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Documentary Film: A Very Short Introduction - Patricia Aufderheide
2007-11-28

Documentary film can encompass anything from Robert Flaherty's pioneering ethnography *Nanook of the North* to Michael Moore's anti-Iraq War polemic *Fahrenheit 9/11*, from Dziga Vertov's artful Soviet propaganda piece *Man with a Movie Camera* to Luc Jacquet's heart-tugging wildlife epic *March of the Penguins*. In this concise, crisply written guide, Patricia Aufderheide takes readers along the diverse paths of documentary history and charts the lively, often fierce debates among filmmakers and scholars about the best ways to represent reality and to tell the truths worth telling. Beginning with an overview of the central issues of documentary filmmaking--its definitions and purposes, its forms and founders--Aufderheide focuses on several of its key subgenres, including public affairs films, government propaganda (particularly the works produced during World War II), historical documentaries, and nature films. Her thematic approach allows readers to enter the subject matter through the kinds of films that first attracted them to documentaries, and it permits her to make connections between eras, as well as revealing the ongoing nature of documentary's core controversies involving objectivity, advocacy, and bias. Interwoven throughout are discussions of the

ethical and practical considerations that arise with every aspect of documentary production. A particularly useful feature of the book is an appended list of "100 great documentaries" that anyone with a serious interest in the genre should see. Drawing on the author's four decades of experience as a film scholar and critic, this book is the perfect introduction not just for teachers and students but also for all thoughtful filmgoers and for those who aspire to make documentaries themselves. About the Series: Combining authority with wit, accessibility, and style, *Very Short Introductions* offer an introduction to some of life's most interesting topics. Written by experts for the newcomer, they demonstrate the finest contemporary thinking about the central problems and issues in hundreds of key topics, from philosophy to Freud, quantum theory to Islam.

Kristeva in Focus - Katherine J. Goodnow 2010-01-30

Dealing with some of the major themes in film narratives, this book draws on the theories of French psychoanalyst Julia Kristeva. It looks at how narratives have changed over time, and considers the sources of our variable reactions to themes and representations of horror, strangers, and love. In addition to a selection of contemporary mainstream films, the major films for analysis are New Zealand "New Wave" films such as Alison

Maclean's Kitchen Sink and Crush; Vincent Ward's Vigil; and Jane Campion's Sweetie, An Angel at My Table, and The Piano.

Adaptation Studies - Jorgen Bruhn 2013-07-11

With case study examples across a range of media, this book brings together leading international scholars to explore new directions in adaptation studies.

The Oxford Handbook of Cinematic Listening - Carlo Cenciarelli 2021-03-29

The Oxford Handbook of Cinematic Listening explores the place of cinema in the history of listening. It looks at the ways in which listening to film is situated in textual, spatial, and social practices, and also studies how cinematic modes of listening have extended into other media and everyday experiences. Chapters are structured around six themes. Part I ("Genealogies and Beginnings") considers film sound in light of pre-existing practices such as opera and shadow theatre, and also explores changes in listening taking place at critical junctures in the early history of cinema. Part II ("Locations and Relocations") focuses on specific venues and presentational practices from roadshow movies to contemporary live-score screenings. Part III ("Representations and Re-Presentations") zooms into the formal properties of specific films, analyzing representations of listening on screen as well as the role of sound as a representational surplus. Part IV ("The Listening Body") focuses on the power of cinematic sound to engage the full body sensorium. Part V ("Listening Again") discusses a range of ways in which film sound is encountered and reinterpreted outside the cinema, whether through ancillary materials such as songs and soundtrack albums, or in experimental conditions and pedagogical contexts. Part VI ("Across Media") compares cinema with the listening protocols of TV series and music video, promenade theatre and personal stereos, video games and Virtual Reality.

