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“Classes and books instructing novices how to make their own motion pictures often end up only lining the pockets of the instructor or author. Yet this oversized, 720-page guide—a US-g geared edition of a book that debuted in the UK several years ago—leads me to believe someone taking its advice could eventually get their own movie off the ground. Offering information on everything from financing to film stock to distribution deals—and packed with nuts-and-bolts interviews with independent filmmakers (Donnie Darko, The Good Girl, etc.)—this invaluable tome is probably the next best thing to sitting on set with Richard Linklater or Kevin Smith.” –Creative Loafing, 6/2/04 (Matt Brunson)

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“What’s brilliant about this new US-based version of the low budget film makers’ guide is that it really gives you the feeling that it could be that easy – and then explains (over the following phone-book 720 pages) exactly how hard it is to turn your Scorsese daydreams into celluloid reality. This is as inspiring as informative. And it’s pretty funny.” –The Guardian, 8/14/04 (Richard Vine)

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About the Author

<?xml:namespace prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />Chris Jones has been making micro-budget features since he and Genevieve Jolliffe made *The Runner* in 1992. In 2009, his short film "Gone Fishing" was Oscars shortlisted, won the prestigious Producers Guild of America's Best Short Film and collected over 40 international awards. He co-authored the bestselling *Guerilla Film Makers Handbook* in 1996, and also wrote the hugely successful *Guerilla*

Film Makers Movie Blueprint. On top of writing and making films, Chris teaches new filmmakers and runs his business from the historic Ealing Film Studios in London.

Genevieve Jolliffe met Chris Jones at film school and the two went into independent filmmaking through their production company, Living Spirit Pictures. She directed their third film together, *Urban Ghost Story*, in 1998. After moving to Los Angeles, Genevieve was a major force in pulling together the US edition of *The Guerilla Film Makers Handbook*, and she also co-authored *The Documentary Film Makers Handbook* in 2006. With her husband and screenwriting partner Andrew Zinnes, she has sold projects to Warner Bros and has two indie features set to be filmed in 2010.

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