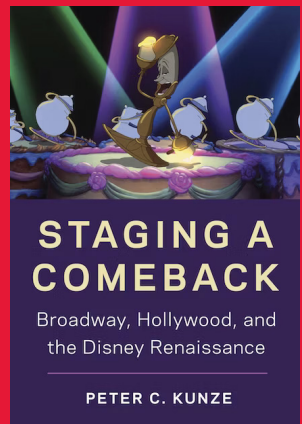
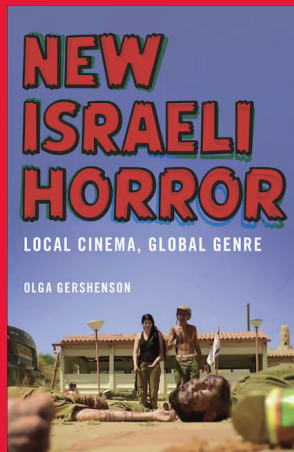
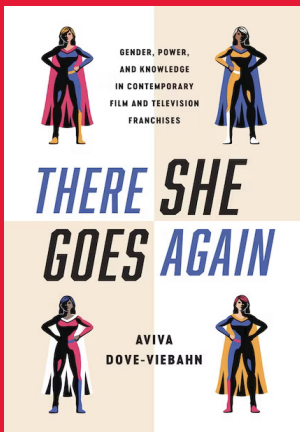
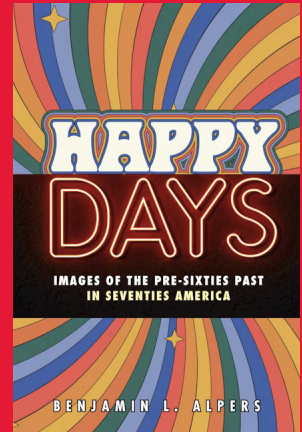
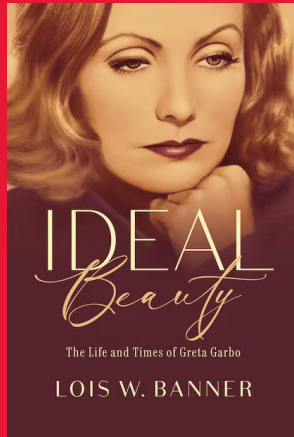
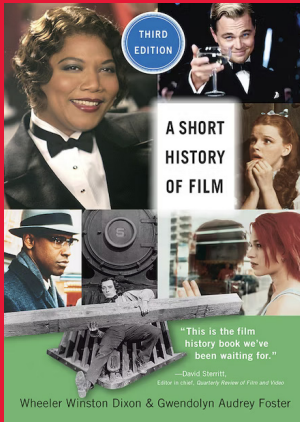


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# Ideal Beauty

## The Life and Times of Greta Garbo

LOIS W. BANNER

"In this scrupulously researched book, Lois Banner brings a novel and insightful approach to the study of film icon Greta Garbo by examining her life and relation to standards of beauty, as well as surfacing previously unheralded issues: those who found her unattractive, the role of "Garbo Maniacs" in her star discourse, her power at MGM, the toll of her hidden illnesses, the place of religion in her life, the celebrity world in which she circulated post-Hollywood retirement. Thus, *Ideal Beauty* combines biography, film analysis, and social/feminist history in a scholarly yet approachable fashion. A must for all Garbo aficionados."

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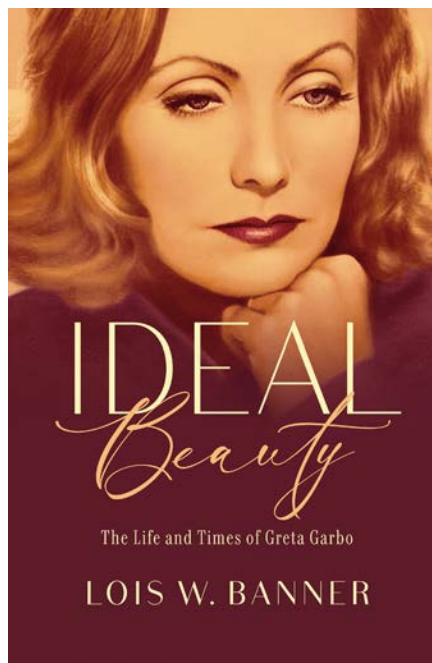
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One of the silver screen's greatest beauties, Greta Garbo was also one of its most profound enigmas. A star in both silent pictures and talkies, Garbo kept viewers riveted with understated performances that suggested deep melancholy and strong desires roiling just under the surface. And offscreen, the intensely private Garbo was perhaps even more mysterious and alluring, as her retirement from Hollywood at age thirty-six only fueled the public's fascination.

*Ideal Beauty* reveals the woman behind the mystique, a woman who overcame an impoverished childhood to become a student at the Swedish Royal Dramatic Academy, an actress in European films, and ultimately a Hollywood star. Chronicling her tough negotiations with Louis B. Mayer at MGM, it shows how Garbo carved out enough power in Hollywood to craft a distinctly new feminist screen presence in films like *Queen Christina*. Banner draws on over ten years of in-depth archival research in Sweden, Germany, France, and the United States to demonstrate how, away from the camera's glare, Garbo's life was even more intriguing. *Ideal Beauty* takes a fresh look at an icon who helped to define female beauty in the twentieth century and provides answers to much-debated questions about Garbo's childhood, sexuality, career, illnesses and breakdowns, and spiritual awakening.

LOIS W. BANNER is a Professor Emerita of History at the University of Southern California. The first female president of the American Studies Association, she also co-founded the Berkshire Conference in Women's History. Her many books include *Marilyn: The Passion and the Paradox* and *American Beauty*.



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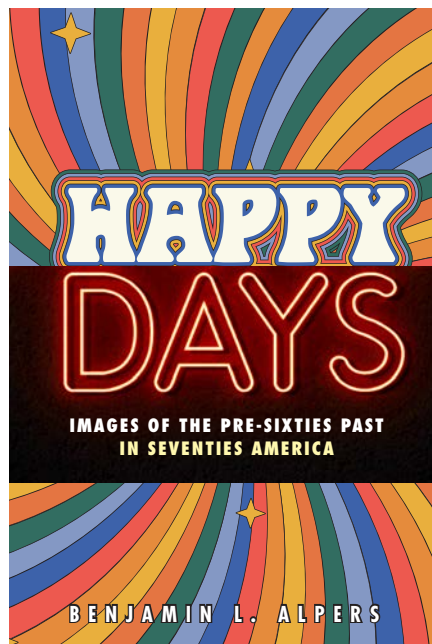
## Images of the Pre-Sixties Past in Seventies America

BENJAMIN L. ALPERS

After the techno-futurism of the 1950s and the utopian 1960s vision of a “great society,” the 1970s saw Americans turning to the past as a source for both nostalgic escapism and serious reflection on the nation’s history. While some popular works like *Grease* presented the relatively recent past as a more innocent time, far away from the nation’s post-Vietnam, post-Watergate malaise, others like *Roots* used America’s bicentennial as an occasion for deep soul-searching.

*Happy Days* investigates how 1970s popular culture was obsessed with America’s past but often offered radically different interpretations of the same historical events and icons. Even the figure of the greaser, once an icon of juvenile delinquency, was made family-friendly by Henry Winkler’s Fonzie at the same time that he was being appropriated in more threatening ways by punk and gay subcultures. The cultural historian Benjamin Alpers discovers similar levels of ambivalence toward the past in 1970s neo-noir films, representations of America’s founding, and neo-slave narratives by Alex Haley and Octavia Butler. By exploring how Americans used the 1970s to construct divergent representations of their shared history, he identifies it as a pivotal moment in the nation’s ideological fracturing.

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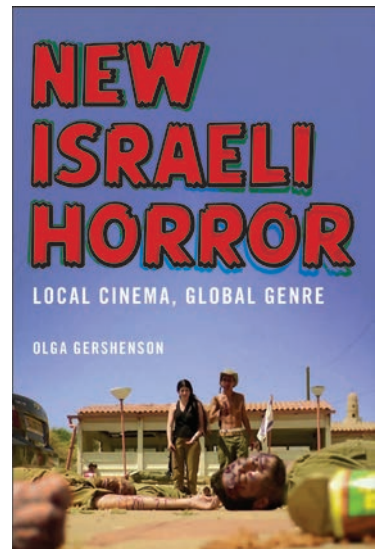
### Local Cinema, Global Genre

OLGA GERSHENSON

Before 2010, there were no Israeli horror films. Then distinctly Israeli serial killers, zombies, vampires, and ghosts invaded local screens. The next decade saw a blossoming of the genre by young Israeli filmmakers. *New Israeli Horror* is the first book to tell their story. Through in-depth analysis, engaging storytelling, and interviews with the filmmakers, Olga Gershenson explores their films from inception to reception. She shows how these films challenge traditional representations of Israel and its people, while also appealing to audiences around the world.