The Shape of Motion - Jordan Schonig 2021

"Cinematic motion has long been celebrated as an emblem of

change and fluidity or claimed as the source of cinema's impression of reality. But such general claims undermine the sheer variety of forms that motion can take onscreen—the sweep of a gesture, the rush of a camera movement, the slow transformations of a natural landscape. What might we learn about the moving image when we begin to account for the many ways that movements move? In *The Shape of Motion: Cinema and the Aesthetics of Movement*, Jordan Schonig provides a new way of theorizing cinematic motion by examining cinema's "motion forms:" structures, patterns, or shapes of movement unique to the moving image. From the wild and unpredictable motion of flickering leaves and swirling dust that captivated early spectators, to the pulsing abstractions that emerge from rapid lateral tracking shots, to the bleeding pixel-formations caused by the glitches of digital video compression, each motion form opens up the aesthetics of movement to film theoretical inquiry. By pairing close analyses of onscreen movement in narrative and experimental films with concepts from Maurice Merleau-Ponty, Henri Bergson, and Immanuel Kant, Schonig rethinks longstanding assumptions within film studies, such as indexical accounts of photographic images and analogies between the camera and the human eye. Arguing against the intuition that cinema reproduces our natural perception of motion, *The Shape of Motion* shows how cinema's motion forms do not merely transpose the movements of the world in front of the camera; they transform them"

Film Music: A Very Short Introduction - Kathryn Kalinak 2010-03-11

Film music is as old as cinema itself. Years before synchronized sound became the norm, projected moving images were shown to musical accompaniment, whether performed by a lone piano player or a hundred-piece orchestra. Today film music has become its own industry, indispensable to the marketability of movies around the world. *Film Music: A Very Short Introduction* is a compact, lucid, and thoroughly engaging overview written by one

of the leading authorities on the subject. After opening with a fascinating analysis of the music from a key sequence in Quentin Tarantino's *Reservoir Dogs*, Kathryn Kalinak introduces readers not only to important composers and musical styles but also to modern theoretical concepts about how and why film music works. Throughout the book she embraces a global perspective, examining film music in Asia and the Middle East as well as in Europe and the United States. Key collaborations between directors and composers--Alfred Hitchcock and Bernard Herrmann, Akira Kurosawa and Fumio Hayasaka, Federico Fellini and Nino Rota, to name only a few--come under scrutiny, as do the oft-neglected practices of the silent film era. She also explores differences between original film scores and compilation soundtracks that cull music from pre-existing sources. As Kalinak points out, film music can do many things, from establishing mood and setting to clarifying plot points and creating emotions that are only dimly realized in the images. This book illuminates the many ways it accomplishes those tasks and will have its readers thinking a bit more deeply and critically the next time they sit in a darkened movie theater and music suddenly swells as the action unfolds onscreen. About the Series: Combining authority with wit, accessibility, and style, Very Short Introductions offer an introduction to some of life's most interesting topics. Written by experts for the newcomer, they demonstrate the finest contemporary thinking about the central problems and issues in hundreds of key topics, from philosophy to Freud, quantum theory to Islam.

Engaging Cinema - Bill Nichols 2010-01-28

In what ways do films influence and interact with society? What social forces determine the kinds of movies that get made? How do movies reinforce—and sometimes overturn—social norms? As societies evolve, do the films that were once considered 'great' slip into obscurity? Which ones? Why? These questions, and many others like them, represent the mainstream of scholarly film

studies today. In *Engaging Cinema*, Bill Nichols offers the first book for introductory film students that tackles these topics head-on. Published in a handy 'trade paperback' format, *Engaging Cinema* is inexpensive and utterly unique in the field—a perfect complement to or replacement for standard film texts.

[A Dictionary of Film Studies](#) - Annette Kuhn 2020-04-28

A Dictionary of Film Studies covers all aspects of its discipline as it is currently taught at undergraduate level. Offering exhaustive and authoritative coverage, this A-Z is written by experts in the field, and covers terms, concepts, debates, and movements in film theory and criticism; national, international, and transnational cinemas; film history, movements, and genres; film industry organizations and practices; and key technical terms and concepts. Since its first publication in 2012, the dictionary has been updated to incorporate over 40 new entries, including computer games and film, disability, ecocinema, identity, portmanteau film, Practice as Research, and film in Vietnam. Moreover, numerous revisions have been made to existing entries to account for developments in the discipline, and changes to film institutions more generally. Indices of films and filmmakers mentioned in the text are included for easy access to relevant entries. The dictionary also has 13 feature articles on popular topics and terms, revised and informative bibliographies for most entries, and more than 100 web links to supplement the text.

