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About the Author

Richard Boleslavsky was a member of the Moscow Art Theater and cofounder of the American Laboratory Theater School, which trained Lee Strasberg and Stella Adler among other actors and teachers, playing an important role in bringing Stanislavsky's techniques to America. Although he directed Hollywood films in the 1930s and 1940s, his enduring work is contained in this book.

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