Gershenson introduces an innovative conceptual framework of adaptation, which explains how filmmakers adapt global genre tropes to local reality. It illuminates the ways in which Israeli horror borrows and diverges from its international models. *New Israeli Horror* offers an exciting and original contribution to our understanding of both Israeli cinema and the horror genre.

**OLGA GERSHENSON** is a professor of Judaic and Near Eastern studies and of film studies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She is the author of *The Phantom Holocaust: Soviet Cinema and Jewish Catastrophe* (Rutgers University Press) and *Gesher: Russian Theater in Israel* and the editor of *Ladies and Gents: Public Toilets and Gender*.



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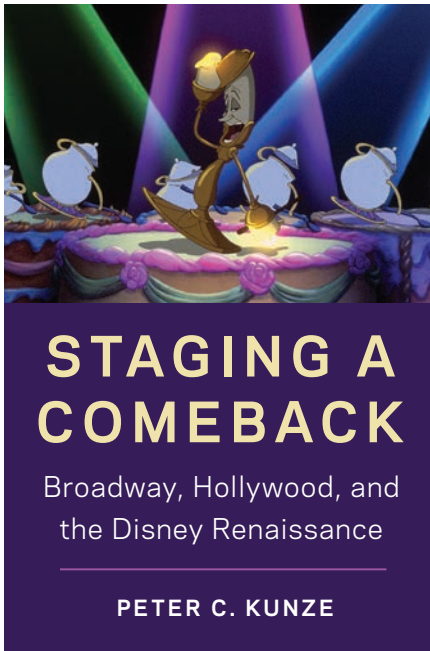
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## Staging a Comeback

### Broadway, Hollywood, and the Disney Renaissance

PETER C. KUNZE

"Peter Kunze's *Staging a Comeback* brings a fresh perspective to the Disney 'renaissance' of the 1980s and '90s. He examines these films' historical connection to the theatricality, anthropomorphic performance, and mediated liveness of classic animation. The book is also noteworthy for the author's innovative research methods, in light of the studio's reluctance to open up to independent scholarship. Kunze shows that if you can't enter the castle over the moat, you can storm it by way of the ramparts."

—Donald Crafton, author of *Shadow of a Mouse: Performance, Belief, and World-Making in Animation*

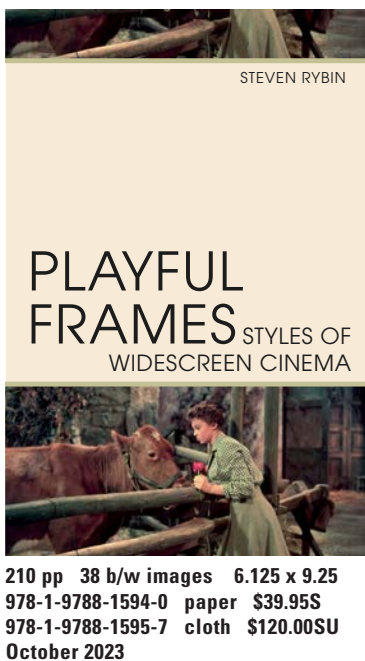
"*Staging a Comeback* tells a fascinating, complex story of corporate ambition, artistic vision, and theatrical collaboration. Kunze brilliantly reveals how the interdependence of theatre and animation, New York City and theme parks, Hollywood producers and Broadway musical theater artists enabled Disney's breathtaking success."

—Stacy Wolf, author of *Beyond Broadway: The Pleasure and Promise of Musical Theatre across America*

In the early 1980s, Walt Disney Productions was struggling, largely bolstered by the success of its theme parks. Within fifteen years, however, it had become one of the most powerful entertainment conglomerates in the world. *Staging a Comeback: Broadway, Hollywood, and the Disney Renaissance* argues that far from an executive feat, this impressive turnaround was accomplished in no small part by the storytellers recruited during this period. Drawing from archival research, interviews, and textual analysis, Peter C. Kunze examines how the hiring of theatrically trained talent into managerial and production positions reorganized the lagging animation division and revitalized its output. By *Aladdin*, it was clear that animation—not live action—was the center of a veritable "renaissance" at Disney, and the animated musicals driving this revival laid the groundwork for the company's growth into Broadway theatrical production. The Disney renaissance not only reinvigorated the Walt Disney Company but both reflects and influenced changes in Broadway and Hollywood more broadly.

PETER C. KUNZE is an assistant professor of communication at Tulane University. He is the editor or coeditor of several books, including *The Films of Wes Anderson: Critical Essays on an Indiewood Icon*, *American-Australian Cinema: Transnational Connections*, and *Taking a Stand: Contemporary US Stand-Up Comedians as Public Intellectuals*.





## Playful Frames

### Styles of Widescreen Cinema

STEVEN RYBIN

A widescreen frame in cinema beckons the eye to playfully, creatively roam. Such technology also gives inventive filmmakers room to disrupt and redirect audience expectations, surprising viewers through the use of a wider, more expansive screen. *Playful Frames: Styles of Widescreen Cinema* studies the poetics of the auteur-driven widescreen image, offering nimble, expansive analyses of the work of four distinctive filmmakers—Jean Negulesco, Blake Edwards, Robert Altman, and John Carpenter—who creatively inhabited the nooks and crannies of widescreen moviemaking during the final decades of the twentieth century. Exploring the relationship between aspect ratio and subject matter, *Playful Frames* shows how directors make puckish use of widescreen technology. All four of these distinctive filmmakers reimagined popular genres (such as melodrama, slapstick comedy, film noir, science fiction, and horror cinema) through their use of the wide frame, and each brings a range of intermedial interests (painting, performance, and music) to their use of the widescreen image. This study looks specifically at the technological underpinnings, aesthetic shapes, and interpretive implications of these four directors' creative use of widescreen, offering a way to reconsider the way wide imagery still has the potential to amaze and move us today.

**STEVEN RYBIN** is an associate professor of film studies at Minnesota State University, Mankato. His books as author include *Shots to the Heart: For the Love of Film Performance*, *Geraldine Chaplin: The Gift of Film Performance*, and *Gestures of Love: Romancing Performance in Classical Hollywood Cinema*.

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## There She Goes Again

### Gender, Power, and Knowledge in Contemporary Film and Television Franchises

AVIVA DOVE-VIEBAHN

*There She Goes Again* interrogates the representation of ostensibly powerful women in transmedia franchises, examining how presumed feminine traits—love, empathy, altruism, diplomacy—are alternately lauded and repudiated as possibilities for effecting long-lasting social change. By questioning how these franchises reimagine their protagonists over time, the book reflects on the role that gendered exceptionalism plays in social and political action, as well as what forms of knowledge and power are presumed distinctly feminine. The franchises explored in this book illustrate the ambivalent (post)feminist representation of women protagonists as uniquely gifted in ways both gendered and seemingly ungendered, and yet inherently bound to expressions of their femininity. At heart, *There She Goes Again* asks under what terms and in what contexts women protagonists are imagined, envisioned, embodied, and replicated in media. Especially now, in a period of gradually increasing representation, women protagonists demonstrate the importance of considering how we should define—and whether we need—feminine forms of knowledge and power.

**AVIVA DOVE-VIEBAHN** is an assistant professor of film and media studies at Arizona State University, as well as a frequent contributor to *Ms.* magazine and a screenwriter. She is the coeditor of *Public Feminisms: From Academy to Community*.

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# Triumph over Containment

## American Film in the 1950s

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"Robert Kolker ingeniously uses George Kennan's Cold War strategy of 'containment' as a metaphor to illuminate the complex interplay between movies and politics in this personal, yet incisive exploration of America's pop culture in the 1950s."

