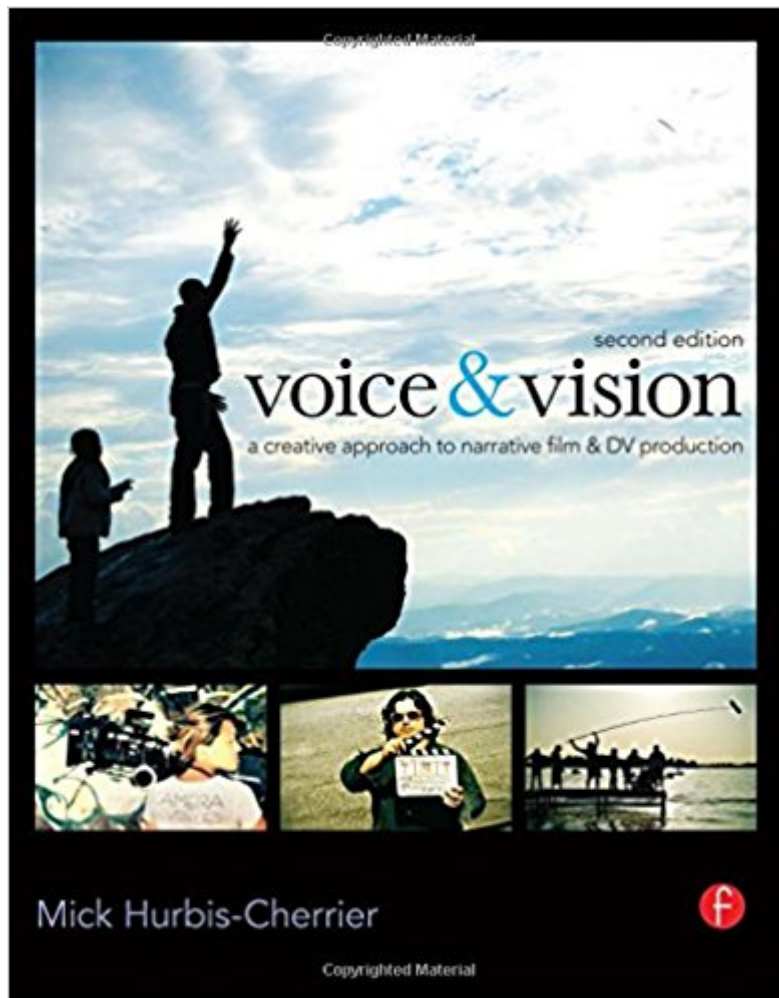




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# Voice & Vision: A Creative Approach To Narrative Film And DV Production



## Synopsis

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"With Voice and Vision, 2nd Edition, Professor Mick Hurbis-Cherrier (Hunter College) has improved upon his ground-breaking book that approaches the subject as a technical, narrative, creative endeavor that marries a filmmaker's voice to his/her mise en scene. It is a book that is compelling, engaging and exciting as it distills essential information about film and digital image making tools with the aesthetic wisdom of many of the world's greatest storytellers. It is quite simply the best book of its kind on the market today."--FilmFestivalToday.com "From conception to release, every phase of the filmmaking process receives attention in Hurbis-Cherrier's dense yet accessible volume, a comprehensive textbook on the intersection at which practical considerations and artistic inspiration meet.anyone arriving on set armed with the knowledge contained in Voice & Vision will have a distinct advantage." -Jim Hemphill, book review of Voice & Vision, 2nd edition, American Cinematographer "Making a movie is always a journey into uncharted territory. Hopefully we have a clear sense of the destination, but we also know that the road is likely to be fraught with hazards, detours, setbacks, and surprises. Fortunately Mick Hurbis-Cherrier has provided us with a map. Voice & Vision is a thoughtful and stimulating, step-by-step guide through the entire filmmaking process from concept to distribution. The author offers an invaluable commentary on the art, craft, and technology that inform every stage of the creative journey. This is an essential and inspiring guide for the intrepid filmmaker. Don't leave home without it." -Paul Thompson, Associate Professor, Tisch School of the Arts, New York University; Formerly Head of Film and Television, AFTRS, Sydney "The general approach of the book-which offers a combination of technical and creative aspects, as well as professional production practices-makes it an invaluable, encyclopedic 'bible' for film and video production students." -Tomasz Malinowski, Professor, Edge Hill University (UK) "In this comprehensive and masterful volume. Hurbis-Cherrier's conversational tone allows each subject to be viewed in relationship to the others, creating a multi-disciplinary perspective that is thorough and thoughtful." -Pablo Frasconi, Senior Lecturer, Production, USC School of Cinematic Arts "The tone of the book works very well with my teaching style and pedagogy because it treats the student as part of a team that is working toward acquiring the knowledge and skills to make a movie." - In that sense, I find the book to be not only informative but also very motivational." -Ece Karayalcin, Professor, SEDT, Miami Dade College "Hurbis-Cherrier (a professional who teaches at Hunter College) provides a comprehensive, well-organized resource for those interested in exploring the art and technique of narrative film and DV production...Though

