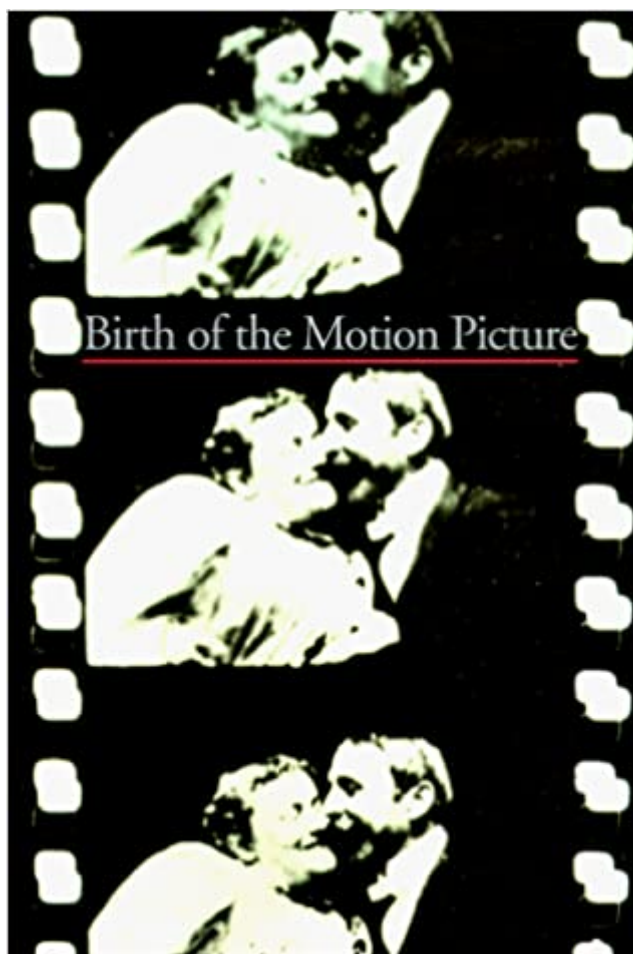


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The story of the birth of the cinema begins in a Parisian theater in 1895 when a street scene of horses and carriages suddenly begins to move--and reportage, travel films, stories, and experiments with color and music soon follow. Original.

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Illuminating and informative book about the birth of the motion picture. Written by a Frenchman it concentrates on the development of the motion picture in France but other countries are not ignored. This is an interesting and original account of the founding fathers of the motion picture (and founding mothers too, a section is devoted to the world's first woman filmmaker Alice Guy, whose first film was *The Cabbage Fairy*.) Beautiful colored photographs and an engaging, lively text make this a must have novel for film and history buffs.

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