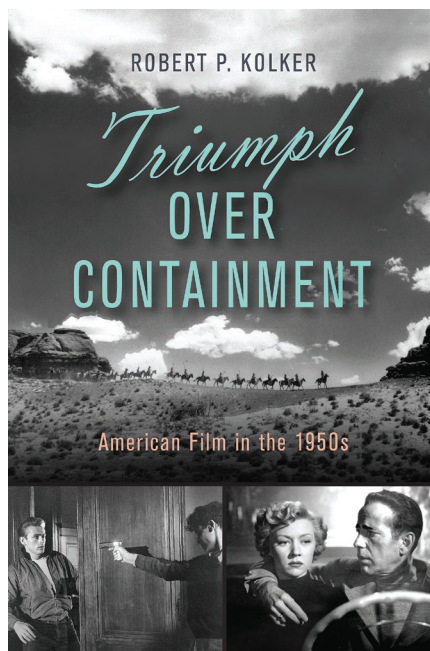
—Peter Biskind, author of *Seeing is Believing* and *Easy Riders, Raging Bulls*

The long 1950s, which extend back to the early postwar period and forward into the early 1960s, were a period of "containment culture" in America, as the media worked to reinforce traditional family values and suspected communist sympathizers were blacklisted from the entertainment industry. Yet some brave filmmakers and actors still challenged the status quo to produce indelible and imaginative work that delivered uncomfortable truths to Cold War audiences.

*Triumph Over Containment* offers an uncompromising look at some of the era's greatest films and directors, from household names like Alfred Hitchcock and Stanley Kubrick to lesser-known iconoclasts like Samuel Fuller and Ida Lupino. Taking in everything from *The Thing from Another World* (1951) to *Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb* (1964), acclaimed film scholar Robert P. Kolker scours a variety of different genres to find pockets of resistance to the repressive and oppressive norms of Cold War culture. He devotes special attention to two quintessential 1950s genres—the melodrama and the science fiction film—that might seem like polar opposites, but each offered pointed responses to containment culture.

This book takes a fresh look at such directors as Nicholas Ray, John Ford, and Orson Welles, while giving readers a new appreciation for the depth and artistry of 1950s Hollywood films.

**ROBERT P. KOLKER** is a professor emeritus at the University of Maryland in College Park. He is author of numerous books, including *The Extraordinary Image: Orson Welles, Alfred Hitchcock, Stanley Kubrick and the Reimagining of Cinema* (Rutgers University Press), *A Cinema of Loneliness, Film, Form, and Culture*, and, with Nathan Abrams, *Eyes Wide Shut: Stanley Kubrick and the Making of his Final Film*. He is currently at work on a biography of Stanley Kubrick with Nathan Abrams.



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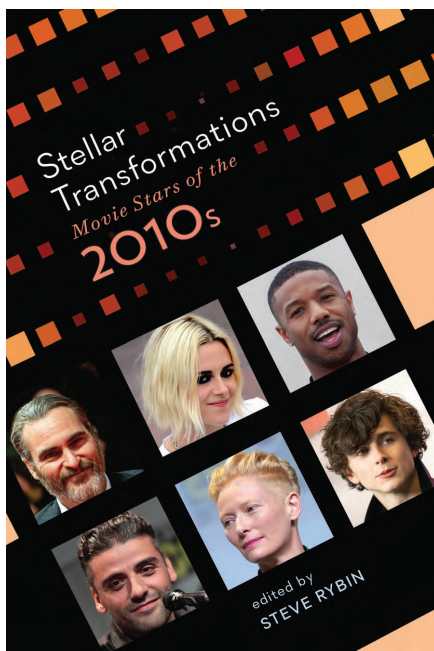
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# Stellar Transformations

## Movie Stars of the 2010s

EDITED BY STEVEN RYBIN

"Taking up stardom in the tumultuous teens, this volume shows that as 'the pictures got small' and film stars were experienced via streaming services and social media as much if not more than on cinema screens—and as the death of cinema was proclaimed again and again—stardom enlarged to include more diverse actors who could speak to both niche and global audiences in well-crafted actorly performances in films ranging from small independent features to global blockbusters."

—Pamela Robertson Wojcik, co-editor of *Media Crossroads: Intersections of Space and Identity in Screen Cultures*

"This illuminating volume examines a diverse selection of contemporary stars with varied career paths and personas, exploring how stardom is constructed, negotiated, and maintained in a rapidly changing industry."

—David R. Coon, author of *Turning the Page: Storytelling as Activism in Queer Film and Media*

*Stellar Transformations: Movie Stars of the 2010s* circles around questions of stardom, performance, and their cultural contexts in ways that remind us of the alluring magic of stars while also bringing to the fore the changing ways in which viewers engaged with them during the last decade. A salient idea that guides much of the collection is the one of transformation, expressed in these pages as the way in which post-millennial movie stars are in one way or another reshaping ideas of performance and star presence, either through the self-conscious revision of aspects of their own personas or in redirecting or progressing some earlier aspect of the culture. Including a diverse lineup of stars such as Oscar Isaac, Kristen Stewart, Tilda Swinton, and Tyler Perry, the chapters in *Stellar Transformations* paint the portrait of the meaning of star images during the complex decade of the 2010s, and in doing so will offer useful case studies for scholars and students engaged in the study of stardom, celebrity, and performance in cinema.

STEVEN RYBIN is an associate professor of film studies in the Department of English at Minnesota State University, Mankato. He is the author of several books, including *Geraldine Chaplin: The Gift of Film Performance* and *Gestures of Love: Romancing Performance in Classical Hollywood Cinema*.

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# American Cinema of the 2010s

## Themes and Variations

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*"American Cinema of the 2010s offers a lively compendium of insights about the complicated relationship between Hollywood cinema and the cultural zeitgeist."*

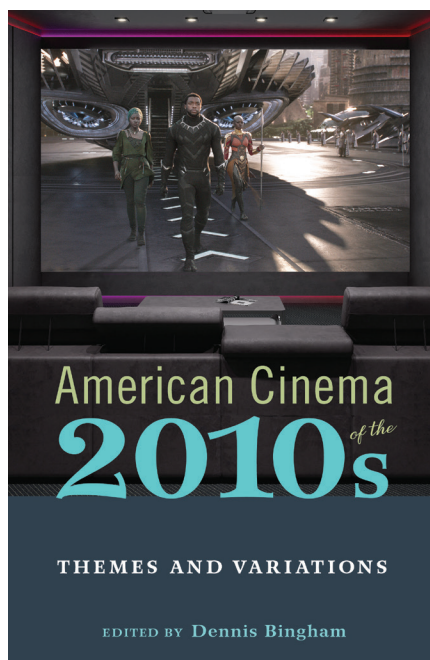
—Virginia Wexman, editor of *Directing*

The 2010s might be remembered as a time of increased polarization in American life. The decade contained both the Obama era and the Trump era, and as the nation's political fissures widened, so did the gap between the haves and have-nots. Hollywood reflected these divisions, choosing to concentrate on big franchise blockbusters at the expense of mid-budget films, while new players like Netflix and Amazon offered fresh opportunities for low-budget and independent filmmakers. As the movie business changed, films ranging from *American Sniper* to *Get Out* found ways to speak to the concerns of a divided nation.

The newest installment in the Screen Decades series, *American Cinema in the 2010s* takes a close look at the memorable movies, visionary filmmakers, and behind-the-scenes drama that made this decade such an exciting time to be a moviegoer. Each chapter offers an in-depth examination of a specific year, covering a wide variety of films, from blockbuster superhero movies like *Black Panther* and animated films like *Frozen* to smaller-budget biopics like *I, Tonya* and horror films like *Hereditary*. This volume introduces readers to a decade in which established auteurs like Quentin Tarantino were joined by an exceptionally diverse set of new talents, taking American cinema in new directions.

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# The Baseball Film

## A Cultural and Transmedia History

AARON BAKER

"Aaron Baker's history of how film has represented baseball as a component of American society stands alone. Replete with exceptionally perceptive observations about dozens of baseball films, this book is a 'must' read for students of the game."

—Benjamin G. Rader, author of *Baseball: A History of America's Game*, 4th ed.

