

Recommended Director Books

Below are some books on Director that I recommend, and others that I don't know but are "on topic". In addition, I have an extensive, although a bit outdated, list of books on multimedia in general in my "Mile Wide List O' Books" at <http://www.marcat.com/harvard/milewide.html>. Check it out!

These books are highly recommended:



Director 8 Demystified

by Phil Gross, Jason Roberts, John Roberts

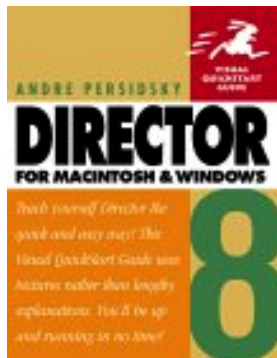
Amazon Price: \$49.99

Paperback - 1180 pages Bk&Cd Rom edition (January 15, 2000)

Peachpit Press

ISBN: 0201709201

An excellent all-around Director book. Very accessible and complete.



Director 8 for Macintosh and Windows: Visual QuickStart Guide

by André Persidsky

List Price: \$19.99

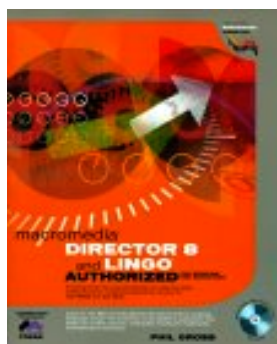
Amazon Price: \$15.99

Paperback - 436 pages 5 edition (June 7, 2000)

Peachpit Press

ISBN: 0201702584

A good book for beginners and intermediates. Lots of hands-on examples of basic tasks. Less good for reference or advanced work.



Director 8 and Lingo Authorized

by Phil Gross

List Price: \$49.99

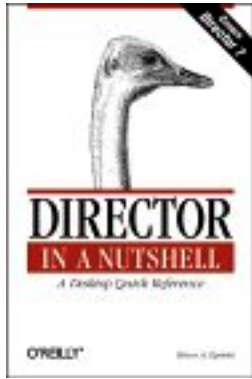
Amazon Price: \$39.99

Paperback - 816 pages Bk&Cd Rom edition (March 31, 2000)

Peachpit Press

ISBN: 0201702622

The book that follows Macromedia's official Director course. Very step-by-step, covering a lot of territory. Good for learning but not for reference or comprehensive coverage of Director.



Director in a Nutshell : A Desktop Quick Reference
by Bruce A. Epstein

List Price: \$24.95
Amazon Price: \$19.96
Paperback - 658 pages 1st edition (March 1999)
O'Reilly & Associates
ISBN: 1565923820

A densely packed bible of information on Director. Chock-full of deeply detailed information on common and obscure topics, such as memory management and cross-platform issues. Updated through Director 7.



Lingo in a Nutshell : A Desktop Quick Reference
by Bruce A. Epstein

List Price: \$24.95
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Paperback - 609 pages 1 Ed edition (November 10, 1998)
O'Reilly & Associates
ISBN: 1565924932

Another gem from Bruce Epstein. Not for learning Lingo, but it will cover all those little tidbits you can't find anywhere else.

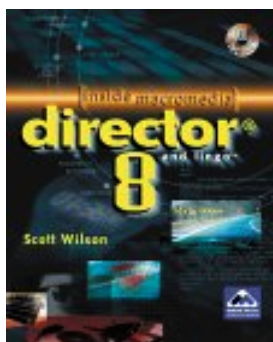
These are some other Director books which have all been well-reviewed, though I am not personally familiar with these editions (in some cases, I know earlier editions of the books for earlier versions of Director):



Special Edition: Using Macromedia Director 8
by Gary Rosenzweig, John Thompson

List Price: \$39.99
Amazon Price: \$31.99
Paperback - 1047 pages Bk&Cd-Rom edition (January 15, 2000)
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ISBN: 0789723344

This one is probably worth checking out. Gary Rosenzweig is a good author, and John Thompson is the creator of Director and Lingo! With that pedigree, this one might rise above the usual mediocre level of Que's books.



Director 8 and Lingo: Inside Macromedia Series
by Richard Salvatierra, Scott J. Wilson

Amazon Price: \$46.95
Paperback - 752 pages 1st edition (July 21, 2000)
Delmar Publishing
ISBN: 0766820084

Don't know this one at all. No earlier version to compare with.



Director 8 and Lingo Bible
by John R. Nyquist, Robert Martin

List Price: \$49.99
Amazon Price: \$39.99
Paperback - 1006 pages Bk&Cd-Rom edition (August 2000)
IDG Books Worldwide
ISBN: 0764534866

Earlier versions of this book had numerous errors. Very comprehensive, but Jason Roberts' book is better.



Director To Go
by Dennis Chominsky

Amazon Price: \$34.99
Paperback - 416 pages 1 edition (September 24, 1999)
Prentice Hall
ISBN: 0130137820

This one looks interesting, but I can't vouch for it. Claims a "real world" approach to Director.



Director 8 & Lingo Fast and Easy Web Development
by Thomas J. Green

List Price: \$24.99
Amazon Price: \$19.99
Paperback - 411 pages 1st edition (October 26, 2000)
Prima Publishing
ISBN: 0761530495

I'm suspicious of any book that promises "fast and easy" development, but the Amazon reader review spoke highly of this book as a "field-tested approach" to learning Director. Called "easy to read, clear and concise", the review said the book's organization reflects Green's experiences teaching Director to adult learners.