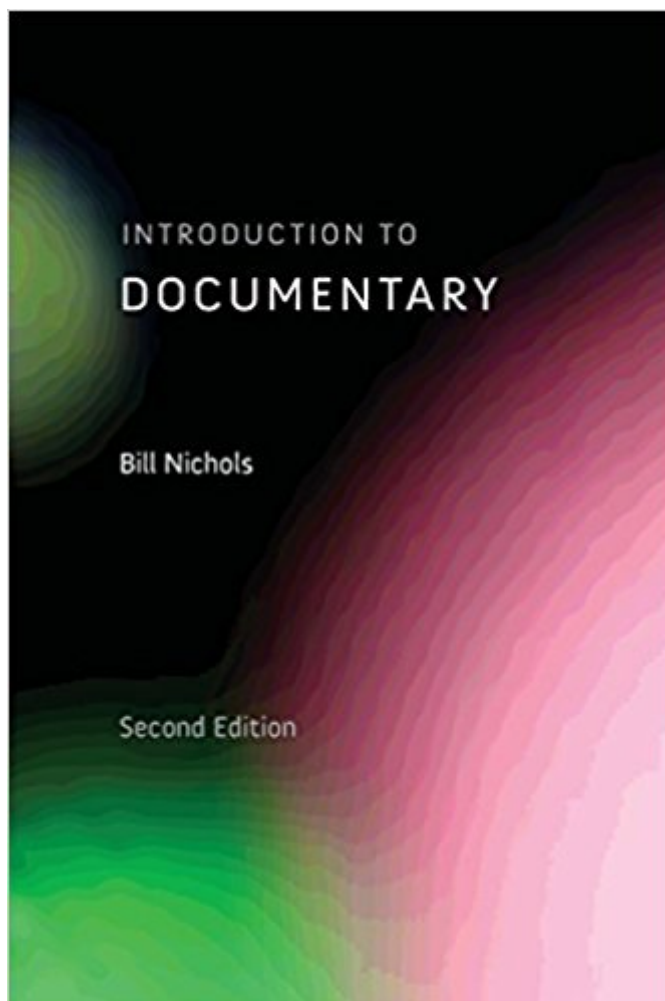


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Bill Nichols is Professor of Cinema at San Francisco State University and author of *Representing Reality: Issues and Concepts in Documentary* (IUP, 1992) and *Blurred Boundaries: Questions of*

Meaning in Contemporary Culture (IUP, 1995).

The text itself is very helpful and gave me all the answers I needed in the course I was taking on documentary studies. The issue I had with this book is as an ebook, I did not get page numbers, which made it extremely difficult to follow along with what my professor assigned for reading. I made it through, but it was a lot harder than it needed to be. The content of the book was clear and well explained and very helpful overall. I would recommend this text to anyone with interest in documentary studies

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