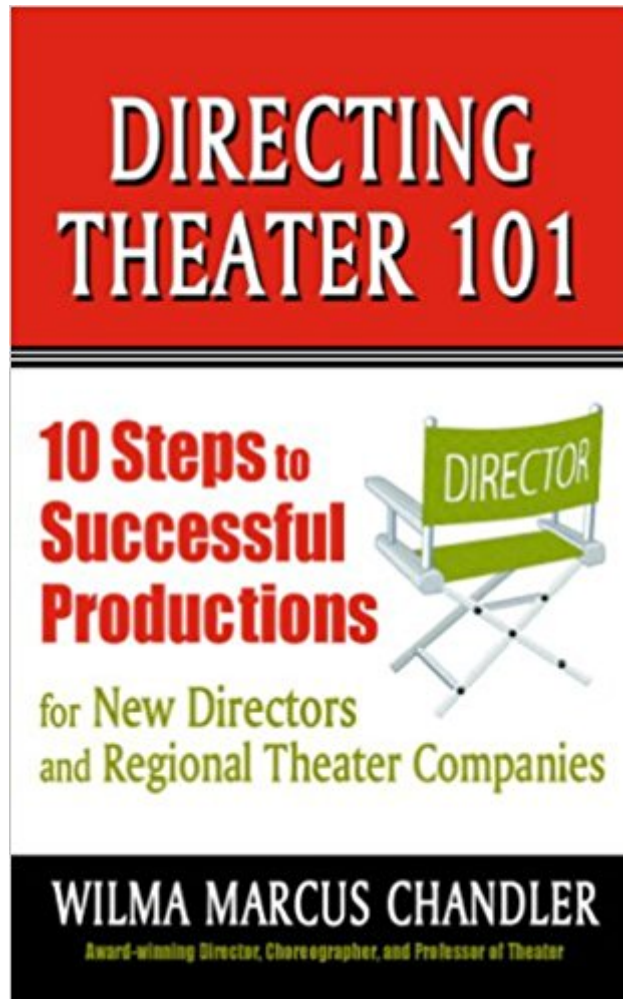


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# Directing Theater 101: 10 Steps To Successful Productions



## Synopsis

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**SELLING POINTS-** Written for the inexperienced or young director- Focus is on developing confidence in a new director's aesthetic judgments and choices- Emphasis is on how to develop a concept for production based on understanding the text- Practical step-by-step methods for completing a production with integrity and polish- Discussion of other styles of theater providing the new director an opportunity to examine other ways of producing a play based on his/her own perceptions and interpretations of the world- Information for continuing to train - suggestions for what to read and how to think as a director.

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This book has a lot of very practical suggestions and gives a great overview to directing. I've looked at about a dozen directing guides and this is by far the most useful for someone who is doing it for the first time or who still needs some guidance.

A good director can enhance performers, and a bad one can bring them down. "Directing Theater 101: 10 Steps to Successful Productions" is a guide for new directors who are just starting out in the world of leading an acting troupe during stage performances. A definitive how to guide, it covers the many things a director must realize when leading their troupe, and that a clueless and visionless director is just asking for disaster. "Directing Theater 101" is the new director's best friend.

Covers most aspects of staging a play in regional theaters. Writing is clear, knowledgeable, concise, to the point, and thoroughgoing in only a little over 100 pages. Should be of significant help to developing theater directors, actors, technicians, and playwrights.

This book was more than I expected. I loved the practicality of the book. It was very easy to read and informative.

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