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This book empowers you to both correctly choose the right camera and workflow for your project from today's incredibly varied options, as well as understand the ins and outs of implementing those options. Stump sheds a light on the confusing advantages and disadvantages of shooting theatrical features using digital technology and what it can or can't do.

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* Coverage of recorders, displays, and look management tools

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- * Focusing tips ? learn how to focus digital cameras correctly

- * Checklists to help design digital workflows

- * Practical tips on preparation ? prepare for shooting a digital motion picture like a professional

- * Camera set-up and operation, color management, digital intermediates, 3D stereo cinematography, future trends, and much more

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Review

"David Stump shares decades of sage experience, knowledge, and expertise in cinematography and the filmmaking process. Including insight from various notables in respective fields, *Digital Cinematography* is an important, engaging book essential to understanding existing theory, tools, and applications for the aspiring and working cinematographer, filmmaker, and those interested in how and what we see."

- Keanu Reeves, Producer, *Side by Side*; Actor, *47 Ronin*; *A Scanner Darkly*; *The Matrix*; *Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure*

About the Author

David Stump, ASC has worked on numerous motion pictures and television productions as Director of Photography, as Visual Effects Director of Photography, and as a Visual Effects Supervisor, garnering Emmy nominations and an Academy Award for Scientific and Technical Achievement. A member of the Producer's Guild of America (PGA), the Visual Effects Society (VES), the Society of Motion Picture & Television Engineers (SMPTE), the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (ATAS), and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS), Stump has worked in Digital Visual Effects for over 25 years, since the advent of Computer Generated Images for film. In 2001 he was accepted for full membership into the American Society of Cinematographers, where he is currently chairman of the Camera and Metadata Subcommittees of the ASC Technical Committee.

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