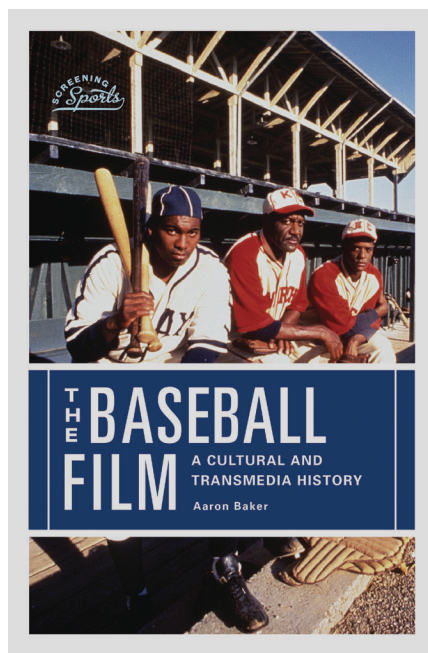
Baseball has long been viewed as the Great American Pastime, so it is no surprise that the sport has inspired many Hollywood films and television series. But how do these works depict the game, its players, fans, and place in American society?

This study offers an extensive look at nearly one hundred years of baseball-themed movies, documentaries, and TV shows. Film and sports scholar Aaron Baker examines works like *A League of their Own* (1992) and *Sugar* (2008), which dramatize the underrepresented contributions of female and immigrant players, alongside classic baseball movies like *The Natural* that are full of nostalgia for a time when native-born white men could use the game to achieve the American dream. He further explores how biopics have both mythologized and demystified such legendary figures as Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Jackie Robinson and Fernando Valenzuela.

*The Baseball Film* charts the variety of ways that Hollywood presents the game as integral to American life, whether showing Little League as a site of parent-child bonding or depicting fans' lifelong love affairs with their home teams. Covering everything from *Bull Durham* (1988) to *The Bad News Bears* (1976), this book offers an essential look at one of the most cinematic of all sports.

AARON BAKER is a professor of film and media studies at Arizona State University in Tempe. Author of the books *Steven Soderbergh* and *Contesting Identity: Sports in American Film*, he also edited the collections *A Companion to Martin Scorsese* and *Out of Bounds: Sports, Media and the Politics of Identity*.

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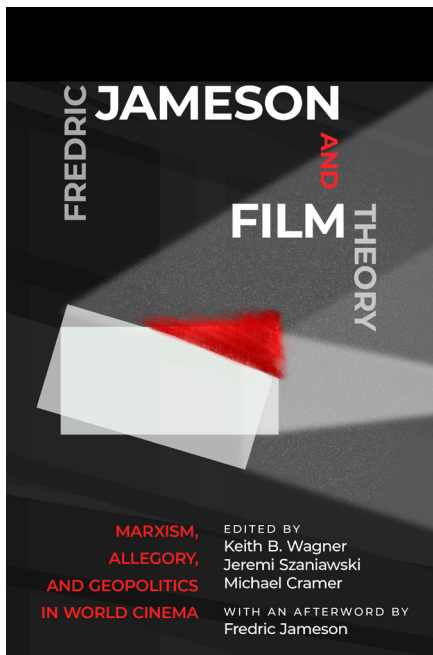
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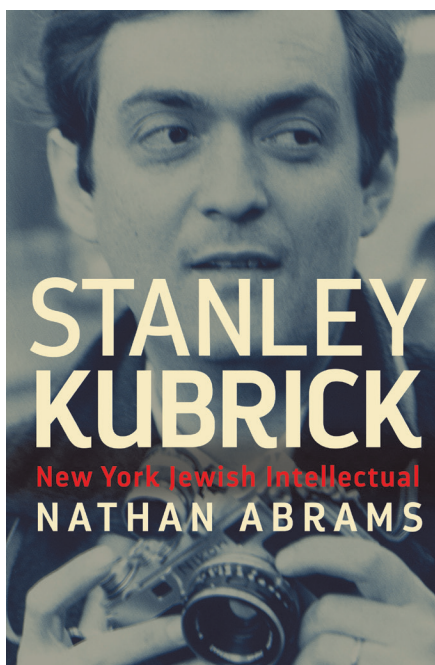
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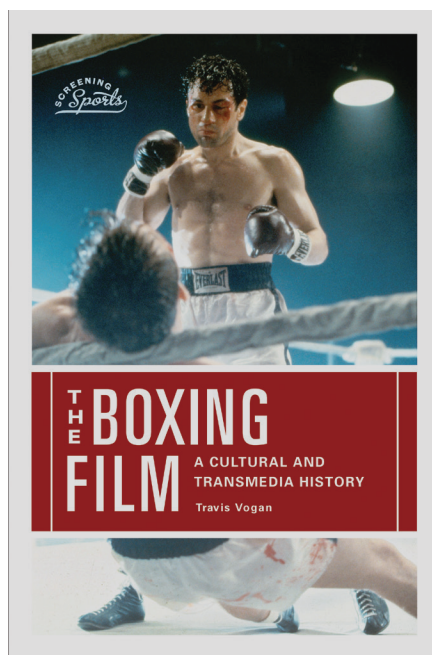
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Pedro Almodóvar may have helped put queer Iberian cinema on the map, but there are also multitudes of other LGBTQ filmmakers from Catalonia, Portugal, Castile, Galicia, and the Basque Country who have made the Peninsula one of the world's most vital sources for queer film. Together, they have produced a cinema whose expressions of queer desire have challenged the region's conservative religious and family values, while intervening in vital debates about politics, history, and nation.

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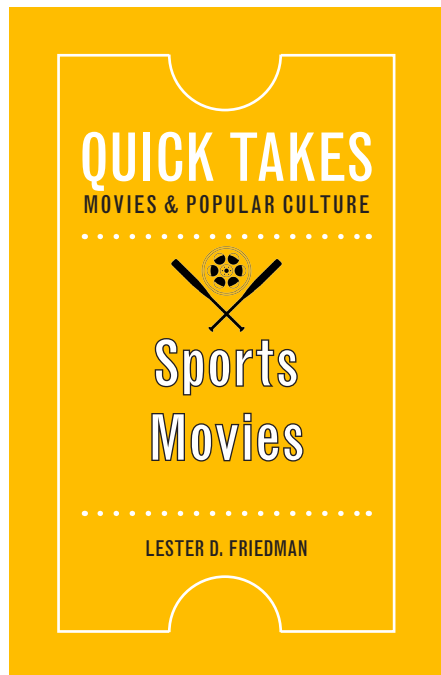
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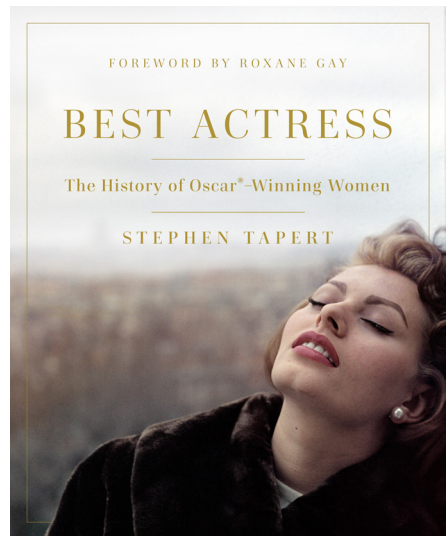
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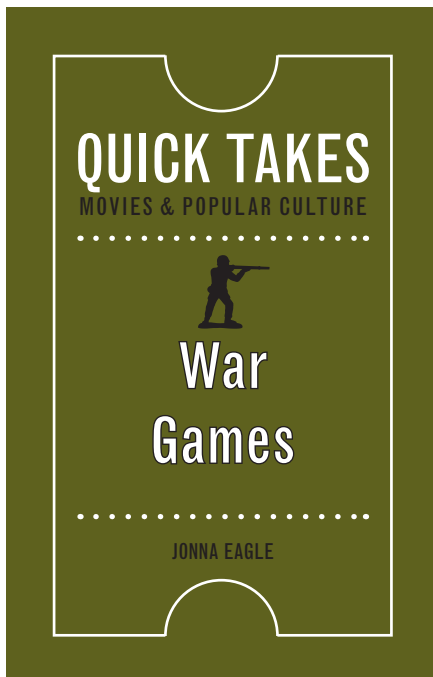
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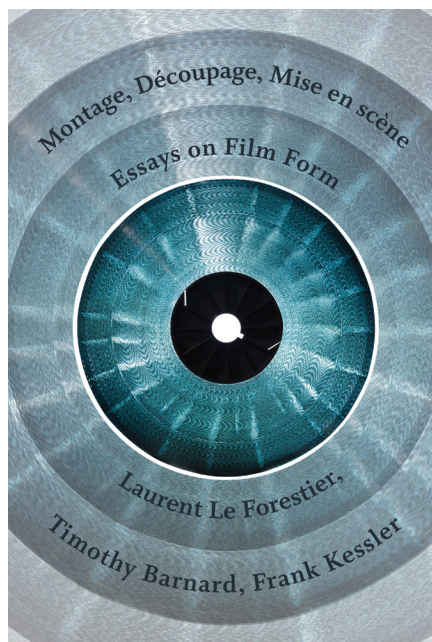
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*Montage, découpage, mise en scène*: these three French terms are central to debates around film history and aesthetics in every language, yet the precise meaning of each and especially their relationship to one another remain a source of confusion for many. In this unique volume, film scholars Laurent Le Forestier, Timothy Barnard and Frank Kessler examine in lively, readable prose the history of these concepts in film theory and criticism and their genesis and development in practice during cinema's foundational first half-century and beyond—from early cinema to the modern *mise en scène* criticism of the 1950s and 60s by way of silent-era explorations of the theory and practice of montage and the early sound period's counter example of *découpage*. Each 20,000-word essay serves as an essential guide for students and specialists alike, combining historical overview with fresh ideas about film aesthetics today.

