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one of the rare collections i would recommend for use in undergraduate teaching the chapters are lucid without being oversimplified and the contributors are adept at analyzing the key industrial technological and ideological features of contemporary u s cinema diane negra university of east anglia uk contemporary american cinema offers a fresh and sometimes revisionist look at developments in the american film industry from the 1960s to the present readers will find it lively and provocative chuck maland university of tennessee usa contemporary american cinema is the book on the subject that undergraduate classes have been waiting for comprehensive detailed and intelligently organized and written in accessible and compelling prose contemporary american cinema will be embraced by instructors and students alike charlie keil director cinema studies program university of toronto canada contemporary american cinema usefully gathers together a range of materials that provide a valuable resource for students and scholars it is also a pleasure to read hilary radner university of otago new zealand contemporary american cinema deepens our knowledge of american cinema since the 1960s this is an important collection that will be widely used in university classrooms lee grieveson university college london uk contemporary american cinema is a clear sighted and tremendously readable anthology mapping the terrain of post sixties us cinema with breadth and critical verve paul grainge university of nottingham uk this collection of freshly written essays by leading specialists in the field will most likely be one of the most important works of reference for students and film scholars for years to come liv hausken university of oslo norway contemporary american cinema is the first comprehensive introduction to american cinema since 1960 the book is unique in its treatment of both hollywood alternative and non mainstream cinema critical essays from leading film scholars are supplemented by boxed profiles of key directors producers and actors key films and key genres and statistics from the cinema industry illustrated in colour and black and white with film

stills posters and production images the book has two tables of contents allowing students to use the book chronologically decade by decade or thematically by subject designed especially for courses in cinema studies and film studies cultural studies and american studies contemporary american cinema features a glossary of key terms fully referenced resources and suggestions for further reading questions for class discussion and a comprehensive filmography individual chapters include the decline of the studio system the rise of american new wave cinema the history of the blockbuster the parallel histories of independent and underground film black cinema from blaxploitation to the 1990s changing audiences the effects of new technology comprehensive overview of us documentary from 1960 to the present contributors include stephen prince steve neale susan jeffords yvonne tasker barbara klinger jim hillier peter kramer mark shiel sheldon hall eithne quinn michele aaron jonathan munby

in many senses viewers have cut their teeth on the violence in american cinema from anthony perkins slashing janet leigh in our most infamous of shower scenes to the 1970s masterpieces of martin scorsese sam peckinpah and francis ford coppola to our present day undertakings in imagining global annihilations through terrorism war and alien grudges transfigurations brings our cultural obsession with film violence into a renewed dialogue with contemporary theory challenging the orthodoxies of previous research on film violence and contributing a fresh perspective to how we might reconceptualize fictional forms of this particular kind of aggressive cinema asbjörn gronstad argues that the use of violence in hollywood films should be understood semiotically rather than viewed realistically transfigurations thus alters both our methodology of reading violence in films and the meanings we assign to them depicting violence not as a self contained incident but a convoluted network of our own cultural ideologies and beliefs

in this insightful study of hollywood cinema since 1969 film historian nick smedley traces the cultural and intellectual heritage of american films showing how recent hollywood movies owe a profound debt to the liberal values of new deal cinema hollywood cinema is not usually thought of as politically or socially engaged but the author argues that it is in fact one of the most value laden of all national cinemas drawing on a long historical view of persistent themes in hollywood cinema smedley demonstrates how film makers in america continue to explore the balance between unbridled capita

in december 1967 time magazine put bonnie and clyde on its cover and proudly declared that hollywood cinema was undergoing a renaissance for the next few years a wide range of formally and thematically challenging films were produced at the very centre of the american film industry often but by no means always combining success at the box office with huge critical acclaim both then and later this collection brings together acknowledged experts on american cinema to examine thirteen key films from the years 1966 to 1974 starting with who's afraid of virginia woolf a major studio release which was in effect exempted from hollywood's production code and thus helped to liberate american filmmaking from self censorship long standing taboos to do with sex violence race relations drugs politics religion and much else could now be broken often in conjunction with extensive stylistic experimentation whereas most previous scholarship has examined these developments through the prism of auteurism with its tight focus on film directors and their oeuvres the contributors to this collection also carefully examine production histories and processes in doing so they pay particular attention to the economic underpinnings and collaborative nature of filmmaking the influence of european art cinema as well as of exploitation experimental and underground films and the connections between cinema and other media notably publishing music and theatre several chapters show how the innovations of the hollywood renaissance relate to further changes in american cinema

