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The exceptional life of the first female director in film history.

In 1895, the Lumière brothers invented the cinematograph. Less than a year later, 23-year-old Alice Guy made *The Cabbage Fairy*, a 60-second movie, for Léon Gaumont. She went on to direct over 300 films before 1922.

Her life is a shadow history of early cinema. A free, independent woman, mingling with such luminaries as Georges Méliès and the Lumières, she was the first to define the professions of screenwriter and producer. She directed the first feminist satire, then the first sword-and-sandal epic, before crossing the Atlantic in 1907 to become the first woman to found her own production company in New Jersey. Alice Guy died in 1969, excluded from the annals of film history.

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