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--Paul Rudd

"These guys probably ripped off everything in this book just like they do in all their screenplays. That would explain why it's actually kind of good."

--Ed Helms

"These two guys are the reason *Night at the Museum* won so many Oscars"

--Ben Stiller

"Tom and Ben's valuable insight into writing for a Volkswagen bug and creating the 'Lawrence of Arabia of Ping Pong films' make this book far more informative to the young dramatist than the vastly over-rated 'Aristotle's Poetics.'"

--Jonathan Glickman, Film Producer, President of MGM, Motion Picture Group

"Some screenwriters have a knack for capturing the heart and soul of characters, the nuance of themes, the richness of the human experience. And some are like Tom and Ben."

--Shawn Levy, Film Director & Producer

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--Zak Penn, Film Screenwriter & Director

"Ben and Tom are a great fit for me. I love working with talented writers and then telling people everything was my idea. This is a great book, that I pitched to them a while back... I'm thrilled that they finally got around to writing it."

--Danny DeVito

#### **About the Author**

Thomas Lennon attended the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University, where he co-founded the influential sketch comedy group The State. He and Ben Garant have written nine feature films together, including: "Night at the Museum," "Taxi," "Reno 911!: Miami," "Balls of Fury," and "The Pacifier." Tom has also appeared as an actor in numerous films. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife, the actress Jenny Robertson and his son, Oliver.

Robert Ben Garant spent the early nineties in New York, with the comedy group "The State" on MTV. He

and Tom Lennon then created two more hit shows on Comedy Central: " Viva Variety "and "Reno 911!" Since relocating to Los Angeles, he's written films for Disney, Spyglass, Imagine, Warner Brothers, Columbia, Paramount, New Line, Dimension, and Universal Pictures. Please visit [WritingMoviesForFunandProfit.com](http://WritingMoviesForFunandProfit.com).

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