A2 Film Studies - Sarah Casey Benyahia 2010-12-14

A2 Film Studies: The Essential Introduction gives students the confidence to tackle every part of the WJEC A2 Level Film Studies course. The authors, who have wide ranging experience as teachers, examiners and authors, introduce students step by step, to the skills involved in the study of film. The second edition has been re-designed and re-written to follow the new WJEC A2 syllabus for 2009 teaching onwards and is supported by a companion website at www.alevelfilmstudies.co.uk offering further advice and activities. There is a chapter for each exam topic

including: The small scale research project The creative project Aspects of a national cinema - Bollywood; Iranian; Japanese; and Mexican International Film Styles - German and/or Soviet; Surrealism; Neo-Realism; and New Waves Specialist studies - Urban Stories; and Empowering Women Spectatorship topics - Early cinema before 1917; Documentary; Experimental and expanded film/video; and Popular film and emotional responses The single film critical study - every film covered Specifically designed to be user friendly, the second edition of *A2 Film Studies: The Essential Introduction* has a new text design to make the book easy to follow, includes more than sixty colour images and is packed with features such as: case studies relevant to the 2009 specification activities on films like *All About My Mother*, *10*, *Vertigo* and *City of God* key terms example exam questions suggestions for further reading and website resources. Matched to the current WJEC specification, *A2 Film Studies: The Essential Introduction* covers everything students need to study as part of the course.

Introduction to Film Studies - Jill Nelmes 2012-03-12

This is a comprehensive textbook for students of cinema. It provides a guide to the main concepts used to analyse the film industry and film texts, and also introduces some of the world's key national cinemas.

The Oxford Handbook of Film and Media Studies - Robert P. Kolker 2021-12-07

"The Oxford Handbooks are a major new cross-disciplinary initiative from Oxford University Press. Each volume offers a state-of-the-art survey of current thinking and research. Specially commissioned, original essays from leading international figures give critical examination to the progress and direction of debates in vital areas of scholarship. Oxford Handbooks provide scholars and graduate students with a valuable new tool for understanding a wide range of scholarly approaches toward subjects in the humanities and social sciences. The Oxford Handbook of Film and

Media Studies is a major new reference work that provides the best single-volume source of original scholarship on the intersection of film and media studies available. Comprised of twenty chapters by leading scholars and industry professionals, this expansive collection yields unique, fresh perspectives on a vast array of topics across these two vibrant fields. Covering film and media in the U.S., Latin America, Asia, and the Middle East, this wide-ranging compendium surveys such topics as the changing concept of "realism" in film, the European political documentary, genre theory, and more. Also exploring recent developments in media studies, with special attention to new media, the Handbook features chapters that thoroughly examine topics as diverse as copyright, globalization, television programming, video game genres, the ideologies of media, and movie-going in India. Comprehensive, current, and in-depth--The Oxford Handbook of Film and Media Studies combines cutting-edge scholarship on cinema and media in their many forms to present an authoritative assessment of developments in the U.S. and abroad."--Publisher's website.

The Oxford History of World Cinema - Geoffrey Nowell-Smith 1996
Featuring nearly three thousand film stills, production shots, and other illustrations, an authoritative history of the cinema traces the development of the medium, its filmmakers and stars, and the evolution of national cinemas around the world

Film Studies - John Hill 2000

The most up-to-date critical guide available, *Film Studies: Critical Approaches* covers all the significant theories, debates, and approaches to the subject. A team of international experts provides a clear and comprehensive overview of all the major theoretical and critical approaches involved in film analysis, including detailed coverage of established critical traditions--such as semiotics, feminism, and psychoanalysis--as well as important new areas of study such as film audiences and reception, queer theory, and identity politics. Chapter summaries and further

reading lists help students to assimilate the material. Ideal for courses in film criticism and textual analysis, *Film Studies: Critical Approaches* guides students through the maze of theory to the heart of the subject.

