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Film Genre 2000 Wheeler W. Dixon 2000-02-24 New essays by prominent film scholars address recent developments in American genre filmmaking.

Acting Claudia Springer 2015-08-18 Screen performances entertain and delight us but we rarely stop to consider actors' reliance on their craft to create memorable characters. Although film acting may appear effortless, a host of techniques, artistic conventions, and social factors shape the construction of each role. The chapters in *Acting* provide a fascinating, in-depth look at the history of film acting, from its inception in 1895 when spectators thrilled at the sight of vaudeville performers, Wild West stars, and athletes captured in motion, to the present when audiences marvel at the seamless blend of human actors with CGI. Experts in the field take readers behind the silver screen to learn about the craft of film acting in six eras: the silent screen (1895–1928), classical Hollywood (1928–1946), postwar Hollywood (1947–1967), the auteur renaissance (1968–1980), the New Hollywood (1981–1999), and the modern entertainment marketplace (2000–present). The contributors pay special attention to definitive performances by notable film stars, including Lillian Gish, Dick Powell, Ginger Rogers, Beulah Bondi, Marilyn Monroe, Marlon Brando, Jack Nicholson, Robert De Niro, Nicholas Cage, Denzel Washington, and Andy Serkis. In six original essays, the contributors to this volume illuminate the dynamic role of acting in the creation and evolving practices of the American film industry. *Acting* is a volume in the *Behind the Silver Screen* series—other titles in the series include *Animation*; *Art Direction and Production Design*; *Cinematography*; *Costume, Makeup, and Hair*; *Directing*; *Editing and Special/Visual Effects*; *Producing*; *Screenwriting*; and *Sound*.

Built to Fail Alan Payne 2021-03-09 How does an iconic brand die? For more than two decades, Blockbuster was America's favorite way to watch movies. Millions of customers visited more than eight thousand stores around the globe every week, providing more data about movie audiences than anyone in history had ever owned. If any company should have predicted the disruptive forces coming down the pike, it was Blockbuster. But as new threats emerged, none of its five CEOs had answers, and the company collapsed long before its time. *Built to Fail*

tells the complete inside story of Blockbuster's meteoric rise and catastrophic fall. Beneath the surface of explosive growth lay a shaky foundation of financial difficulty, tunnel vision, and missed opportunities. Written by Alan Payne, the man who built the longest-lasting Blockbuster franchise chain in the country, *Built to Fail* is a cautionary tale for today's disruptive marketplace, explaining why Blockbuster was a broken company long before Netflix ever streamed a single movie.

Robin Williams Arthur Grace 2016-07-18 I had always thought that when I was around 84 and Robin was 80 we could collaborate on a book about the golden years of his career where he could look at my photographs and reminisce about the events and his feelings at the time. Unfortunately, that book was never to be Photographer Arthur Grace first met Robin Williams in April 1986, at a comedy club in Pittsburgh where Williams was working to polish what would eventually become his award-winning special "Evening at the Met". The two hit it off immediately, and thus blossomed a close friendship that carried them through their increasingly successful careers. Told through a series of stunning photographs of Williams taken by Grace over the course of this decades-long partnership, *Robin Williams: A Singular Portrait* offers a touching and up-close look at the real Robin Williams—the manic and happy, the pensive and weary, the engaged and disengaged, a true portrait of one of America's greatest comics and most beloved actors. For the millions of people around the globe that Robin Williams has touched, these images, more than 150 photographs, a glorious mixture of stunning color and resonating black and white presented in exhibit format, will be something to embrace and cherish, not simply because of their exclusivity, but because of their intimacy and their honesty.

Media/Society David Croteau 2021-06-11 *Media/Society: Technology, Industries, Content, and Users* helps students understand the relationship between media and society and gets them to think critically about recent media developments. Authors David Croteau, William Hoynes, and new co-author Clayton Childress take an interdisciplinary approach with a sociological focus to answer questions like How do people use the media in their everyday lives? and How has the evolution of technology affected the media and how we use them? The Seventh Edition incorporates the latest scholarship and data that address enduring media topics, as well as new concerns raised by the role of digital platforms, the impact of misinformation online, and the role of media during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Blockbusters Anita Elberse 2013-10-15 Why the future of popular culture will revolve around ever bigger bets on entertainment products, by one of Harvard Business School's most popular professors What's behind the phenomenal success of entertainment businesses such as Warner Bros., Marvel Entertainment, and the NFL—along with such stars as Jay-Z, Lady Gaga, and LeBron James? Which strategies give leaders in film, television, music, publishing, and sports an edge over their rivals? Anita Elberse, Harvard Business School's expert on the entertainment industry, has done pioneering research on the worlds of media and sports for more than a decade. Now, in this groundbreaking book, she explains a

