

Film's inside stories look good on paper

It may be a dying art, but there's still some quality fare among this year's film books. Reviewed by Allan Hunter

If budget isn't a consideration you might want to invest in Stanley Kubrick's **Napoleon: The Greatest Movie Never Made** ([Taschen](#), £450), an epic collection of items that lovingly detail what appears to have been Kubrick's dream project for the best part of three decades. Jack Nicholson, Oskar Werner and Ian Holm were among the many actors who came close to playing the lead in the film, just one tiny fact to be gleaned from the 10 books in the collection that cover everything from costume tests to a working draft of the script. If you want an understanding of the obsessiveness that drove Kubrick's career then you will discover it here, although the hefty price tag and limited numbers produced (only a thousand copies) suggest that this is more of a collector's item than a realistic gift.