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**Book of the month  
Review by Pete Sharma**

**Film in Action – Teaching language using moving images**

Kieran Donaghy, Delta Publishing; 978-1-9097-8307-2

Film in Action is full of activities which use moving images in the language classroom. Part A shows how film can be used to develop vocabulary, listening, intercultural understanding, visual literacy and much more. The 100+ activities in part B are divided into two sections: those involving active viewing, and those where students actually create film, which is easy in this digital age. Original activities sit alongside more familiar ones, and focus on many aspects of film: composing a shot, the character, the soundtrack, the script. Activity stages are humorously called pre-production, action and postproduction. Useful weblinks are provided, but care is needed opening these as unsuitable material may be accidentally accessed. Part C focuses on longer projects. The author's knowledge and enthusiasm shine through.