How Films Mean - Oxford University Press 2007-10-01

Film: A Very Short Introduction - Michael Wood 2012-01-26

Offers a wealth of insight into the paradoxical nature of film, considering its role and impact on society in the 20th century as well as its future in the digital age. Original.

Studying Horror Cinema - Bryan Turnock 2019-06-11

Aimed at teachers and students new to the subject, *Studying Horror Cinema* is a comprehensive survey of the genre from silent cinema to its twenty-first century resurgence. Structured as a series of thirteen case studies of easily accessible films, it covers the historical, production, and cultural context of each film, together with detailed textual analysis of key sequences. Sitting alongside such acknowledged classics as *Psycho* and *Rosemary's Baby* are analyses of influential non-English language films as *Kwaidan*, *Bay of Blood*, and *Let the Right One In*. The author concludes with a chapter on 2017's blockbuster *It*, the most financially successful horror film of all time, making *Studying Horror Cinema* the most up-to-date overview of the genre available.

The Oxford Handbook of Japanese Cinema - Daisuke Miyao 2014

This book provides a multifaceted single-volume account of Japanese cinema. It addresses productive debates about what Japanese cinema is, where Japanese cinema is, as well as what and where Japanese cinema studies is, at the so-called period of crisis of national boundary under globalization and the so-called period of crisis of cinema under digitalization.

The Oxford Handbook of Canadian Cinema - Janine Marchessault 2019-03-20

The chapters in *The Oxford Handbook of Canadian Cinema* present

a rich, diverse overview of Canadian cinema. Responding to the latest developments in Canadian film studies, this volume takes into account the variety of artistic voices, media technologies, and places which have marked cinema in Canada throughout its history. Drawing on a range of established and emerging scholars from a range of disciplines, this volume will be useful to teachers, scholars, and to a general readership interested in cinema in Canada. Moving beyond the director-focused approach of much previous scholarship, this book is concerned with communities, institutions, and audiences for Canadian cinema at both national and international levels. The choice of subjects covered ranges from popular, genre cinema to the most experimental of artistic interventions. Canadian cinema is seen in its interaction with other forms of art-making and media production in Canada and at the international level. Particular attention has been paid to the work of Indigenous filmmakers, members of diasporic communities and feminist and LGBTQ artists. The result is a book attentive to the complex social and institutional contexts in which Canadian cinema is made and consumed.

The Real Gaze - Todd McGowan 2012-02-01

Examines the gaze in Lacanian film theory.

Hollywood Aesthetic - Todd Berliner 2017

"Hollywood makes the most widely successful pleasure-giving artworks the world has ever known. The industry operates under the assumption that pleasurable aesthetic experiences, among huge populations, translate into box office success. With that goal in mind, Hollywood has systematized the delivery of aesthetic pleasure, packaging and selling it on a massive scale. In *Hollywood Aesthetic*, Todd Berliner accounts for the chief attraction of Hollywood cinema worldwide: its entertainment value. Analyzing Hollywood in the areas of narrative, style, ideology, and genre, *Hollywood Aesthetic* offers a comprehensive appraisal of the aesthetic design of American commercial cinema. "--Publisher's description.

