

Automatic Pilot

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Synopsis

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An airplane pilot has to complete a checklist before taking off to avoid crashing and stay in the air. So too, *Automatic Pilot* is a TV pilot writer's checklist to keep from crashing and stay on the air. *Automatic Pilot* is the definitive guide on how to create and write an original pilot. It takes you through the step-by-step process of writing your own pilot script. It is adapted from Bill Taub's very successful UCLA Extension Writers' Program online workshop, Writing a Spec Pilot, which he has been teaching to students all over the world since 2006. Up until the series *Desperate Housewives*, developed from spec pilot, burst upon the scene, and became an instant hit, nobody encouraged writers to write a spec pilot. Since then the floodgates have opened and every writer, including some of the biggest names, is either writing a spec pilot or thinking about writing one. Like the workshop itself, which crossed borders, *Automatic Pilot* is designed for writers no matter where they are. Whether you are writing a series about Congress or Parliament, the CIA or MI-5, a family in Bangladesh or Brooklyn, the process is the same. Whether it's a half-hour comedy, one-hour drama, animation, or even a Web series, the steps are the same. While the odds of selling a spec pilot are slim, the chance your spec pilot will impress those in charge to hire you on staff is a good enough reason to have one. And every writer these days must have at least one spec pilot in their portfolio. *Automatic Pilot* is not only an insider's guide on how to create an original pilot, it's an audiobook that will inspire you, motivate you, and help you discover (or rediscover) a sense of freedom and joy in writing, no matter what stage you're at - whether you're new to the writing world or an old pro - it will be something you will return to time and again.

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