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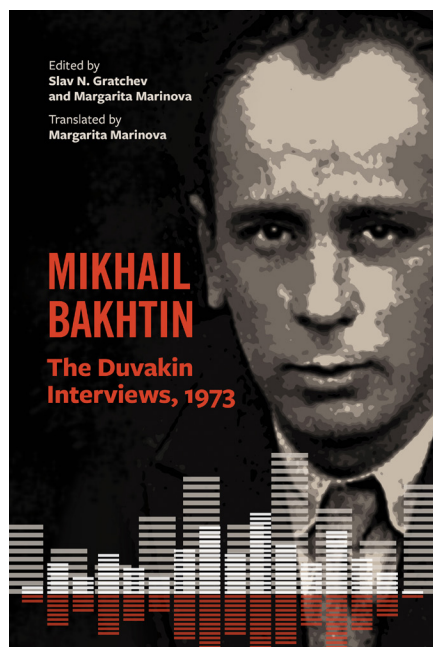


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# Mikhail Bakhtin

## The Duvakin Interviews, 1973

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"Bakhtin was never interested in writing his memoirs, nor in making out of himself a work of art. Or even a good story. In his view, we have great novels for that. But Viktor Duvakin, who shared Bakhtin's deep love of poetry, found just the right tone and timing to put his subject at ease. The result, in this full and fluent rendering of the taped sessions, is as close as we can come to the master's nimble, irreverent, freely-roaming voice."

—Caryl Emerson, Princeton University

"The Duvakin recordings were a surprise gift to Bakhtin scholars: a series of intimate but vigorous conversations, led by an expert interviewer, in which Bakhtin described his life and times in striking detail. Now available in a marvelously readable English translation, they are an invaluable resource for anyone interested in Bakhtin and his historical-cultural context, as well as anyone with an interest in the culture and cultural politics of the Soviet Union."

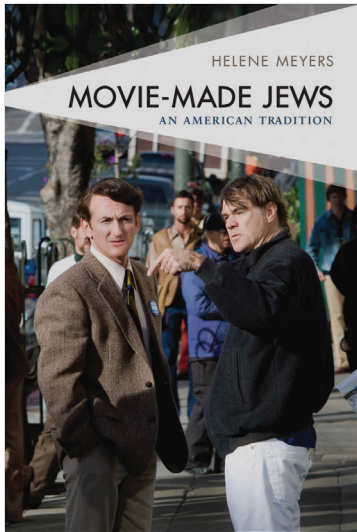
—Ken Hirschkop, University of Waterloo

Whenever Bakhtin, in his final decade, was queried about writing his memoirs, he shrugged it off. Unlike many of his Symbolist generation, Bakhtin was not fascinated by his own self-image. This reticence to tell his own story was the point of access for Viktor Duvakin, Mayakovsky scholar, fellow academic, and head of an oral history project, who in 1973 taped six interviews with Bakhtin over twelve hours. They remain our primary source of Bakhtin's personal views: on formative moments in his education and exile; his reaction to the Revolution; his impressions of political, intellectual, and theatrical figures during the first two decades of the twentieth century; and his non-conformist opinions on Russian and Soviet poets and musicians. Bakhtin's passion for poetic language and his insights into music also come as a surprise to readers of his essays on the novel. One remarkable thread running through the conversations is Bakhtin's love of poetry, masses of which he knew by heart in several languages. *Mikhail Bakhtin: The Duvakin Interviews, 1973*, translated and annotated here from the complete transcript of the tapes, offers a fuller, more flexible image of Bakhtin than we could have imagined beneath his now famous texts.

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## Movie-Made Jews

### An American Tradition

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"Behind this eminently readable survey of American Jewish film is a very smart intervention. Meyers broadens the well-worn examination of Jews in film to include not just Jewish representations or Jews in the production process. She makes a solid case for adding the Jewish audience as part of the equation for what makes Jewish film Jewish."

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*Movie-Made Jews* focuses on an American Jewish cinematic tradition which includes fiction and documentary films that make Jews through antisemitism, Holocaust indirection, and discontent with assimilation, but also through the unapologetic assertion of Jewishness, queerness, and alliances across race and religion. While it's a truism that Jews make movies, this book brings into focus the diverse ways movies make Jews.

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# The American Girl Goes to War

## Women and National Identity in US Silent Film

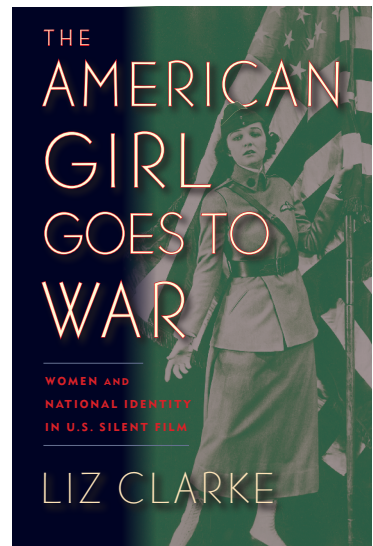
LIZ CLARKE

“Documenting the many heroic women who populated war films of this era, Liz Clarke shows the strength and vitality of female characters onscreen, while remaining attentive to the key role that white femininity played in narratives of American national identity during this period. Framing her analysis within a rich cultural context, Clarke shows how essential cinema was to evolving ideas about both nationhood and femininity in the first decades of the twentieth century.”  
—Shelley Stamp, author of *Movie-Struck Girls* and *Lois Weber in Early Hollywood*

During the 1910s, films about war often featured a female protagonist. The films portrayed women as spies, cross-dressing soldiers, and athletic defenders of their homes—roles typically reserved for men and that contradicted gendered-expectations of home-front women waiting for their husbands, sons, and brothers to return from battle. The representation of American martial spirit—particularly in the form of heroines—has a rich history in film in the years just prior to the American entry into World War I. *The American Girl Goes to War* demonstrates the predominance of heroic female characters in early narrative films about war from 1908 to 1919. American Girls were filled with the military spirit of their forefathers and became one of the major ways that American women's changing political involvement, independence, and active natures were contained by and subsumed into pre-existing American ideologies.

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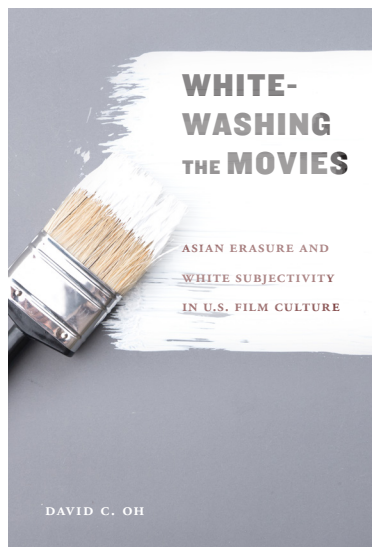
# Whitewashing the Movies

## Asian Erasure and White Subjectivity in U.S. Film Culture

DAVID C. OH

*Whitewashing the Movies* addresses the popular practice of excluding Asian actors from playing Asian characters in film. Media activists and critics have denounced contemporary decisions to cast White actors to play Asians and Asian Americans in movies such as *Ghost in the Shell* and *Aloha*. The purpose of this book is to apply the concept of “whitewashing” in stories that privilege White identities at the expense of Asian/American stories and characters. To understand whitewashing across various contexts, the book analyzes films produced in Hollywood, Asian American independent production, and US-China co-productions. Through the analysis, the book examines the ways in which whitewashing matters in the project of Whiteness and White racial hegemony. The book contributes to contemporary understanding of mediated representations of race by theorizing whitewashing, contributing to studies of Whiteness in media studies, and producing a counter-imagination of Asian/American representation in Asian-centered stories.

