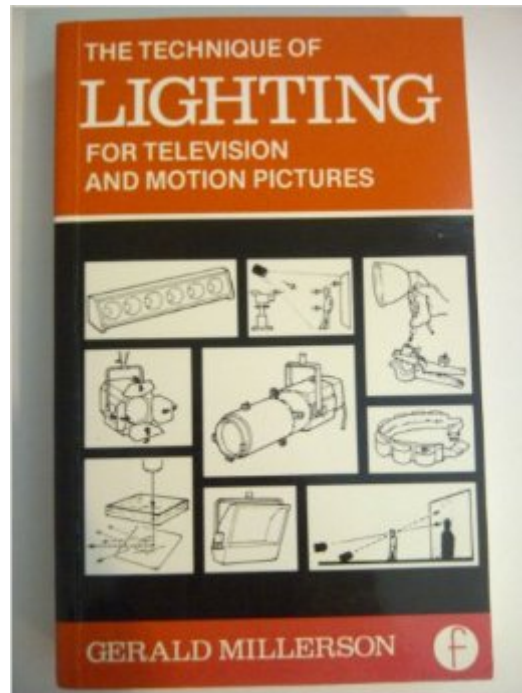


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# Technique Of Lighting For Television And Motion Pictures (Library Of Communication Techniques)



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"There is another aspect of color which must be understood, and that is "color depth." This is the

apparency of depth (relative distance from the viewer) characteristic of different colors and depending on background against which they appear. Against a white background, colors give the illusion of distance from the viewer in the order: blue-green (apparently nearest the viewer) blue-purple-red-yellow-green (apparently farthest from the viewer) Against a black background, the apparency of distance changes: red (nearest) orange-yellow-green-blue-green-blue-violet (farthest) Color depth and color harmony must be used in conjunction.. As an example of the use of this technology, I was once submitted a set design for a film which looked a bit unintegrated, as though it didn't really belong together. The main fault was that a black-board in this particular classroom scene looked like it was closer to the audience than the students, when it was actually farther away--thus robin the set of depth. I tried to work with the color wheel (Grumbacher Color Compass) to find some different color background for the set and discovered at that time that I couldn't get the combination that had been proposed on a color wheel or on the depth perception chart. It turned out out that the blackboard would have to be yellow to make the set come off. Another example, a proposed set design for a Greek temple I was handed had its color depth backwards, collapsing the set and making it look small. The back walls and floors and pillars should have been Greek white marble, and a decorative frieze set in the back wall (because of the white backgrounds in this set) should only have been apple-green.

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