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From Publishers Weekly

In this short work, noted director Strasberg (1901-1982) tells how the teachings of Stanislavsky changed his life and describes his own discoveries and techniques in the art of acting. PW designated this as "essential reading for actors, directors and students of theater." Photos.

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From School Library Journal

YA In this excellent resource for understanding "the method," Strasberg explains how he discovered and developed what has become of the most definitive method of training actors. Easy to read, it is written in an autobiographical style with non-technical language. YAs will be entranced by Strasberg's experiences with famous actors and his sharing of his fears and successes. A must for high-school students and teachers of drama. Clinton Carbon, Episcopal High School, Bellaire

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From Library Journal

Strasberg's posthumous memoir traces the creation of his famous "Method," the most influential actor-training technique ever developed. At the beginning of his career, Strasberg embarked on a search for the sources of the actor's creativity and a means of consistently attaining emotional truth on stage. His solution, inspired by the work of Stanislavsky's Moscow Arts Theatre, was transmitted to a generation of actors at the Actor's Studio of New York. Strasberg's reminiscences are an exploration of the creative process that will reward all who are interested in the nature of inspiration. Essential for theater collections. Susan Thach Dean, Chicago P.L.

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