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## Artificial Generation

### Photogenic French Literature and the Prehistory of Cinematic Modernity

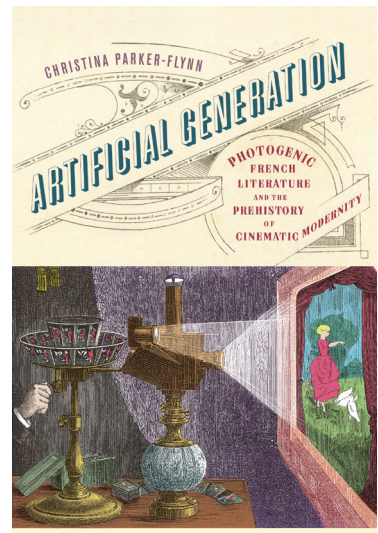
CHRISTINA PARKER-FLYNN

"From a 'photogenic literary imperative' in 19th century literature through early cinema to Hitchcock's *Vertigo* and on to contemporary cinematic fantasies of replication as translated in *Blade Runner 2049*'s stunning digital effects, this thoroughly engrossing book demonstrates the persistence and the force of the artificial woman, and the male fantasies of reproductive power it grounds, across a formidable array of texts—from literature to photography to film—in an intermedial history of aesthetic 'generation.'"

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*Artificial Generation: Photogenic French Literature and the Prehistory of Cinematic Modernity* looks at nineteenth-century literary representation and film theory, arguing that the depth of amalgamation that occurred within literary representation during this era is a key aesthetic tradition that continues to inform movies and contemporary culture today.

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"*Broadcasting Hollywood* unpacks a convoluted postwar industrial trail to presciently detail the complexities of Hollywood and TV's deep, awkward, but ultimately long-lasting affiliation. Dispensing with the idea of a studio-vs-network throw-down, Jennifer Porst shows how historical change is driven instead by the interactions of multiple stakeholders and intermediaries. This book shows why film histories must reckon with intermedia, and helps push reductive contemporary theories of convergence, transmedia, and disruption off their lazy perches as one-stop explanations for the digital era. A must-read for those interested in film history, digital media, and media industries."

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## Star Wars Multiverse

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*Star Wars* may have started out as a film about a Manichean battle between good and evil, but as countless filmmakers, novelists, animators, fan artists and even cosplayers have taken the opportunity to play in the fictional world George Lucas created, it has expanded into something far greater, resulting in a richly layered and diverse *Star Wars* multiverse.

Drawing from a full range of *Star Wars* media, including comics, children's books, fan films, and television shows like *Clone Wars* and *The Mandalorian*, Carmelo Esterrich explores how these stories set in a galaxy far far away reflect issues that hit closer to home. He examines what they have to say about political oppression, authoritarianism, colonialism, discrimination, xenophobia, and perpetual war. Yet he also investigates subtler ways in which the personal is political within the multiverse, including its articulations of gender and sexuality, its cultural hierarchies of language use, and its complex relationships between humans, droids and myriad species. This book demonstrates that the *Star Wars* multiverse is not just a stage for thrilling interstellar battles, but also an exciting space for interpretation and discovery.

CARMELO ESTERRICH is an associate professor of humanities at Columbia College Chicago where he teaches interdisciplinary humanities and cultural studies, from Gilgamesh to Bjork. His scholarship has focused on the artistic production of twentieth-century Latin America, specifically film, literature, the visual arts, and popular music.

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## Apocalypse Cinema

STEPHEN PRINCE

"From stories of cosmic catastrophes and space invaders to nuclear and natural disasters, Stephen Prince provides here an expertly-crafted, lively account of the apocalyptic visions made possible only by the movies."

—Carl Plantinga, author of *Alternative Realities*

Vivid images of the apocalypse proliferate throughout contemporary cinema, which pictures the death of civilization in wildly different ways. Some films imagine a future where humanity is wiped out entirely, while others envision humans as an endangered species, enslaved by alien invaders or hunted by zombie hordes.

This book provides a lively overview of apocalypse cinema, including alien invasions, nuclear annihilation, asteroid collisions, climate change, and terrifying plagues. Covering pivotal films from the silent era to the present day, including *Metropolis*, *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, *Dr. Strangelove*, *Contagion*, and *Avengers: Endgame*, Stephen Prince explores how these dark visions are rooted in religious and prophetic traditions, and he considers how our love for apocalypse cinema is tied to fundamental existential questions and anxieties that never go out of fashion.

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## Haunted Homes

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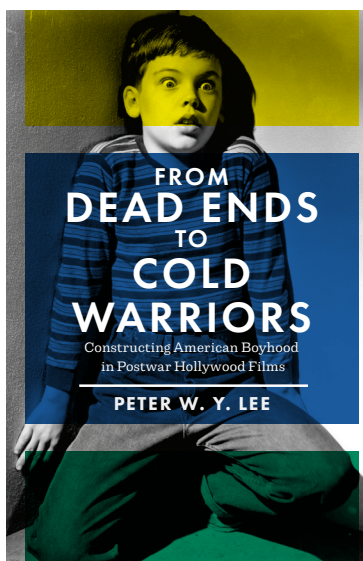
*"Haunted Homes is a book for anyone who has ever awoken in the depths of the night, convinced that they heard someone—or something—lurking beyond their bedroom door. Through engaging analyses of American Horror Story (2011–) and Get Out (2017), amongst many others, Schweitzer proves that home ownership really is 'a literal nightmare'."*

—Alison Peirse, editor of *Women Make Horror*

*Haunted Homes* is a short but groundbreaking study of homes in horror film and television. While haunted houses can be fun and thrilling, Hollywood horror tends to focus on haunted homes, places where the suburban American dream of safety and comfort has turned into a nightmare. From classic movies like *The Old Dark House* to contemporary works like *Hereditary* and the Netflix series *The Haunting of Hill House*, Dahlia Schweitzer explores why haunted homes have become a prime stage for dramatizing anxieties about family, gender, race, and economic collapse. She traces how the haunted home film was intertwined with the expansion of American suburbia, but also explores works like *The Witch* and *The Babadook*, which transport the genre to different times and places. This lively and readable study reveals how and why an increasing number of films imagine that home is where the horror is.

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## From Dead Ends to Cold Warriors

Constructing American Boyhood in Postwar Hollywood Films

PETER W.Y. LEE

*"A specter was haunting mid-twentieth century Hollywood—the specter of the rebellious boy. Peter W.Y. Lee ably shows how US filmmakers of the period created a cast of culturally potent boy characters to arbitrate conflicts of age, gender, race, class, and political ideology at the dawning of the American Century. From Dead Ends to Cold Warriors is required reading for historians of youth, film, and the early Cold War."*

—Mischa Honeck, author of *Our Frontier Is the World, The Boy Scouts in the Age of American Ascendancy*

After World War II, studies examining youth culture on the silver screen start with James Dean. But the angst that Dean symbolized—anxieties over parents, the "Establishment," and the expectations of future citizen-soldiers—long predated *Rebels without a Cause*. Historians have largely overlooked how the Great Depression and World War II impacted and shaped the Cold War, and youth contributed to the national ideologies of family and freedom. *From Dead Ends to Cold Warriors* explores this gap by connecting facets of boyhood as represented in American film from the 1930s to the postwar years.

PETER W.Y. LEE is an independent historian specializing in American history and youth culture. He has published widely on comic books, film, and television. His most recent edited volume is *Peanuts and American Culture: Essays on Charles M. Schulz's Iconic Comic Strip*.



## Chinatown Film Culture

### The Appearance of Cinema in San Francisco's Chinese Neighborhood

KIM KHAVAR FAHLSTEDT

*"Chinatown Film Culture is an impressive and exhaustively researched history of early film exhibition practices and filmgoing culture in San Francisco's Chinatown. It is a remarkable contribution to film history!"*

—Philippa Gates, author of *Criminalization/Assimilation: Chinese/Americans and Chinatowns in Classical Hollywood Film*

*Chinatown Film Culture* provides the first comprehensive account of the emergence of film and moviegoing in the transpacific hub of San Francisco in the early twentieth century. Kim K. Fahlstedt uncovers the complexity of a local entertainment culture that offered spaces where marginalized Chinese Americans experienced and participated in local iterations of modernity. At the same time, this space also fostered a powerful Orientalist aesthetic that would eventually be exported to Hollywood by San Francisco showmen such as Sid Grauman. Instead of primarily focusing on the screen-spectator relationship, Fahlstedt suggests that immigrant audiences' role in the proliferation of cinema as public entertainment in the United States saturated the whole moviegoing experience, from outside on the street to inside the movie theater. By highlighting San Francisco and Chinatown as featured participants rather than bit players, *Chinatown Film Culture* provides an historical account from the margins, alternative to the more dominant narratives of U.S. film history.

