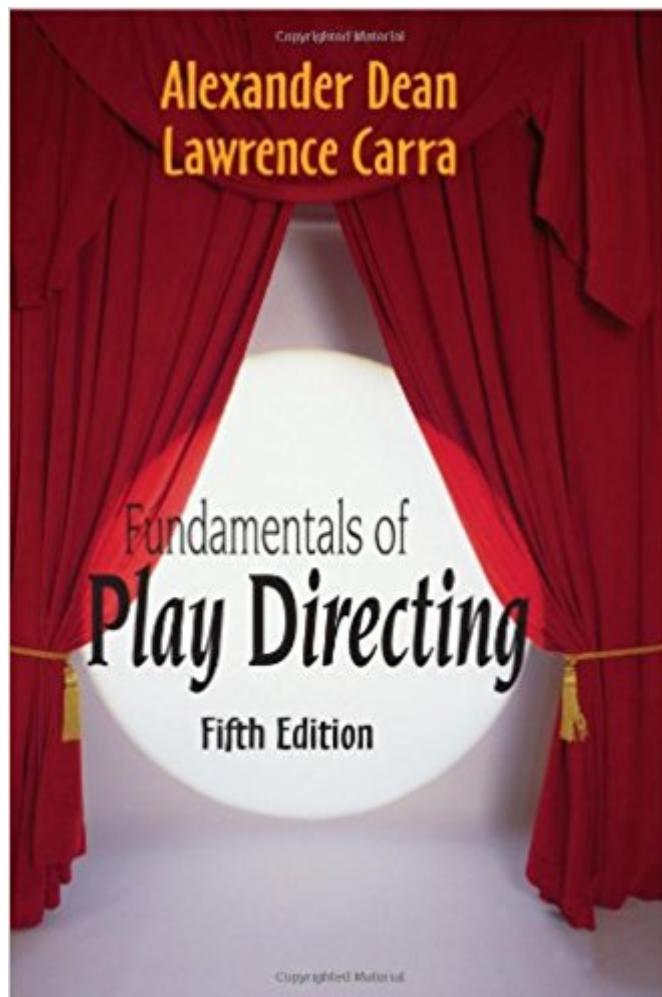


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# Fundamental Of Play Directing



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Book was recommended by William Ball author of "A Sense of Direction" specifically to read chapters 7 & 8 on picturization and movement. Excellent source for more advance directing. For those interested in getting into directing I highly recommend "A Sense of Direction" Break A Leg. Jose

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