Documentary's Expanded Fields - Jihoon Kim 2022

Documentary's Expanded Fields: New Media and the Twenty-First-Century Documentary offers a theoretical mapping of contemporary non-standard documentary practices enabled by the proliferation of new digital imaging, lightweight and non-operator digital cameras, multiscreen and interactive interfaces, and web 2.0 platforms. These emergent practices encompass digital data visualizations, digital films that experiment with the deliberate manipulation of photographic records, documentaries based on drone cameras, GoPros, and virtual reality (VR) interfaces, documentary installations in the gallery, interactive documentary (i-doc), citizens' vernacular online videos that document scenes of the protests such as the Arab Spring, the Hong Kong Protests, and the Black Lives Matter Movements, and new activist films, videos, and archiving projects that respond to those political upheavals. Building on the interdisciplinary framework of documentary studies, digital media studies, and contemporary art criticism, Jihoon Kim investigates the ways in which these practices both challenge and update the aesthetic, epistemological, political, and ethical assumptions of traditional film-based documentary. Providing a diverse range of case studies that classify and examine these practices, the book argues that the new media technologies and the experiential platforms outside the movie theater, such as the gallery, the world wide web, and social media services, expand five horizons of documentary cinema: image, vision, dispositif, archive, and activism. This reconfiguration of these five horizons demonstrates that documentary cinema in the age of new media and platforms, which Kim labels as the 'twenty-first-century documentary,' dynamically changes its boundaries while also exploring new experiences of reality and history in times of the contemporary crises across the globe, including the COVID-19 pandemic.

Film Studies For Dummies - James Cateridge 2015-04-20

Film Studies From Hollywood to Bollywood, explore the fantastic

world of film Whether you're preparing to study film at university or you simply have a passion for cinema, you're bound to enjoy this book. Here's where you'll learn how people communicate ideas in films, how the industry works and who's on the team, the impact of film on popular culture, the different genres and styles, film theory, the joys of animation and so much more. Explore far-reaching effects - examine the narrative, artistic, cultural, economic and political implications of cinema Compare and contrast film and reality - explore conceptual frameworks for a film's relationship to reality Find out just how they do it - discover how stories are developed in movies and how a storyline is related to broader issues in society Work out what it's all about - get to grips with avant-garde cinema and find out what such films really offer Take the incredible world tour - sample the unique styles of cinema in Europe, Japan, India and other countries Go larger than life - learn about greats in the industry, venture into film analysis and look at the transitions into 21st century cinema Open the book and find: How people tell stories in film Ways film is used to explore current issues and attitudes Responsibilities of cinematographers and producers The mysteries of mise-en-scene All about digital-age animation Auteurs from the 1930s to today What poststructuralism and postmodernism really mean Ten must-watch movies

Temporality and Film Analysis - Matilda Mroz 2012-08-06

Matilda Mroz argues that cinema provides an ideal opportunity to engage with ideas of temporal flow and change. Temporality, however, remains an underexplored area of film analysis, which frequently discusses images as though they were still rather than moving. This book traces the operation of duration in cinema, and argues that temporality should be a central concern of film scholarship. In close readings of Michelangelo Antonioni's L'Avventura, Andrei Tarkovsky's Mirror, and the ten short films that make up Krzysztof Kie?lowski's Decalogue series, Mroz highlights how film analysis must consider both particular

moments in cinema which are critically significant, and the way in which such moments interrelate in temporal flux. She explores the concepts of duration and rhythm, resonance and uncertainty, affect, sense and texture, to bring a fresh perspective to film analysis and criticism. Essential reading for students and scholars in Film Studies, this engaging study will also be a valuable resource for critical theorists.

Elements of Literature Oxford Guide to Film Studies Grade 9 - Holt Rinehart and Winston 2007-01-01

Movies on Our Minds - James E. Cutting 2021-08-10

This book traces the development of popular cinema from its inception to the present day to understand why humankind has expanded its viewing of popular movies over the last century. Drawing from his extensive work as a psychologist studying artistic canons, James E. Cutting presents hundreds of films across a wide range of genres and eras, considers the structure of frame content, shots, scenes, and larger narrational elements defined by color, brightness, motion, clutter, and range of other variables. He examines the effects of camera lenses, image layout, transitions, and historical functions to classify different kinds of shots. He explains the arcs of scenes, the larger structure of sequences, and the scene- and sequence-like units that have become increasingly prevalent in recent years. The book then breaks movies into larger, roughly half-hour parts and espouses the psychological evidence behind each device's intended effect, ultimately exploring the rhythms of whole movies, the flow of physical changes, and the cinematic polyrhythms that have come to match aspects those in the human body. Along the way, the book considers cultural and technological evolutions that have contributed to shifts in viewers' engagement by sustaining attention, promoting understanding of the narrative, heightening emotional commitment, and fostering felt presence in the story. *Movies on Our Minds* asks critical questions about how our

