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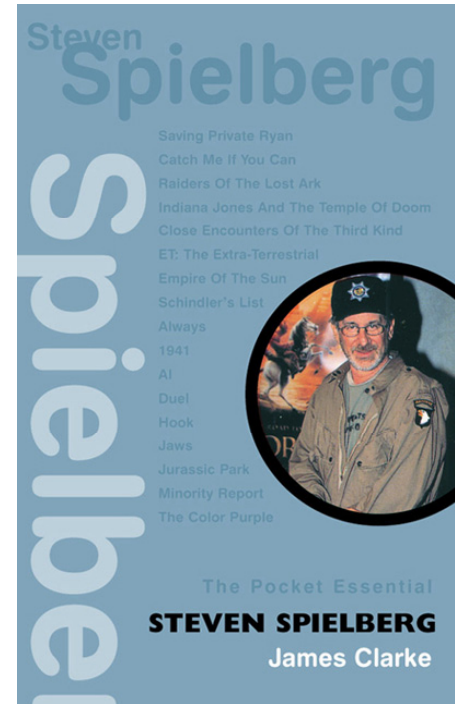
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- **Publication to coincide with the US launch of *The Terminal*, Spielberg's new film starring Tom Hanks and Catherine Zeta Jones**
- **This new edition takes us right up-to-date with his latest releases**
- **An accolade to one of America's greatest directors**
- **His films have become a cinematic vision for a whole generation of movie goers**
- **Filming of a new *Indiana Jones* is scheduled for summer 2004, with all the attendant interest.**

At the pinnacle of his career and now in his fourth decade as a director, Steven Spielberg is firmly established as the world's most popular film-maker. Celebrated for his mastery of spectacle and fantasy he has, more recently, proven his skill as a craftsman of compelling populist drama. He is an icon of late twentieth century popular culture.

From the thrills and zestful adventure of *Jaws* and the unflinching recreation of Auschwitz in *Schindler's List*, to the tender idealism of *ET* and the sombre hymn to brotherhood of *Saving Private Ryan*, Spielberg takes his audience on new journeys, to places often unknown to the eye but always familiar and recognisable to the heart.

With his films *AI*, *Minority Report* and *Catch Me If You Can*, Spielberg continues to invest powerful emotion into familiar genres. His work has become more nuanced and shaded, but its sense of optimism remains. This Pocket Essential examines every Spielberg film since *Duel* and includes a career overview of a singular director whose work has transcended its origin to become the cinematic vision for a generation of moviegoers.

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