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Jean-Paul Ouellette : The New Elements of Standard Screenplay Format before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The New Elements of Standard Screenplay Format:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very BasicBy katThis is a good introduction but is by no means all-encompassing. Commonly used formatting types are missing (such as formatting scene headings for a character moving room to room in a house). It focuses on the very basics of formatting. However, I give it 3 stars because the book did a great job explaining how formatting is used in the industry and gave many examples of what not to do. I

would have liked to see more on unique formatting (flashbacks, showing a character morphing or aging throughout a script or during flashbacks, post credit scenes, formatting text the writer intends the audience to read, etc.). Overall, I would purchase again for the industry knowledge.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Solid, SensibleBy Karl VoskuilUnlike the contradictory and often ridiculous formatting guidelines found by searching online, this guide presents a solid, sensible, and writerly set of formatting standards.I especially appreciate the (concisely-expressed) reasons provided for each standard. The best way to remember standards is if they actually make sense and serve a purpose.

Need to stand out as a screenwriter? The best mark of a good writer is mastery of standard screenplay format. Script readers and producers pass on poorly presented screenplays. If you format properly, readers will "see" your story and turn your pages. Proper format says that you understand what filmmakers do and how they think. A well formatted screenplay gives actors, directors and producers what they need to turn your story into a movie. In fact, format isn't a screenwriter's tool but a production-imposed style to make sure the production properly transfers the writer's intent to the screen. And, in the computer age, to mesh seamlessly with production software. The best-selling screenwriting programs like Final Draft don't format your scripts for you. They provide the elements of visual storytelling, but they don't explain the rules for using them. This short, informative book defines common terms and explains what terms and elements to use--and never to use--in your screenplay. It flags the pitfalls to avoid, such as directing the actor and weighing down the page. And it addresses problems all screenwriters face in writing great pages of visual storytelling.