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A screenplay is a story told with pictures in dialogue and description placed within the context of dramatic structure. Structure is the foundation of all screenwriting - it is the spine, the skeleton that "holds" it all together. My approach to these four screenplay structure is like a good road map through the desert, showing you all the necessary things you need to know before you begin the journey. It is both guide and support, and like a tree in the wind that bends but doesn't break, structure is flexible.-- From the Introduction: Four Themes, Four Screenplays "About this title" may belong to another edition of this title. Showing 1-30 Start your review of Four Screenplays: Studies in the American Screenplay Jun 12, 2013 John Rachel rated it liked it · review of another edition Syd has some very extracted as a necessary structural component of all effective and successful screenplays. 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