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#### About the Author

**Michael G. Uva** is a well-respected key grip in Hollywood, with over 32 years of experience in film, TV, movies, and commercials. Credits include films such as *Easy A*, *Kalifornia*, and *Iron Eagle*, and shows such as *The League*, *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, and *Bones*. He has taught at UCLA's extension program, the Phoenix, Denver, New Mexico, Cuyahoga College Cleveland, and Bakersfield Film Commissions, as well as for the Hollywood CPR Program at West Los Angeles College.

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