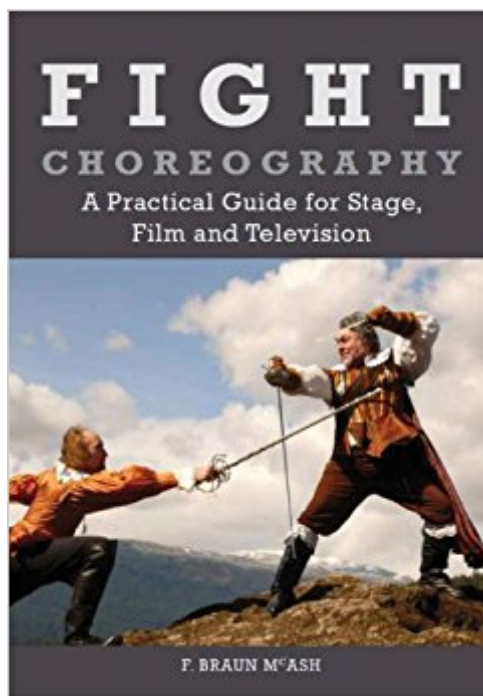


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# Fight Choreography: A Practical Guide For Stage, Film And Television



## Synopsis

From choreography to costume to a battle's symbolism, everything needed to create convincing fight scenes— Fight scenes must tell the story of the fight in a manner that is safe for the— performer—to do this, the choreographer has to consider everything that directly impinges on physical movement. This manual looks at sets, costumes, lighting, special effects, the variety of armor and weapons, and how to choreograph fights with phrases, logic, and rhythm. It gives specific advice on subjects ranging from symbolism to blood effects and from battle scenes to motion capture. We are so familiar with fight scenes on our screens that they are almost taken for granted—this comprehensive book explains the artistic process of creating the fight scene from scripted page to finished performance.

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## Customer Reviews

F. Braun McAsh has been a professional fight choreographer since 1976. He has more than 120 professional credits in film, television, and in stage productions—including for the Stratford Shakespeare Festival and the Canadian Opera Company—but he is best known as the swordmaster for the TV series Highlander and the Highlander movie Endgame. He lives in Vancouver.

...because this is a bit of a fireside chat. It's not terrible and there are certainly nuggets of wisdom, but words that don't come to mind are "pedagogically thought out," "systematic," "succinct," and

"eye-opening." I think the other works that are more fundamental, though if you'd like to hear reflections on a long, successful career, this is the book for you.

Mr. McAsh's book cover not only the long-established methodology of fight staging but also demonstrates some of the recently rediscovered research on authentic techniques. Definitely ahead of the curve.

This is a good overview for basic fight tactics and exercises. Good for beginners or anyone looking for a refresher.

Excellent!!! I got so much out of this. A personal hero of mine since "Highlander". There is also an instructional video he did if you can get your hands on it, well worth it.

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