powerful truth about the fiercely competitive world of entertainment: building a business around blockbuster products—the movies, television shows, songs, and books that are hugely expensive to produce and market—is the surest path to long-term success. Along the way, she reveals why entertainment executives often spend outrageous amounts of money in search of the next blockbuster, why superstars are paid unimaginable sums, and how digital technologies are transforming the entertainment landscape. Full of inside stories emerging from Elberse's unprecedented access to some of the world's most successful entertainment brands, *Blockbusters* is destined to become required reading for anyone seeking to understand how the entertainment industry really works—and how to navigate today's high-stakes business world at large.

Art and the Global Economy John Zarobell 2017-04-18 Introduction : measuring the economy of the arts -- Museums in flux -- The exhibitionary complex -- Art and the global marketplace -- Conclusion : non-profits and artist collectives as market alternatives

Star Power: The Impact of Branded Celebrity [2 volumes] Aaron Barlow 2014-08-11 Stars do have real power, but not all of them wield it wisely. This work explores how a variety of celebrities developed their brands and how celebrity can become a jumping-off point to entirely unrelated activities. • Connects artists to their frequent collaborators, giving readers the benefit of an expansive introduction that leads logically into an advanced discussion of each star • Documents how pioneering individuals such as Woody Allen and Clint Eastwood expand their professional activities, thereby setting the precedent for what is now commonplace: the performer as writer, director, producer, and brand • Covers a broad range of individuals, including Ezra Pound, Charlie Chaplin, Mario Puzo, Lady Gaga, Oprah Winfrey, Spike Lee, Fran Drescher, and even President Theodore Roosevelt

Queer (Un)Friendly Film and Television James R. Keller 2010-06-28 In the past, representations of alternative lifestyles on film were, even in their most explicit forms, faint and ambiguous, and the television industry was even more conservative. But in more recent years, thanks in part to the success of such films as *Philadelphia*, *The Birdcage*, *To Wong Fu* and *In & Out*, and television programs such as *Will & Grace*, a collective effort is underway to construct a positive new public image for gays and lesbians. This work studies recent cinematic and television depictions of gays and lesbians. It examines the gay male conversion fantasy in *Get Real*, *Beautiful Thing*, *I Think I Do*, and *Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss*, the metaphor of the aging artist as a teacher to young gay men in *Love and Death on Long Island* and *Gods and Monsters*, gay violence in *Shakespeare* and *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, unacknowledged homophobia and theories of traditional masculinity in *Gladiator*, the ethical complexities of the human genome project and genetic screening for the gene associated with homosexuality in *Twilight of the Golds*, profanity and protest masculinity in *The Usual Suspects*, the controversy arising when the cast of *Will & Grace* urged Californians to vote against the Knight Initiative refusing recognition to same-sex marriages, male egotism in *Flawless*, gay parenting and other family

issues in *The Birdcage*, *The Object of My Affection*, and *The Next Best Thing*, and rehabilitating homophobia in *American Beauty*, *Urbania*, *Oz*, *Kiss Me Guido*, *Chuck & Buck*, and *Billy Elliot*.

Business of Staffing: A Talent Agenda Ganesh Shermon 2016-01-26 Staffing is today's Talent Agenda! A culture in which staff can work without encumbrances and to attract and retain top talent is the one that works. Policies and programs, vision and values, strategies and goals, risks and reward, demand and supply, pain and gain, love and hate, all have to singularly focus on managing talent. Enterprises have lost their ability to command and control talent. It's all about Supply versus demand! Today talent rules! In a good way! The book deals with the concept of Business of Staffing, keeping Talent Agenda as its core purpose. Based on an empirical research spread over 10 years the analysis brings to bear the changed nature of talent management as they impact corporate organizations and goes beyond competencies, testing or talent issues. With a focus on building sustainable talent stars the book covers a wide variety of case examples, expert opinions, consulting experience, leading practices in corporate organizations and global examples of trends and innovations.