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## Post-Communist Malaise

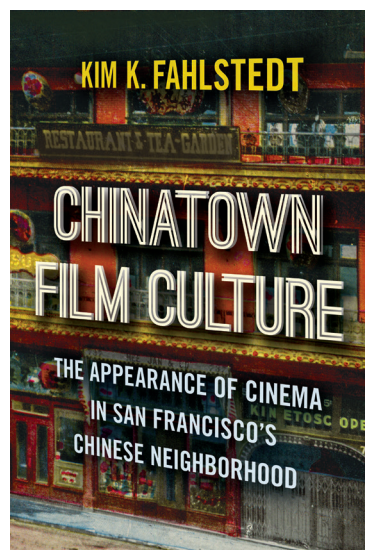
### Cinematic Responses to European Integration

ZORAN SAMARDZIJA

The collapse of communism in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe was supposed to bring about the "end of history" with capitalism and liberal democracy achieving decisive victories. Europe would now integrate and reconcile with its past. However, the aftershocks of the financial crisis of 2008—the rise in right-wing populism, austerity politics, and mass migration—have shown that the ideological divisions which haunted Europe in the twentieth century still remain. It is within this context that *Post-Communist Malaise* revives discourses of political modernism and revisits debates from Marxism and seventies film theory. Analyzing work of Theo Angelopoulos, Vera Chytilová, Srdjan Dragojevic, Jean-Luc Godard, Miklós Jancsó, Emir Kusturica, Dušan Makavejev, Cristi Puiu, Jan Švankmajer, Andrei Tarkovsky, and Béla Tarr, the book focuses on how select cinemas from Eastern Europe and the Balkans critique the neoliberal integration of Europe whose failures fuel the rise of nationalism and right-wing politics. By politicizing art cinema from the regions, *Post-Communist Malaise* asks fundamental questions about film, aesthetics, and ideology. It argues for the utopian potential of the materiality of cinematic time to imagine a new political and cultural organization for Europe.

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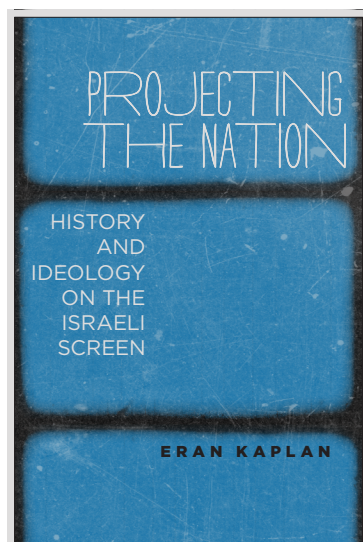
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## Indie Cinema Online

SARAH E.S. SINWELL

*Indie Cinema Online* investigates the changing nature of contemporary American independent cinema in an era of media convergence. Focusing on the ways in which modes of production, distribution, and exhibition are shifting with the advent of online streaming, simultaneous release strategies, and web series, this book analyzes sites such as SundanceTV, YouTube, Netflix, Hulu, and other online spaces as a means of redefining independent cinema in a digital era. Analyzing the intersections among cinema studies, cultural studies, and new media studies within contemporary convergence culture, author Sarah E.S. Sinwell looks at sites of media convergence that are often ignored within most studies of digital media. Emphasizing the ways in which the forms and technologies of media culture have changed during the age of convergence, this book analyzes contemporary production, distribution, and exhibition practices as a means of examining the changing meanings of independent cinema within digital culture.

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## Projecting the Nation

### History and Ideology on the Israeli Screen

ERAN KAPLAN

*"In **Projecting the Nation**, Eran Kaplan ingeniously analyzes the interrelation of aesthetic, economic, and social forces that have influenced Israeli filmmaking since the state's inception. Kaplan's interpretations of genres and individual films are smart, sophisticated, and engaging."*

—Derek Penslar, *Author of Israel in History*

*Projecting the Nation: History and Ideology on the Israeli Screen* is a wide-ranging history of over seven decades of Israeli cinema. The only book in English to offer this type of historical scope was Ella Shohat's *Israeli Cinema: East West and the Politics of Representation from 1989*. Since 1989, however, Israeli cinema and Israeli society have undergone some crucial transformations and, moreover, Shohat's book offered a single framework through which to judge Israeli cinema: a critique of orientalism. *Projecting the Nation* contends that Israeli cinema offers much richer historical and ideological perspectives that expose the complexity of the Israeli project. By analyzing Israeli films which address such issues as the Arab-Israeli conflict, the Ashkenazi-Mizrachi divide, the kibbutz and urban life, the rise of religion in Israeli public life and more, the book explores the way cinema has represented and also shaped our understanding of the history of modern Israel as it evolved from a collectivist society to a society where individualism and adherence to local identities is the dominant ideology.

**ERAN KAPLAN** is the Goldman Professor in Israel Studies at San Francisco State University and author of *Beyond Post Zionism, The Jewish Radical Right: Revisionist Zionism and Its Ideological Legacy*.



## Planet Auschwitz

### Holocaust Representation in Science Fiction and Horror Film and Television

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*"In this deeply researched and insightful study, Crim lucidly reveals how the Nazi genocide has left an indelible and often unsettling mark on American popular culture."*

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*Planet Auschwitz* explores the diverse ways in which the Holocaust influences and shapes science fiction and horror film and television by focusing on notable contributions from the last fifty years. The supernatural and extraterrestrial are rich and complex spaces with which to examine important Holocaust themes—trauma, guilt, grief, ideological fervor and perversion, industrialized killing, and the dangerous afterlife of Nazism after World War II. *Planet Auschwitz* explores why the Holocaust continues to set the standard for horror in the modern era and asks if the Holocaust is imaginable here on Earth, at least by those who perpetrated it, why not in a galaxy far, far away? The pervasive use of Holocaust imagery and plotlines in horror and science fiction reflects both our preoccupation with its enduring trauma and our persistent need to "work through" its many legacies.

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## Hollywood at the Intersection of Race and Identity

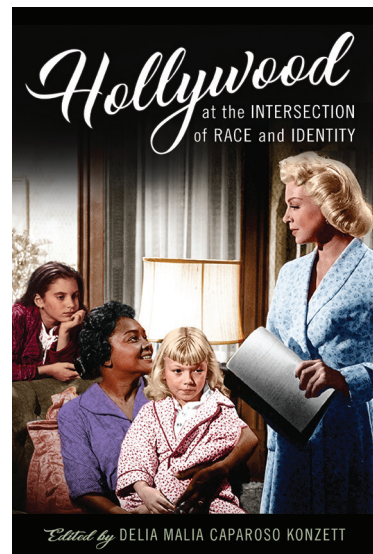
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*"This is a timely collection—forthright, expansive, and right up to date. Commonly situated at the margins of discussions of race and identity, intersectionality here is placed at the center, crucial to understanding Hollywood's uneven engagement with race, social justice, and ethics. These rigorous and generous readings of key moments across cinema history reveal Hollywood encountering and marking more fluid senses of identity than usually credited to popular film."*

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Exploring the ways Hollywood represents race, gender, class, and nationality at the intersection of aesthetics and ideology and its productive tensions, this collection of essays asks to what degree can a close critical analysis of films, that is, reading them against their own ideological grain, reveal contradictions and tensions in Hollywood's task of erecting normative cultural standards? How do some films perhaps knowingly undermine their inherent ideology by opening a field of conflicting and competing intersecting identities? The challenge set out in this volume is to revisit well-known films in search for a narrative not exclusively constituted by the Hollywood formula and to answer the questions: What lies beyond the frame? What elements contradict a film's sustained illusion of a normative world? Where do films betray their own ideology and most importantly what intersectional spaces of identity do they reveal or conceal?

