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In one short volume, Mark Walhimer covers:

- Essential Background, such as what is a museum, a quick history of museums, and 10 steps to starting a museum
- Operational Basics, such as branding, marketing, strategic planning, governance, accessibility, and day-to-day operations
- What goes on behind the scenes in a museum, ranging from finances to fundraising to art handling, exhibit management, and research
- The Visitor Experience, planning a museum, designing exhibits for visitors, programming, and exhibit evaluation.

Features that even the most experienced museum professionals will find useful include a community outreach checklist, a fundraising checklist, a questionnaire for people considering starting a new museum, and an exhaustive, well-organized list of online resources for museum operations. The book's contents were overseen by a six-member international advisory board.

Valuable appendixes you'll use every day include a museum toolbox full of useful forms, checklists, and worksheets, and a glossary of essential museum-related terms. In addition to the printed book, *Museums 101* also features a companion website exclusively for readers of the book. The website—museums101.com—features:

- links to essential online resources in the museum world,
- downloadable sample documents,
- a glossary,
- a bibliography of sources for further reading, and
- photographs of more than 75 museums of all types.

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