emotional processes and the way our experiences of movies have changed over the course of cinematic history, for a cutting-edge look at what makes popular movies enjoyable.

The Oxford Guide to Film Studies - W. John Hill 1998

Surveys the disciplinary approaches in film studies, examines the concepts and methods of film analysis, and discusses the issues and debates in the examination of film.

Transnational Chinese Cinemas - Sheldon H. Lu 1997-10-01

Zhang Yimou's first film, *Red Sorghum*, took the Golden Bear Award in 1988 at the Berlin International Film Festival. Since then Chinese films have continued to arrest worldwide attention and capture major film awards, winning an international following that continues to grow. *Transnational Chinese Cinemas* spans nearly the entire length of twentieth-century Chinese film history. The volume traces the evolution of Chinese national cinema, and demonstrates that gender identity has been central to its formation. Femininity, masculinity and sexuality have been an integral part of the filmic discourses of modernity, nationhood, and history. This volume represents the most comprehensive, wide-ranging, and up-to-date study of China's major cinematic traditions. It is an indispensable source book for modern Chinese and Asian history, politics, literature, and culture.

The Oxford Handbook of Queer Cinema - Ronald Gregg 2021

"Queer media is not one thing but an ensemble of at least four moving variables: history, gender and sexuality, geography, and medium. While many scholars would pinpoint the early 1990s as marking the emergence of a cinematic movement (dubbed by B. Ruby Rich, the "new queer cinema") in the United States, films and television programs that clearly spoke to LGBTQ themes and viewers existed at many different historical moments and in many different forms. Cross-dressing, same-sex attraction, comedic drag performance: at some points, for example in 1950s television, these were not undercurrents but very prominent aspects of mainstream cultural production. Addressing "history" not as dots

on a progressive spectrum but as a uneven story of struggle, writers on queer cinema in this volume stress how that queer cinema did not appear miraculously at one moment but describes currents throughout the century-long history of the medium. Likewise, while queer is an Anglophone term that has been widely circulated, it by no means names a unified or complete spectrum of sexuality and gender identity, just as the LGBTQ+ alphabet soup struggles to contain the distinctive histories, politics, and cultural productions of trans artists and genderqueer practices. Across the globe, media makers have interrogated identity and desire through the medium of cinema through rubrics that sometimes vigorously oppose the Western embrace of the pejorative term queer, instead foregrounding indigenous genders and sexualities, or those forged in the global South, or those seeking alternative epistemologies. Finally, while "cinema" is in our title, many scholars in this collection see that term as an encompassing one, referencing cinema and media in a convergent digital environment. The lively and dynamic conversations introduced here aspire to sustain further reflection as "queer cinema" shifts into new configurations"--

Doing Film Studies - Sarah Casey Benyahia 2012-11-27

Doing Film Studies examines what it really means to study film, encouraging the reader to question the dominant theories as well as understanding the key approaches to cinema. This book provides an overview of the construction of film studies - including its history and evolution - and examines the application of theories to film texts. Important questions discussed include: Why does film studies need a canon? What is the relationship between authorship and genre theory? What is screen theory? How do we read a film text? Why is the concept of the spectator important to film? How is film involved in national identity? What is meant by a 'film industry'? Aimed at students in their final year of secondary education or beginning their degrees, Doing Film Studies equips the reader with the tools needed in approaching the study of film.