from the mid 1970s onwards

first published in english in 1974 hollywood and after presents contemporary cinema in all its complexity describing and analyzing the various factors which in the sixties and seventies brought so many changes both inside hollywood and throughout the film industry of the usa the film industry has been restructured no longer independent it now forms only a part sometimes only a small and secondary part of large diversified corporations formerly rivals today cinema and television not only coexist but are forced to cooperate closely in a world of technical developments such as videocassettes cable tv and satellite transmissions the main part of this book is dedicated to artistic and creative questions a new generation of film makers is making films for a new generation of film goers who are looking for fresh values on the screen more and more the cinema mirrors the reality of american life complicated uneasy shaken by violent outbursts charged with a multitude of controversies and conflicts the rose tinted american dream which hollywood peddled is a thing of the past today the us cinema offers a variety of artistic political and social approaches and a wide range of highly individual styles in the world of social media ott platforms and ai this book is an important historical reference for scholars and researchers of film studies film history and media studies

in this pioneering work sixteen historians analyse individual films for deeper insight into us institutions values and lifestyles linking all of the essays is the belief that film holds much of value for the historian seeking to understand and interpret american history and culture this title will be equally valuable for students and scholars in history using film for analysis as well as film students and scholars exploring the way social and historical circumstances are reflected and represented in film

the latest offering from the reference guides to the world s cinema series this critical survey of key films actors directors and screenwriters during the silent era of the american cinema offers a broad ranging portrait of the motion picture production of silent film detailed but concise alphabetical entries include over 100 film titles and 150 personnel an introductory chapter explores the early growth of the new silent medium while the final chapter of this encyclopedic study examines the sophistication of the silent cinema these two chapters outline film history from its beginnings until the perfection of synchronized sound and reflect upon the themes and techniques established with the silent cinema that continued into the sound era through modern times the annotated entries alphabetically arranged by film title or personnel include brief bibliographies and filmographies an appendix lists secondary but important movies and their creators film and popular culture scholars will appreciate the vast amount of information that has been culled from various sources and that builds upon the increased studies and research of the past ten years

how has american cinema engaged with the rapid transformation of cities and urban culture since the 1960s and what role have films and film industries played in shaping and mediating the postindustrial city this collection argues that cinema and cities have become increasingly intertwined in the era of neoliberalism urban branding and accelerated gentrification examining a wide range of films from hollywood blockbusters to indie cinema it considers the complex evolving relationship between moving image cultures and the spaces policies and politics of us cities from new york los angeles and boston to detroit oakland and baltimore the contributors address questions of narrative genre and style alongside the urban contexts of production exhibition and reception discussing films including the friends of eddie coyle 1973 cruising 1980 desperately seeking susan 1985 king of new york 1990 inception 2010 frances ha 2012 fruitvale station 2013 only lovers left alive 2013 and doctor strange 2016

the setting is 1920s berlin cultural heart of europe and the era s only serious cinematic rival to hollywood in his engaging study thomas saunders explores an outstanding example of one of the most important cultural developments of this century global americanization through the motion picture the invasion of germany by american films which began in 1921 with overlapping waves of sensationalist serials slapstick shorts society pictures and historical epics initiated a decade of cultural collision and accommodation on the one hand it fueled an impassioned debate about the properties of cinema and the specter of wholesale americanization on the other hand it spawned unprecedented levels of cooperation and exchange in berlin american motion pictures not only entertained all social classes and film tastes but also served as a vehicle for american values and a source of sharp economic competition hollywood in berlin correlates the changing forms of hollywood s contributions to weimar culture and the discourses that framed and interpreted them restoring historical contours to a leading aspect of cultural interchange in this century at the same time the book successfully embeds weimar cinema in its contemporary international setting the setting is 1920s berlin cultural heart of europe and the era s only serious cinematic rival to hollywood in his engaging study thomas saunders explores an outstanding example of one of the most important cultural developments of this century globa

