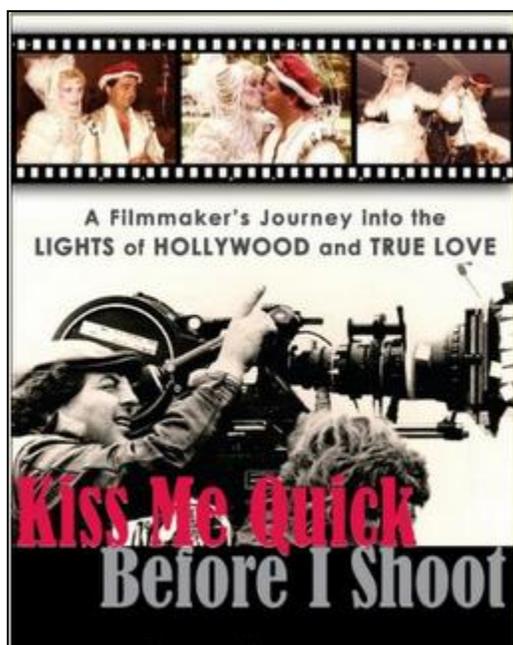


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In the star-spangled world of movies and television our public attention is usually focused on the galacticos: the Clooneys and Brangelinas, the Speilbergs and Scorseses. Theirs are the faces smiling or growling on the covers of the high-gloss magazines next to the gum rack at the Piggly Wiggly or the IGA. But what about everyone else in the movie; the ones without quite so many pages of script or the ones who wrote or shot that script?

It's like golf. When you hear the phrase 'professional golfer', don't you instantly think of Tiger or Phil or Jack or Arnie? Of course you do. You don't think of your local PGA professional, who is equally a professional golfer.



Guy Magar is a great club pro as a film and TV director. He's shot soap operas, documentaries, many episodes of the A-Team and some pretty darn scary feature films (e.g. *Retribution*) that did good business and made him a living, but never broke through into the great stratosphere that made John Carpenter or Tobe Hooper into John Carpenter! and Tobe Hooper! Magar is a pro's pro. He is just the sort of guy who can teach you how to play the game.

But excellent advice and some juicy stories about Hollywood are literally only half of **Kiss Me Quick Before I Shoot**. Magar is also madly in love with his wife Jacqui after over a quarter-century together, and her successful fight against leukemia using stem cell induction is woven into the book in alternating chapters. Basically, it was

like Magar decided, 'If I'm writing one book in my life, I'm not leaving anything in the bag.' To which I say to him - good for you!

The enjoyment for the reader is three-fold. Those who are would-be or novice filmmakers will gain a world of practical advice - and I do refer you to Magar's excellent website actioncut.com. Those who are film fans will gain insight into the practical problems and solutions that are the background of the pretty, pretty seamless product you enjoy. But most of all, the information about stem cells and the truly magical way they can cure disease is invaluable given the current political controversy. By the time you are done reading this book, you will wonder why there is any controversy at all.