European Cinema and Continental Philosophy - Thomas Elsaesser
2019-01-01

This groundbreaking volume for the Thinking Cinema series focuses on the extent to which contemporary cinema contributes to political and philosophical thinking about the future of Europe's core Enlightenment values. In light of the challenges of globalization, multi-cultural communities and post-nation state democracy, the book interrogates the borders of ethics and politics and roots itself in debates about post-secular, post-Enlightenment philosophy. By defining a cinema that knows that it is no longer a competitor to Hollywood (i.e. the classic self-other construction), Elsaesser also thinks past the kind of self-exoticism or auto-ethnography that is the perpetual temptation of such a co-produced, multi-platform 'national cinema as world cinema'. Discussing key filmmakers and philosophers, like: Claire Denis and Jean-Luc Nancy; Aki Kaurismäki, abjection and Julia Kristeva; Michael Haneke, the paradoxes of Christianity and Slavoj Zizek; Fatih Akin, Alain Badiou and Jacques Rancière, Elsaesser is able to approach European cinema and assesses its key questions within a global context. His combination of political and philosophical thinking will surely ground the debate in film philosophy for years to come.

Indian Cinema: A Very Short Introduction - Ashish Rajadhyaksha 2016-07-20

One film out of every five made anywhere on earth comes from India. From its beginnings under colonial rule through to the heights of Bollywood, Indian Cinema has challenged social injustices such as caste, the oppression of Indian women, religious intolerance, rural poverty, and the pressures of life in the burgeoning cities. And yet, the Indian movie industry makes only about five percent of Hollywood's annual revenue. In this Very Short Introduction Ashish Rajadhyaksha delves into the political, social, and economic factors which, over time, have shaped Indian Cinema into a fascinating counterculture. Covering everything

from silent cinema through to the digital era, Rajadhyaksha examines how the industry reflects the complexity and variety of Indian society through the dramatic changes of the 20th century, and into the beginnings of the 21st. ABOUT THE SERIES: The Very Short Introductions series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area. These pocket-sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly. Our expert authors combine facts, analysis, perspective, new ideas, and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable

Media in Mind - Daniel Reynolds 2018

Where do you end, and where do media begin? In *Media in Mind*, author Daniel Reynolds draws upon naturalist philosophies of the mind from John Dewey through contemporary theories of embodied and extended cognition to make the case that the lines separating media from the minds of their users are not blurry or variable so much as they never existed to begin with. Through analyses of films and video games from 1900 to the present, *Media in Mind* shows how media forms and technologies challenge dominant models of perception and mental representation, and how they complicate theoretical understanding of concepts like the platform and the interface. In order to do justice to the profound and literally mind-changing power of media, Reynolds argues, we need to think not so much about the relationship between media and the mind as about the roles that media play in our minds. Through this crucial distinction, *Media in Mind* surveys more than a century of media theory to illustrate the ways that scholars of film and digital media have situated and reconsidered a series of divisions between media, user, and world, and how these conceptual divisions have reflected and inflected their ways of understanding the mind.

Film Theory and Philosophy - Richard Allen 1999

This volume is comprised of new essays on a wide range of topics by both film scholars and philosophers who share the commitment

to conceptual investigation, logic consistency, and clarity of argument and characterizes analytic philosophy.

The Oxford Handbook of Film Music Studies - David Neumeyer 2014

The Oxford Handbook of Film Music Studies gathers two dozen original essays that chart the history and current state of interdisciplinary scholarship on music in audiovisual media, focusing on four areas: history, genre and medium, analysis and criticism, and interpretation.

A Cinema of Loneliness - Robert Kolker 2011-07-07

In this updated and expanded version of this classic study of contemporary American film, Kolker reassesses the landscape of American cinema over the past decade, as he examines works like *Munich*, *A Prairie Home Companion*, *The Departed*, and *Funny People*, in addition to classics by Arthur Penn, Stanley Kubrick, and Robert Altman.

