

"ANYONE who reads it can become an instant expert on a director. We wanted to draw from six continents, including names such as Krzysztof Kieslowski and Yasujirô Ozu, as well as plenty of female directors – I think the best thing readers can get out of the book is discovering the work of someone new. What makes it different from other compendiums is that it is illustrationled, and each portrait is rendered stylistically as one of the director's characters. It's also a chance for readers to remind themselves of just how good some of the more mainstream directors are. People such as Tim Burton are known for their more recent films, which may not be that great, but if you look over his earlier ones, you realise how brilliant he is. The book is there to inspire a love of film." A To Z Great Film Directors (Cassell, £14.99) by Andy Tuohy and Matt Glasby is out on 3 September.