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Selling a Screenplay Syd Field,1989-11-01 This ultimate insider s guide to selling a screenplay shows you how to crack open today s movie and television markets An informative engaging look at the inside of the dream factory This is a terrific aid for screenwriters who are trying to gain insight into the Hollywood system David Kirkpatrick producer former head of Paramount Pictures Everybody has a story to tell Everybody wants to write the great American screenplay But what do you do after it s written How do you sell it Studio honchos Development Executives Independent Producers What do they want Do you need an agent or manager to get it into production Selling a screenplay can mean earning 250 000 or more so competition is fierce In Selling a Screenplay

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