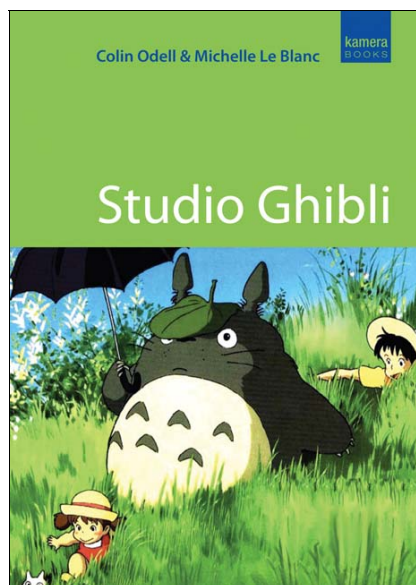


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# STUDIO Ghibli

THE FILMS OF HAYAO MIYAZAKI AND ISAO TAKAHATA  
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