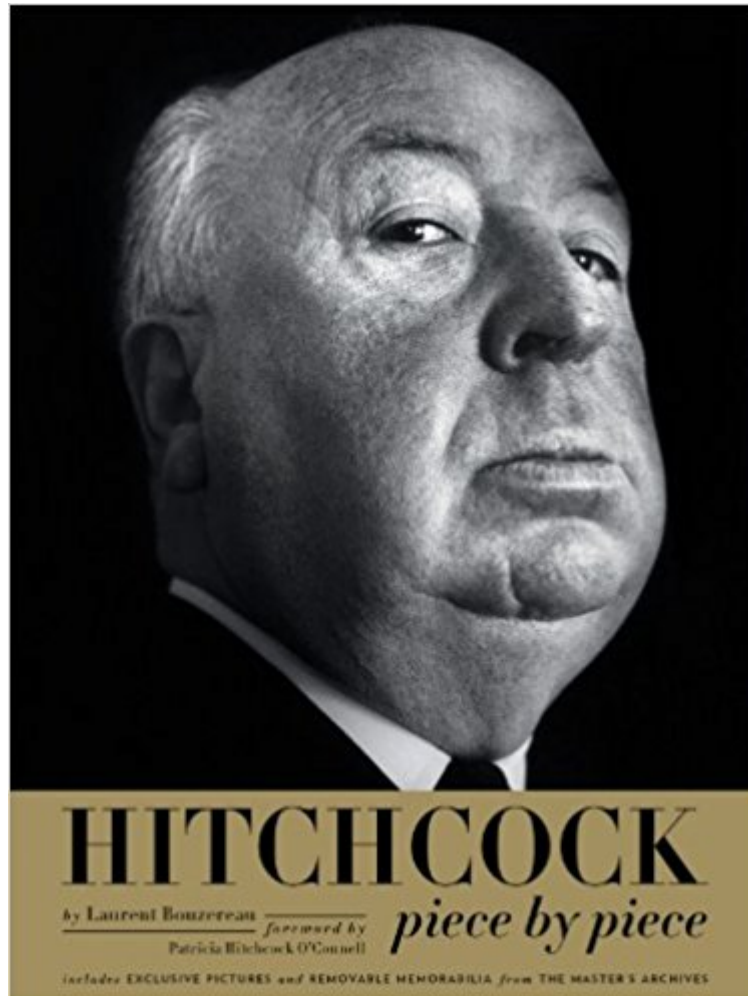




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Hitchcock, Piece By Piece



Synopsis

In a career that spanned sixty years, Alfred Hitchcock made more than fifty feature-length films and hosted his own television series, transforming the thriller genre in the twentieth century. Author Laurent Bouzereau puts this incredible canon into perspective, examining the master's life thematically: his archetypal anti-heroes; his complicated female characters; his charming villains; and something Bouzereau calls "the Hitchcock touch" -- those elements of film that are, quite simply, Hitchcockian. With a foreword by Hitchcock's daughter, Patricia Hitchcock O'Connell, *Hitchcock, Piece by Piece* is packed with photographs from the family's archive, many of which have never been published before, plus removable facsimile memorabilia such as letters, memos, and snapshots, which frame the story of the director's life and work. Praise for *Hitchcock, Piece by Piece*: "Few people alive know as much about Hitchcock as Bouzereau." --Leonard Maltin

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Customer Reviews

After the hundreds of books that have been published about Alfred Hitchcock, it would seem that nothing remained to be unearthed regarding the celebrated director; but a new coffee-table book raids the Hitchcock family archives for rare photos, many heretofore unpublished. Even more fascinating are facsimile reproductions of memorabilia, housed in pouches; these scrapbook-type items, offering tactile, hands-on perusal in this digital age, include memos and handwritten notes, family snapshots, storyboards, and Hitchcock's birth and marriage certificates. The book's text is rather less distinctive -- perhaps there's little left to be said about the work of this most

obsessed-over of filmmakersâbut film historian Bouzereau avoids the standard chronological approach to Hitchcockâs lengthy career by presenting his observations thematically in chapters devoted to Hitchcockâs âwrong manâ protagonists and antiheroes, his complicated women, his strangely compelling villains, and his distinctive stylistic touches. If these portions are largely rehashesâof both the filmsâ plots and existing commentariesâtheyâll be new to most casual moviegoers, while hard-core cinephiles will relish the rarities on display in this minor but diverting addition to the voluminous shelves of Hitchcockiana. --Gordon Flagg

Director and producer Laurent Bouzereau has collaborated with Martin Scorsese, Mel Brooks, Steven Spielberg, and Clint Eastwoodâamong other Hollywood legendsâon more than 60 documentaries about classic films. Also the author of Abramsâ The Art of Bond, he is based in southern California.

Aren't we all Hitchcock fans, after all? This is a nifty, interesting, fun book about The Master. I learned a lot about him here. There are some fancy pull-outs with realistic-looking copies of original story board drawings, letters and so on, but the hit of the book is simply in the information it contains about all those great Hitchcock movies and some of who this fabulously interesting guy was. Lots of wonderful photos bring it all to life.

Fabulous book that delves into the why,where,who and what of Hitchcock. wonderful extras in each chapter like his drawings and Hitchcock memorabilia.

This is not a comprehensive discussion, of selected movies, but rather a very well done scrapbook/memento book. With many copies/samples of things like letters and notes, the insight here is the chance to look at some reproduced primary material. The photographs are very, very, good, and the large format of the book glorifies the selected photographs.

What a beautifully written and designed book. I could not put it down. Well done.

After watching the movie "Hitchcock", I chose this book. It gave me insight to much "behind the scenes" happenings, the stars, and the workings of most of Hitchcock's movies. It was so interesting and included copies of personal telegrams, photos,. etc. that one would never see. I highly recommend this book!

I am a big fan of Hitchcock so I thought it would be a good present to give to another fan of his. Anyone The present was received with gushing thanks - Mission accomplished. Anyone WHO ois a fan doesn't need a recommendation to buy it - for all others I do recommend they become they buy it and expose themselves of the master of intrigue.

This book is great. We bought it for my daughter who was doing a high school report on Hitch. It is full of info, pics, copies of letters, etc. Very very interesting and

I expected this to be just simply a biography on the Master of Suspence's life. When it came, I did not know how in-depth and comprehensive this book was. Definitely worth while.

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