



TOP 30 Resources to Jumpstart Your Career in Hollywood!

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Hi all!

This list is a small compilation of my favorite things for anyone looking to find great entertainment industry related information. Of course there are many more resources that I could share, but these links are a great place to start when exploring the "business of the business." No matter what it is that you do in the land of entertainment, there is something here for everyone, so dive right in.

Happy researching!

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Full disclosure: for some of the companies/resources mentioned, I've used affiliate links which pay me to promote. That being said, I wouldn't stand behind them unless I thought they were the cream of the crop ;)

BOOKS

For Entrepreneurs:

- 1) "[Crush It](#)" by Gary Vaynerchuck
 - I highly suggest getting this as an audiobook. He is awesome to listen to!
- 2) "[Fascinate](#)" by Sally Hogshead
- 3) "[The 4 Hour Work Week](#)" by Timothy Ferris
- 4) "[#Girl Boss](#)" by Sophia Amoruso

For Actors:

- 5) "[New Thoughts for Actors](#)" online FREE book by Jack Plotnick
- 6) "[Self Management for Actors](#)" by Bonnie Gillespie
- 7) "[The Tao of Show Business](#)" by Dallas Travers
- 8) "[Open Up or Shut Up!](#)" By Barbara Deutsch

For Filmmakers (writers/producers/directors etc...):

- 9) "[How to Make Market and Sell Your Movie Without the Middle Man](#)" by Jason Brubaker
- 10) "[Save the Cat](#)" by Blake Snyder
- 11) "[Think Outside the Box Office](#)" by Jon Reiss
- 12) "[The Pocket Lawyer for Filmmakers](#)" by Thomas A. Crowell, ESQ
- 13) "[Variety Presents: Filmmakers and Financing, Business Plans for Independents](#)" (7th edition) by Louise Levinson
- 14) "[Rebel Without A Crew](#)" - By Robert Rodriguez

PODCASTS

For Actors:

- 15) "[Inside Acting Podcast](#)"

For Filmmakers (writers/producers/directors etc...):

- 16) "[Filmmaking Stuff](#)" hosted by Jason Brubaker
- 17) "[Hollywood Bound and Down](#)" hosted by Joshua Caldwell
- 18) "[New Mediocracy](#)" hosted by Chris McCaleb

BLOGS:

For Entrepreneurs:

- 19) [MarieForleo.com](#)
 - online business guru! Sign up for her weekly newsletter and watch her videos every Tuesday. No matter what field you are in, there will be something there that will help you. Just keep your mind open, and as Marie says, "ask how can I make this work for me?"
- 20) [JasonBrubaker.com](#)

For Actors:

- 21) [Backstage.com](#)

For Filmmakers (writers/producers/directors etc...):

- 22) [FilmmakingStuff.com](#)
- 23) [Hollywood Bound and Down](#)
- 24) [Hollywood Journal](#)
- 25) [Filmmaker Magazine](#)
- 26) [Indie Wire](#)

COURSES/WORKSHOPS

For Entrepreneurs:

- 27) Marie Forleo's [B School](#)
 - specifically if you are interested in starting an online business

For Actors:

- 28) Self Management For Actors by Bonnie Gillespie
 - courses focus on the business of acting including a [book](#), the "[essentials](#)," and a [retreat](#)

For Filmmakers (writers/producers/directors etc...):

- 29) "[No Budget Film School](#)" taught by Mark Stolaroff
 - phenomenal course to learn the basics when it comes to uber indie filmmaking. A great jumping off point.
- 30) Jason Brubaker's Filmmaking Stuff Courses....
 - 1) Distribution ("[How to Sell Your Movie](#)")
 - 2) Finance ("[Film Finance Guide](#)")
 - 3) General Jason's other random [courses](#) etc...

For more fab resources go to:
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