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-Microfilmmaker Magazine "This text is not in the form of a technical manual to be shelved as a reference book but is instead a production bible and reader for those actively involved in filmmaking. This book is immensely readable for, and useable by, the target audience of non-professional filmmakers, although even a professional may find it a useful contemporary addition to their library." -Sorrel Penn-Edwards, Metro Magazine "I've adopted the textbook for my film production class and I have to tell you I have not come across a better one. ... I'm continually thrilled when I discover yet another piece that is ideal for teaching not just the mechanics of film making, but the impact on cinematic storytelling. Too many textbooks leave out the 'why' when explaining production. It's easy to get sidetracked into explaining technical details, but unless you can explain its relevance to the story, why teach it?" -Hamp Overton, Assistant Professor, University of New Orleans "A concise, graphic, and comprehensive manual for the serious beginning filmmaker-full of practical, technical information and solid artistic guidance, and some inspiration too." -Michael Rabiger, Author of Directing: Film Techniques and Aesthetics and Directing the Documentary "Mick Hurbis-Cherrier teaches film and video production at Hunter College in New York, and has worked as a producer, director, cinematographer, and editor. He knows what he's talking about, and has presented it in a beautifully illustrated and photographed book that should be a required textbook in every film school." -Jon Fauer, ASC, Film and Digital Times "Hurbis-Cherrier takes years of teaching film and video production and puts it all down on paper in Voice and Vision, combining technical and aesthetic applications with a realistic approach to filmmaking. It is a comprehensive guide for aspiring filmmakers working in both film and digital video." -Jacqueline B. Frost, Associate Professor, Department of Radio/TV/Film, California

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“Mick Hurbis-Cherrier has written a very unusual book for film and video makers. Voice & Vision differs from other production books by seeing production as a technical, narrative, creative undertaking that is unique because each filmmaker has a distinct voice. This book transcends ‘how to’ and invites the creative ‘why-not’ of its readers. I’ve never read a better beginning to the film and videomaking journey.” -Ken Dancyger, Professor at New York University’s Kanbar Institute of Film & Television and Author of Broadcast Writing, Alternative Scriptwriting, The Technique of Film and Video Editing, and Writing the Short Film

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Other features of *Voice & Vision* include:

- A dedicated web resource with high-resolution lighting and exposure illustrations, interactive Flash figures, and award-winning short film examples
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- A focus on learning to work successfully with available resources (time, equipment, budget, personnel) turn limitations into opportunities
- Substantial coverage of the sound tools and techniques used in film production and the creative impact of post-production sound design
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- Extensive information on production safety, etiquette and set procedures

what an amazing in depth book. let me say i work in the field of cinematography already. out of curiosity i wanted to learn about the gaffer, grip, ad roles etc. this book will literally keep you motivated to want to turn to the next page. the detailed photos of examples used in film are extra grrat. i highly recommend this book for anyone wanting to learn about film and the technical aspects.

Lots of good information here and the section on "film" is often missing from other books. This "film" section provides students with an opportunity to understand the world of film making prior to the DSLR revolution and digital film and that makes the process, terminology and workflow much easier to understand. This is a good textbook for beginning and introductory film and video production classes. It covers all of the basics with accurate information and doesn't dive too deep into any one discipline. Use any chapter as required reading before introducing a new unit in production and your students will have some context for the subject.

Used this for a few of my film classes. It is the massive monster on everything you need to know about film and video. Every concept and idea is in this book. If you're a filmmaker I recommend you pick up this book for a reference. It is definitely something you want to have in your shelf of film guides and whatnot.

Thank you!

AMAZING~Seriously astonishing, this book will show you in a very short amount of time, things about film that you never thought of before and you will be soon taking notes of movies to be watched. I am so glad this was a required reading for my class I will never sell it back.

Required for college class, exactly as expected.

It's ok. Didn't find it of much help even in my beginner film production class (although it was the only assigned text)- had to look elsewhere for helpful info.

I had to get this textbook for my filmmaking class. Honestly it's pretty great. It's very detailed and useful, and I do suggest anyone who is going into this sort of field of study to take a look at this book!

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