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## Tarantino, Quentin (1963—)

Best known for writing and directing the Oscar winning film *Pulp Fiction* (1994), Quentin Tarantino is one of the most critically lauded film directors of the 1990s. In *Reservoir Dogs* (1992) he redefined the primary elements of the pulp genre—murder, drugs, sex, violence, and betrayal—by introducing self-consciously witty dialogue, formal inventiveness, and slick yet casual violence. As a result he raised what had been traditionally judged as a B movie genre to an avant-garde art form. His style has become like a brand name in the film industry. Celebrating popular culture and capitalizing on the political correctness backlash of the 1990s, Tarantino's audiences are served a hearty dose of shallowness, ease, and familiarity combined with as much violence and sex as an R rating can indulge. In addition to writing and directing he also acts, produces, and distributes films.