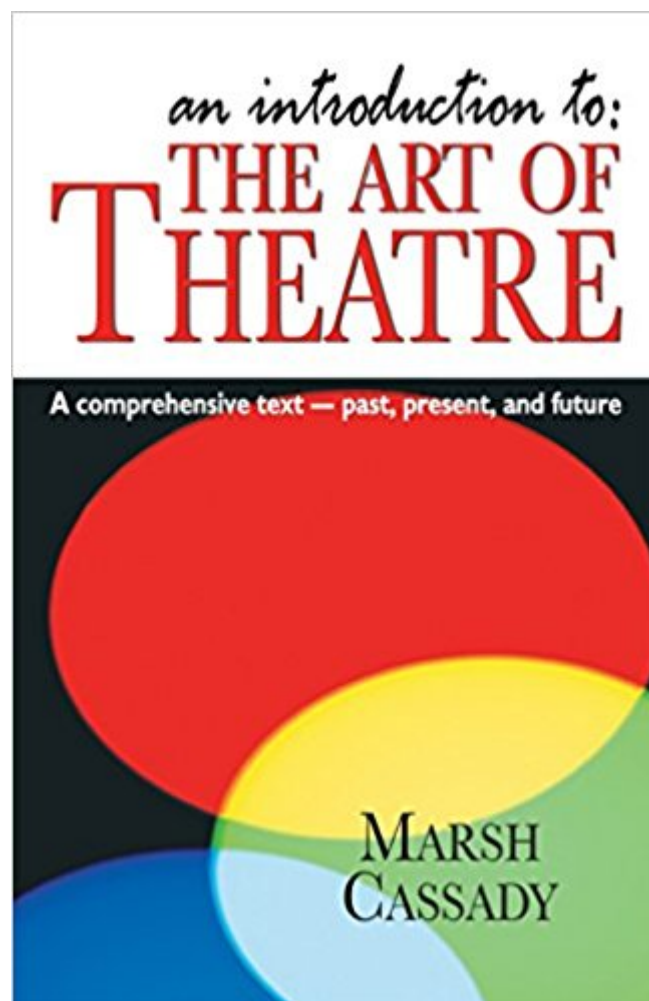




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Synopsis

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Marsh Cassady has written more than forty books including novels, short story and drama collections, haiku, biography, and books on theatre and storytelling. His audio and stage plays have been widely performed (including off-Broadway), and he has written and recorded a three-set audio tape on storytelling. A former actor/director and university professor with a Ph.D. degree in theatre, Cassady has worked with more than a hundred productions. Since 1981, he has conducted an all-genre writing workshop in San Diego and has taught various creative writing classes at UCSD and elsewhere. While teaching at Montclair State in the 1970s, he started a program of workshops, classes and special projects in playwriting. His own writing has won numerous regional and national awards.

I teach the history of theater and this is a great book to add to my arsenal. Informative and easy easy easy to understand! The author explains this in the beginning of the book: it's written in normal common language. No confusing textbook jargon from a stuck-up. The only thing it lacks are interesting photos of, for example, period costumes, equipment, etc. There are some line drawings, but photos (even simple black and white) from stage plays would be icing on the cake. That's the only fault I find. Still, a great book: 4 out of 5 stars!

Great book to help students better understand the theatre and the details involved in putting together a production

My packs of theatre books arrived right on time, and I love how both of them were fresh out of the packet. Thank you.

Written by successful playwright and former actor and director Marsh Cassidy, *An Introduction to The Art of Theatre* is a comprehensive text covering all the basics about the past, present, and future of the theatre business. Chapters discuss the roles of the playwright, actor, director, designer, and supporting artists; the business side of theatre; how architecture and space affect a play production; and the rich history of theatre from its earliest beginnings to medieval times to 17th through 21st century theatre. Questions for discussion conclude each chapter, and a handful of black-and-white illustrations round out this solid volume ideal for introductory college courses or independent study.

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