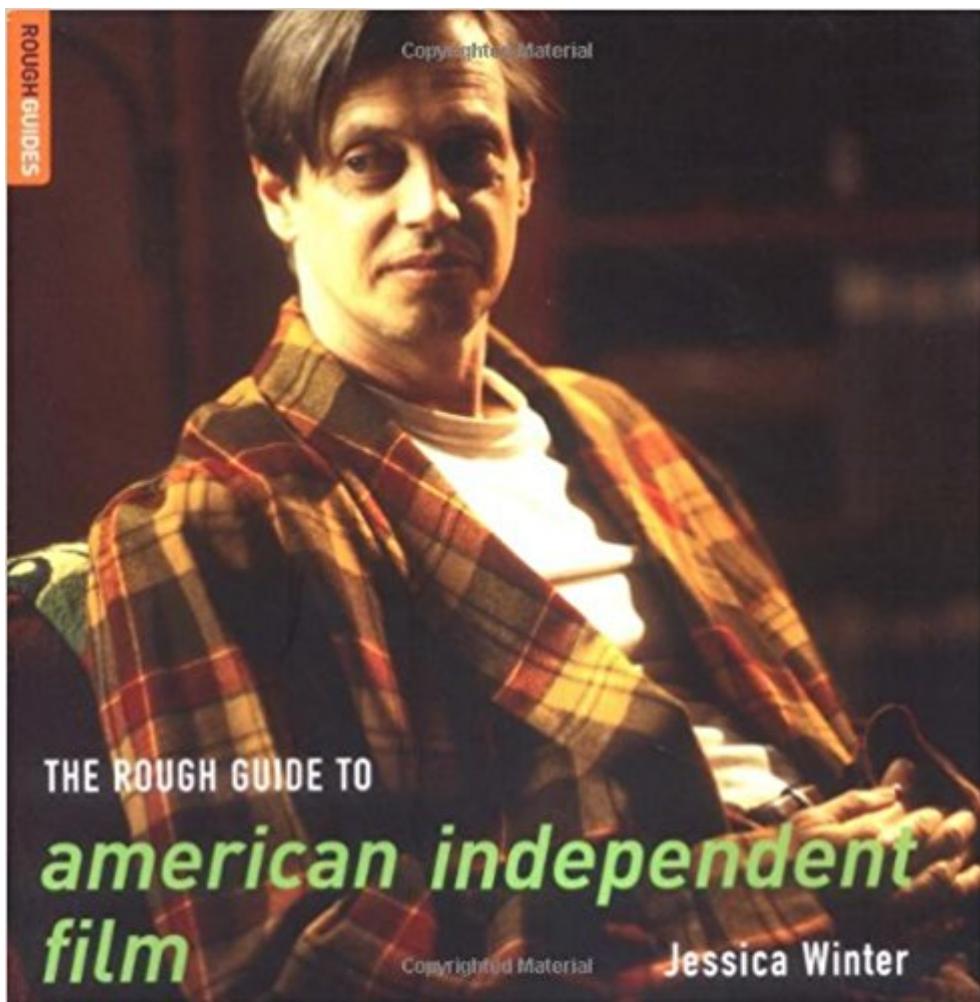


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# The Rough Guide To American Independent Film (Rough Guide Reference)



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The Rough Guide is the essential companion for anyone interested in American Independent, low-budget and maverick filmmaking. The book looks at the deep-reaching history of American "indie" cinema in all its guises, from its earliest incarnations in the 60s and 70s to the growth of indie avatars (Sundance & Miramax) and even considers where it is today. It explores the definitions of "independent" film in terms of both aesthetics and means of production and comes complete with a canon of the 50 greatest American "Indie" films of all time.

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Another killersmart addition to the Rough Guide series, this volume manages to be uber-informative and addictively entertaining -- you'll never get off your toilet! hehe... The section on B-Movie Mogul Roger Corman perfectly gets across whats great about even his not-so-greatest films, and the study of Miramax and Sundance is illuminating and demonstrates the enormous and positive influence these 2 entities have had on the medium. After pouring through this book, its impossible not to make a beeline to Netflix and add dozens of finds to your cue. One aspect of history that this book really nails, is the indie roots of stars like Jack Nicholson, Scorsese, etc and its fun reading about their early and raw cinematic adventures... Also, it was nice to see so many genres represented, the

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