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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

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 tranfigurations 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

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 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

american film in the first decade of the new millennium became a cultural battleground on which a war of representation was waged but did these films endorse the war on terror or criticise it more than just reproducing these fears and fantasies the war on terror and american film argues that american cinema has played a significant role in shaping them restructuring how audiences have viewed the war on terror in particularly influential ways

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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

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

this book is about the emigration film careers and socio cultural influence of british filmmakers moving to hollywood in the studio era it deals with some of the unknown and neglected émigrés as well as the leading lights who founded initiated and ensured that american film became the leading national cinema of the twentieth century

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

america dreams american movies film culture and the popular imagination offers undergraduates in diverse areas of study an overview of how american cinema reflects the history of the united states rich in insight into groundbreaking artists directors and films that have stood the test of time the book also offers practical advice on viewing and writing about film and even on how students can create their own movies the text is organized into four units the first covers basics including genres and terminology the second introduces classic films film stars and the studio system through world war ii unit three discusses post war cinema its connections to american society and its notable

auteurs the final unit examines contemporary film making the rise of technology and digital media each unit includes learning objectives key terms and pre reading questions american dreams american movies is ideal for introductory film courses for both majors and non majors in the discipline its nuanced exploration of the contexts in which films are made and viewed makes it an exciting supplemental text for courses in american studies and culture marianna torgovnick earned her undergraduate degree at new york university and her ph d at columbia university a fulbright lecturer and guggenheim fellow dr torgovnick splits her time between teaching at duke university in north carolina where she is a professor and new york city where she runs the duke in new york arts and media program an observer and critic of contemporary culture dr torgovnick is the author of the war complex world war ii in our time gone primitive savage intellects modern lives the visual arts pictorialism and the novel and several other books

from the prestige films of cagney productions to recent ultra low budget cult hits such as clerks and the blair witch project american independent cinema has produced some of the most distinctive films ever made this comprehensive introduction draws on key films filmmakers and film companies from the early twentieth century to the present to examine the factors that shaped this vital and evolving mode of filmmaking specifically it explores the complex and dynamic relations between independent and mainstream hollywood cinema showing how institutional industrial and economic changes in the latter have shaped and informed the former ordered chronologically the book begins with independent filmmaking in the studio era examining both top rank and low end film production moves to the 1950s and 1960s discussing both the adoption of independent filmmaking as the main method of production as well as exploitation filmmaking and finishes with contemporary american independent cinema exploring areas such as the new hollywood the rise of mini major and major independent companies and the institutionalization of independent cinema in the 1990s each chapter includes case studies which focus on specific films filmmakers and production and distribution companies

now thoroughly revised and updated the book discusses recent breakthroughs in media technology including such exciting advances as video discs and cassettes two way television satellites cable and much more

the american cinema of terrorism although coming to prominence primarily in the 1970s amidst high profile palestinian terrorist activity actually dates back to the beginnings of the cold war but this early terrorist cinema was centered largely around the bomb who had it who would use it when and differs greatly from the terrorist cinema that would follow changing world events soon broadened the cinema of terrorism to address emerging international conflicts including black

september pre 9 11 middle eastern conflicts and the post 9 11 war on terror this analytical filmography of american terrorist films establishes terrorist cinema as a unique subgenre with distinct thematic narrative and stylistic trends it covers all major american films dealing with terrorism from otto preminger s exodus 1960 to ridley scott s body of lies 2008

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

these seventeen essays make up a history of the american film industry because film making entails a special blend of economic and artistic endeavor kindem has chosen contributions from experts in a variety of fields business law mass communications and cinema studies the organization of this anthology is both chronological and topical the first three parts of the book basically follow the history of the film industry s marketing strategies structural changes and product innovations from exhibition in kinetoscope arcades to film acts in vaudeville nickelodeons and movie palaces from states rights marketing schemes to block booking and chain store exhibition strategies from a production and distribution monopoly based on the pooling of major patents to an oligopoly of production distribution and exhibition firms and from the rise of feature films the star system and the studio system to hollywood s conversions to sound and color the fourth through sixth parts examine film regulation and censorship film s interaction with television and america s role in the international film industry the diversity of methods and perspectives in this anthology are representative of the field suggesting that the history of the american film industry is really a collection of histories not a monolithic single strand chronology of events

the hollywood action and adventure film presents a comprehensive overview and analysis of the history myriad themes and critical approaches to the action and adventure genre in american cinema draws on a wide range of examples spanning the silent spectacles of early cinema to the iconic superheroes of 21st century action films features case studies revealing the genre s diverse roots from westerns and war films to crime and espionage movies explores a rich variety of aesthetic and thematic concerns that have come to define the genre touching on themes such as the outsider hero violence and redemption and adventure as escape from the mundane integrates discussion of gender race ethnicity and nationality alongside genre history provides a timely and richly revealing portrait of a powerful cinematic genre that has increasingly come to dominate the

american cinematic landscape

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

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