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 In addition, I have an extensive, although a bit outdated, list of books on multimedia in general in my "Mile Wide List O' Books" at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.marcato.com/harvard/milewide.html](http://www.marcato.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
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.

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

List Price: $24.95  
Our Price: $19.96  
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.

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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  
Que  
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  
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.