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Synopsis

Finally, a book that addresses one of the most important elements of theatrical production, the collaboration between director and designer. This accessible and helpful guide addresses the crucial relationship between theatrical production team members. Experienced director Rob Roznowski and designer Kirk Domer offer prescriptive and proactive tips to create the ideal production environment. This three part book combines theory, practice, and exercises and will help anyone involved in the theatre to develop appropriate and healthy collaborative skills. Topics Covered Include: * The Vocabulary of Collaboration * Script Analysis * Responses to Criticism * Research Methods

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"The advice on reframing language to foster more effective and positive communication is extremely valuable. The banter between Roznowski and Domer is engaging and entertaining; it is sure to draw students right into their discussion." - Linda Essig, Director, School of Theatre and Film, Herberger College of the Arts, Arizona State University "An open sense of dialogue between director and designer is key in developing a solid plan that allows the show to flow - this book illustrates that process clearly and efficiently." - Rob Odorisio, Art Director for "Guiding Light" and Award Winning Scene Designer "The authors openly share their personal account of a collaborative experience with the goal to educate and enlighten the reader. They are not egocentric - there are no pretensions here. It is pure creativity and the negotiation of that creativity and their desire as experts in their field
is to educate . . .Collaboration in Theatre stands on its own." - Kevin Connell, Associate Professor of Theatre Arts, Marymount Manhattan College

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There is nothing new or revelatory in this book. It’s a series of badly recycled polemics that never really finds an authentic voice. It reads like a dusted off master’s thesis that has been regurgitated by two academics who are trying to maintain tenured careers rather than being truly helpful to today’s emerging theatre artists. If you’re required to buy this book for a class- you should resell it after the term.

Oh, how I wish I’d read this book earlier in my career, too! When you’re a new director, you think everyone knows something you don’t. But it’s in this book! I especially liked the director perspectives and how to best support the designers - and Roznowski and Domer’s advice for all of us on the production team. We all want the same thing: for everyone to do their best work, to get along, and to make the best show ever. I like that they set the bar high, told you what works and doesn’t, then made you believe it could be done. Was an easy read, too, with humor. Written more like two trusted friends giving you good advice than academics with tons of experience. I’ve already recommended this book to many theatre friends.

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