in a history of american movies a film by film look at the art craft and business of cinema paul monaco provides a survey of the narrative feature film from the 1920s to the present the book focuses on 170 of the most highly regarded and recognized feature films selected by the hollywood establishment each oscar winner for best picture as well as those voted the greatest by members of the american film institute by focusing on a select group of films that represent the epitome of these collaborations monaco provides an essential history of one of the modern world s most complex and successful cultural institutions hollywood divided into three sections classic hollywood 1927 1948 hollywood in transition 1949 1974 and the new hollywood 1975 to the present monaco examines some of the most memorable works in cinematic history including the general wings bringing up baby gone with the wind citizen kane casablanca on the waterfront the searchers psycho west side story the godfather cabaret raging bull rain man toy story and saving private ryan this is the only book that thoroughly treats hollywood and the most significant movies that it has made simultaneously as the coming together of an art a craft and a business this approach provides unique insight into the workings of one of the most accomplished and successful art forms in human history the hollywood feature film

studies of classic hollywood typically treat hollywood films released from 1930 to 1960 as a single interpretive mass veronica pravadelli complicates this idea focusing on dominant tendencies in box office hits and oscar recognized classics she breaks down the so called classic period into six distinct phases that follow hollywood s amazingly diverse offerings from the emancipated females of the transition era and the traditional men and women of the conservative 1930s that replaced it to the fantastical fifties movie musicals that arose after anti classic genres like film noir and women s films pravadelli sets her analysis apart by paying particular attention to the gendered desires and identities exemplified in the films availing herself of the significant advances in film theory and modernity studies that have taken place since similar surveys first saw publication she views hollywood through strategies as varied as close textural analysis feminism psychoanalysis film style and study of cinematic imagery revealing the inconsistencies and antithetical traits lurking beneath classic hollywood s supposed transparency

this book introduces the reader to basic issues related to the phenomenon of american cinema it looks at american film history from the 1890s through the spring of 2020 but it does not always explore this history in a purely chronological way in fact it is not strictly speaking a history rather it is a cultural history which focuses more on topics

and issues than on what happened when it begins with a profile of classical hollywood cinema as a unique economic industrial aesthetic and cultural institution it considers the experience of moviegoing the nature of hollywood storytelling and the roles played by the studio system the star system and film genres in the creation of a body of work that functions not only as entertainment but as a portrait of the relationship between an american national identity and an industrialized mass culture that has slowly evolved over the past century this book assumes that the reader has little or no formal training in film history theory or aesthetics it presents fairly basic concepts in such a way as to encourage discussion not so much of individual films but of films in general for this reason the book concentrates on large groupings of films on genres topics and periods of film history this textbook differs from the more traditional histories of the cinema for certain specific and important reasons over the past fifty years the field of film study has undergone a tremendous transformation this change has been spearheaded by the work of a new generation of scholars who challenge the traditional way in which film history has been written and taught introduction to film courses that fifty years ago taught film as art drew heavily upon the approaches of new criticism contemporary film courses now teach film not only as art but also as film and they attempt to situate film as an art form within a larger industrial economic social and cultural context they rely heavily on cultural studies new historicism psychoanalysis and other contemporary critical disciplines film history texts have changed over the years as well in the past histories consisted of simple chronological accounts of who did what and what happened when and of the stories of great men sic and their achievements and of straightforward accounts of the influence of technology and economics on the course of a history that unfolds in a linear fashion up to the present more recently film scholars have begun to rewrite these traditional histories creating what thomas elsaesser refers to as the new film history at its best this history is driven by a sophisticated theoretically informed revisionism it simply refuses to accept the easy answers to basic historical questions that had been offered up by past historians with the initial publication of *American Cinema: American Culture* in 1994 the methods and discoveries of the new film history were applied to an introductory level text surveying the history of the american cinema

this expansive three volume set investigates racial representation in film providing an authoritative cross section of the most racially significant films actors directors and movements in american cinematic history hollywood has always reflected current american cultural norms and ideas as such film provides a window into attitudes about race and ethnicity over the last century this comprehensive set provides information on hundreds of films chosen based on scholarly consensus of their importance regarding the subject examining aspects of race and ethnicity in american film through the historical context themes and people involved this three volume set highlights the most important films and artists of the era identifying films actors or characterizations that were considered racist were tremendously popular or hugely influential attempted to be progressive or some combination thereof readers will not only learn basic information about each subject but also be able to contextualize it culturally historically and in terms of its reception to understand what average moviegoers thought about the subject at the time of its popularity and grasp how the subject is perceived now through the lens of history