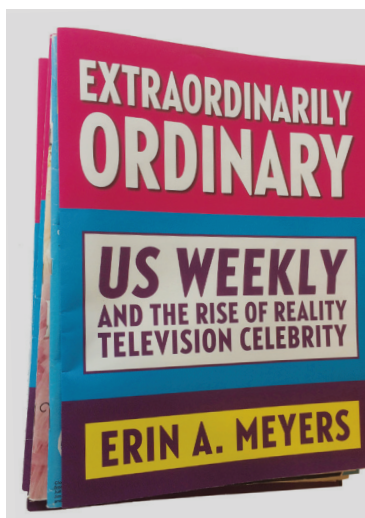
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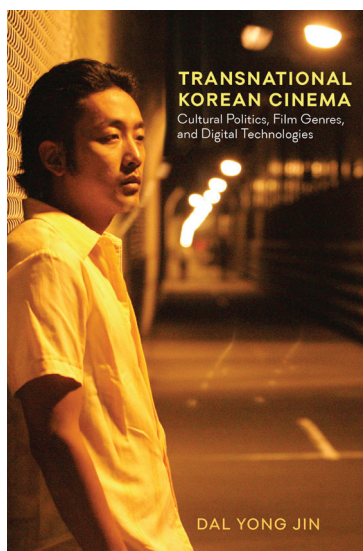
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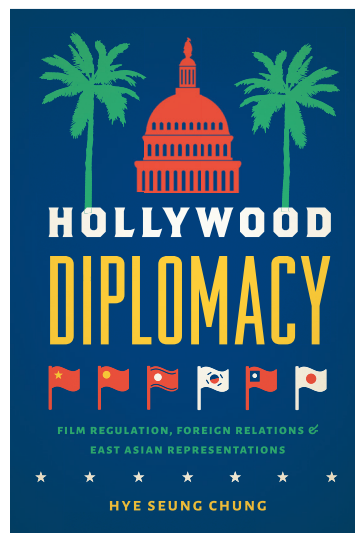
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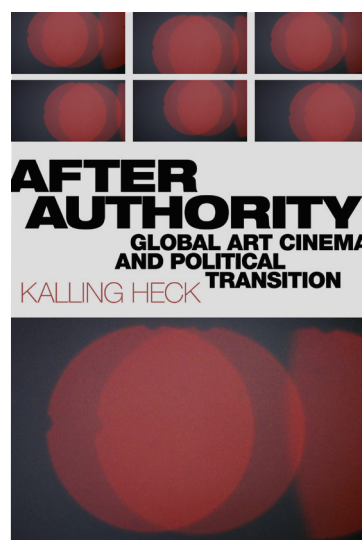
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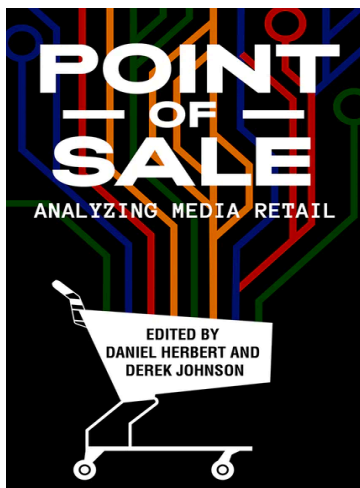
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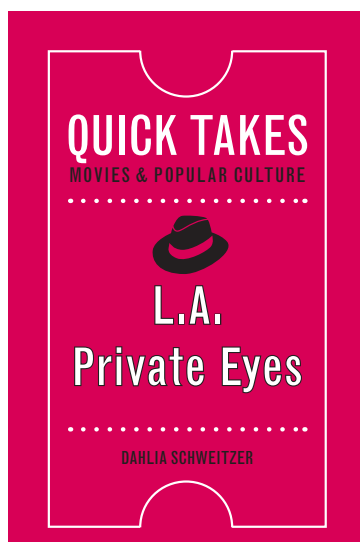
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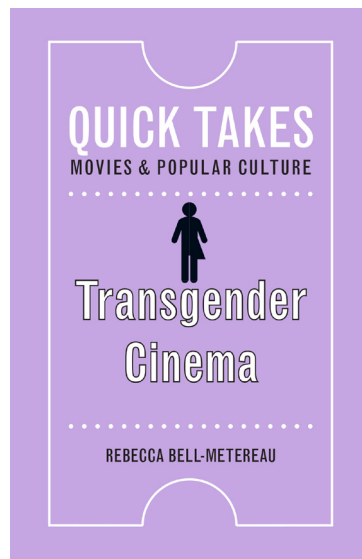
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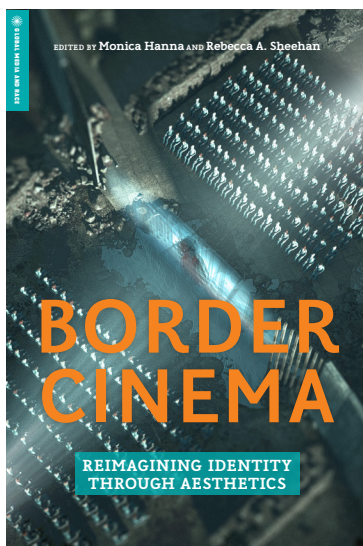
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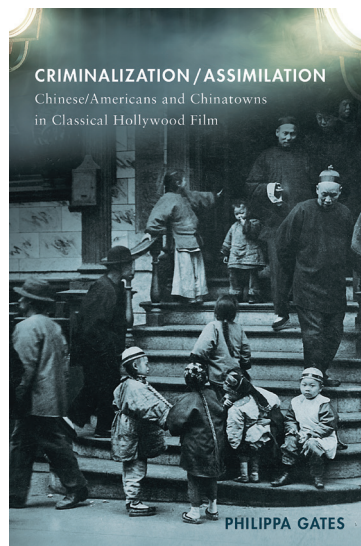
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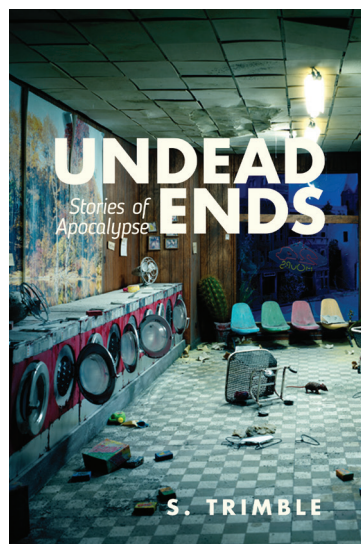
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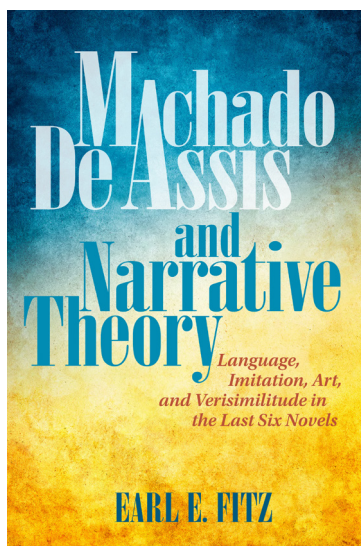
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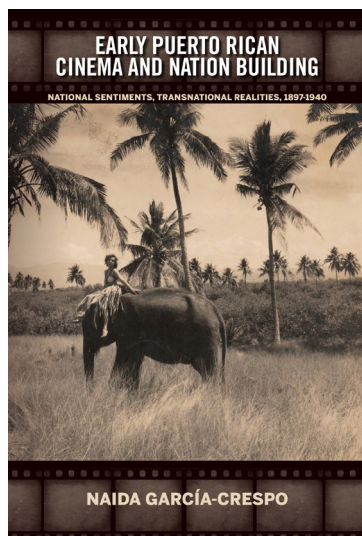
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*Early Puerto Rican Cinema and Nation Building* focuses on the processes of Puerto Rican national identity formation as seen through the historical development of cinema on the island between 1897 and 1940. Anchoring her work in archival sources in film technology, economy, and education, Naida García-Crespo argues that Puerto Rico's position as a stateless nation allows for a fresh understanding of national cinema based on perceptions of productive cultural contributions rather than on citizenship or state structures. This book aims to contribute to recently expanding discussions of cultural networks by analyzing how Puerto Rican cinema navigates the problems arising from the connection and/or disjunction between nation and state. García-Crespo shows throughout this book that the development and circulation of cinema in Puerto Rico illustrate how the "national" is built from transnational connections.

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