AS Film Studies - Sarah Casey Benyahia 2006

AS Film Studies: The Essential Introduction gives students the confidence to tackle every part of the WJEC AS level Film Studies course. The authors, who have wide ranging experience as teachers, examiners and authors, introduce students step by step, to the skills involved in the study of film. The second edition follows the new WJEC syllabus for 2008 teaching onwards and has a companion website with additional resources for students and teachers. Specifically designed to be user friendly, the second edition of *AS Film Studies: The Essential Introduction* has a new text design to make the book easy to follow, includes more than 100 colour photographs and is jam packed with features such as: Case studies relevant to the 2008 specification Activities on films including *Little Miss Sunshine*, *Pirates of the Caribbean* & *The Descent* Key terms Example exam questions Suggestions for further reading and website resources

A Dictionary of Film Studies - Annette Kuhn 2012-06-21

Written by experts in the field, this dictionary covers all aspects of

film studies, including terms, concepts, debates, and movements in film theory and criticism, national, international and transnational cinemas, film history, film movements and genres, film industry organizations and practices, and key technical terms and concepts in 500 detailed entries. Most entries also feature recommendations for further reading and a large number also have web links. The web links are listed and regularly updated on a companion website that complements the printed book. The dictionary is international in its approach, covering national cinemas, genres, and film movements from around the world such as the Nouvelle Vague, Latin American cinema, the Latsploitation film, Bollywood, Yiddish cinema, the spaghetti western, and World cinema. The most up-to-date dictionary of its kind available, this is a must-have for all students of film studies and ancillary subjects, as well as an informative read for cinephiles and for anyone with an interest in films and film criticism.

Histories on Screen - Sam Edwards 2018-02-08

How, as historians, should we 'read' a film? *Histories on Screen* answers this and other questions in a crucial volume for any history student keen to master source use. The book begins with a theoretical 'Thinking about Film' section that explores the ways in which films can be analyzed and interrogated as either primary sources, secondary sources or indeed as both. The much larger 'Using Film' segment of the book then offers engaging case studies which put this theory into practice. Topics including gender, class, race, war, propaganda, national identity and memory all receive good coverage in what is an eclectic multi-contributor volume. Documentaries, films and television from Britain and the United States are examined and there is a jargon-free emphasis on the skills and methods needed to analyze films in historical study featuring prominently throughout the text. *Histories on Screen* is a vital resource for all history students as it enables them to understand film as a source and empowers them with the analytical tools needed to use that knowledge in their

own work.

The Oxford Handbook of Chinese Cinemas - Carlos Rojas
2013-04-25

What does it mean for a cinematic work to be "Chinese"? Does it refer specifically to a work's subject, or does it also reflect considerations of language, ethnicity, nationality, ideology, or political orientation? Such questions make any single approach to a vast field like "Chinese cinema" difficult at best. Accordingly, *The Oxford Handbook of Chinese Cinemas* situates the term more broadly among various different phases, genres, and distinct national configurations, while taking care to address the consequences of grouping together so many disparate histories under a single banner. Offering both a platform for cross-disciplinary dialogue and a mapping of Chinese cinema as an expanded field, this Handbook presents thirty-three essays by leading researchers and scholars intent on yielding new insights and new analyses using three different methodologies. Chapters in Part I investigate the historical periodizations of the field through changing notions of national and political identity — all the way from the industry's beginnings in the 1920s up to its current forms in contemporary Hong Kong, Taiwan, and the global diaspora. Chapters in Part II feature studies centered on the field's taxonomical formalities, including such topics as the role of the Chinese opera in technological innovation, the political logic of the "Maoist film," and the psychoanalytic formula of the kung fu action film. Finally, in Part III, focus is given to the structural elements that comprise a work's production, distribution, and reception to reveal the broader cinematic apparatuses within which these works are positioned. Taken together, the multipronged approach supports a wider platform beyond the geopolitical and linguistic limitations in existing scholarship. Expertly edited to illustrate a representative set of up to date topics and approaches, *The Oxford Handbook of Chinese Cinemas* provides a vital addition to a burgeoning field still in its formative stages.

Film Studies: An Introduction - Warren Buckland 2015-07-30

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