widespread law enforcement or formal policing outside of cities appeared in the early 20th century around the same time the early film industry was developing the two evolved in tandem intersecting in meaningful ways much scholarship has focused on portrayals of the criminal in early american cinema yet little has been written about depictions of the criminal s antagonist this history examines how different on screen representations shifted public perception of law enforcement initially seen as a suspicious or intrusive institution then as a power for the common good

hollywood aesthetic offers the first comprehensive appraisal of hollywood's capacity to provide aesthetic pleasure to mass audiences grounded in film history and in the psychological and philosophical literature in aesthetics hollywood aesthetic explains how hollywood creates for huge numbers of people some of their most exhilarating experiences of art

engaging film criticism examines recent american cinema in relationship to its imaginative intertexts films from earlier decades that engage similar political and cultural themes this historical encounter provides an unexpected and exciting way of reading popular contemporary films eclectic pairings include the schwarzenegger action film *true lies* with the hitchcock classic *north by northwest* as well as the lampooned will smith comedy *wild wild west* with buster keaton's silent feature *the general* using a theoretically and historically informed brand of criticism engaging film criticism suggests that today's hollywood cinema is every bit as worthy of study as the classics

this vastly readable and richly illustrated volume examines film as art form technological innovation big business and cultural bellwether it takes in stars from douglas fairbanks to sly stallone auteurs from d w griffith to martin scorsese and spike lee and genres from the screwball comedy of the 1930s to the hard body movies of the 1980s to the independent films of the 1990s combining panoramic sweep with detailed commentaries on hundreds of individual films *movie made america* is a must for any motion picture enthusiast

through studying images of blood in film from the mid 1950s to the end of the 1960s this path breaking book explores how blood as an audio visual cinematic element went from predominately operating as a signifier providing audiences with information about a film's plot and characters to increasingly operating in terms of affect potentially evoking visceral and embodied responses in viewers using films such as *the return of dracula* *the tingler* *blood feast* *two thousand maniacs* *color me blood red* *bonnie and clyde* and *the wild bunch* *rødje* takes a novel approach to film history by following one audio visual element through an exploration that traverses established standards for film production and reception this study does not heed distinctions regarding to genres horror western gangster or models of film production exploitation independent studio productions but rather maps the operations of cinematic images across marginal as well as more traditionally esteemed cinematic territories the result is a book that rethinks and reassembles cinematic practices as well as aesthetics and as such invites new ways to investigate how cinematic images enter relations with other images as well as with audiences

in the late 1960s the collapse of the classic hollywood studio system led in part and for less than a decade to a production trend heavily influenced by the international art cinema reflecting a new self consciousness in the us about the national film patrimony this period is known as the hollywood renaissance however critical study of the period is generally associated with its so called principal auteurs slighting a number of established and emerging directors who were responsible for many of the era's most innovative and artistically successful releases with contributions from leading film scholars this book provides a revisionist account of this creative resurgence by discussing and memorializing twenty four directors of note who have not yet been given a proper place in the larger history of the period including filmmakers such as hal ashby john frankenheimer mike nichols and joan micklin silver this more expansive approach to the auteurism of the late 1960s and 1970s seems not only appropriate but pressing a necessary element of the re evaluation of hollywood with which cinema studies has been preoccupied under the challenges posed by the emergence and flourishing of new media

this book develops a new critical framework for exploring the excesses portrayed in american cinema each culture has its own excesses which taken together add up to a unique madness american cinema reveals these excesses painting a portrait of the specifically american madness and when these excesses are rolled back a little reveals the unique strengths and genius of the american mind the critical methods of both left and right are shown to have programmatic biases that make them unsuited to analysis of this transgressive material instead a method of dramatic criticism is developed here based on aristotle s theory of tragedy and its cathartic possibilities this framework is applied across a range of cinematic themes including paranoia aggression oedipal freudian themes sexual obsession the apocalypse native americans and cultural genocide new age narcissism nihilism and self destruction cultural autism and virtual reality fantasy finally a look at american sanity is provided through films where dramatic excess is balanced with critical awareness

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