Lonely Planet Pocket Brisbane & the Gold Coast Lonely Planet 2017-11-01 Lonely Planet: The world's leading travel guide publisher Lonely Planet's Pocket Brisbane & the Gold Coast is your passport to the most relevant, up-to-date advice on what to see and skip, and what hidden discoveries await you. Thrill on the rides, waterslides and movie sets of the Gold Coast's mega theme parks; admire the works of art at Brisbane's Gallery of Modern Art, Australia's biggest gallery of modern and contemporary art; and soak up rays on Australia's only artificial, inner-city beach, Streets Beach, the star attraction at South Bank Parklands, all with your trusted travel companion. Get to the heart of the best of Brisbane & the Gold Coast and begin your journey now! Inside Lonely Planet's Pocket Brisbane & the Gold Coast : Full-colour maps and images throughout Highlights and itineraries help you tailor your trip to your personal needs and interests Insider tips to save time and money and get around like a local, avoiding crowds and trouble spots Essential info at your fingertips - hours of operation, phone numbers, websites, transit tips, prices Honest reviews for all budgets - eating, sleeping, sight-seeing, going out, shopping, hidden gems that most guidebooks miss User-friendly layout with helpful icons, and organised by neighbourhood to help you pick the best spots to spend your time Covers Central Brisbane, Fortitude Valley, Kangaroo Point and Woolloongabba, Newfarm, Newstead, South Bank, West End, Surfers Paradise, Main Beach and more eBook Features: (Best viewed on tablet devices and smartphones) Downloadable PDF and offline maps prevent roaming and data charges Effortlessly navigate and jump between maps and reviews Add notes to personalise your guidebook experience Seamlessly flip between pages Bookmarks and speedy search capabilities get you to key pages in a flash Embedded links to recommendations' websites Zoom-in maps and images Inbuilt dictionary for quick referencing The Perfect Choice: Lonely Planet's Pocket Brisbane & the Gold Coast, a colorful, easy-to-use, and handy guide that literally fits in your pocket, provides on-the-go assistance for those seeking only the can't-

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Star Power and Risk James McMahon 2021 This paper builds an empirical and theoretical model to analyze how the financial goal of risk reduction changed the insides of Hollywood's star system. For the moviegoer looking at Hollywood cinema from the outside, the function of the star system has remained the same since the 1920s: to have recognizable actors attract large audiences to Hollywood's biggest and most expensive productions. The composition of this system is, however, sensitive to many historical changes in the business and culture of cinema. If the evolution of Hollywood's star system is shaped by broader social factors, risk reduction would be a key factor after 1980. This paper uses Internet Movie Database (IMDb) casting data to analyze how the star system was a factor in this period of risk reduction. Film casting assists risk reduction when a star system is built on controlled repetition. Repetitive casting - choosing the same people to star in a series of films - is a form of control because repetitive selection is the inequality of opportunity by another name: if an in-group is internally repetitive when alternatives exist, an out-group is repeatedly excluded. There are two key conclusions to the analysis of the IMDb dataset. First, casting repetitiveness/inequality in the blockbuster era of Hollywood (1980-present) is low compared to Hollywood's "classical" studio system (1930-1948). Second, the historically low repetitiveness/inequality can be misleading if we ignore sector characteristics such as firm size and level of theatrical distribution. Within the top-tier, whether measured by size of distributor or number of opening theatres in theatrical release, Hollywood relies on repetitive casting. The theoretical part of this paper will identify the role of capitalist power in the formation of a star system. Capitalist power, in this case, is defined as the ability of Hollywood to control everything from the industrial production of films to the broader social relations of cinema. This control is never absolute, but the role of capitalist power in the star system has a key purpose: to make sure that casting decisions are complementary to business interests.

Gender, Power, and Violence Angela J. Hattery, PHD, Professor, Women and Gender Studies, George Mason University, Author: Policing Black Bodies: How Black Lives Are Surveilled and How to Work for Change 2019-02-06 In the era of #metoo, Gender, Power and Violence provides a better understanding about the ways in which institutional structures shape, or have mishandled, gender based violence.

Handbooks of Management Accounting Research 3-Volume Set Christopher S. Chapman

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2009-01-30 Winner of the Management Accounting section of the American Accounting Association notable contribution to Management Accounting Literature Award Volume One of the Handbook of Management Accounting Research series sets the context for the Handbooks, with three chapters outlining the historical development of management accounting as a discipline and as a practice in three broad geographic settings. Volume Two provides insights into research on different management accounting practices. Volume Three features contributions from some of the most influential researchers in various areas of management accounting research, consolidates the content of volumes one and two, and concludes with examples of management accounting research from around the world. Volumes 1, 2 and 3 are also available as individual product. * ISBN Volume 1: 978-0-08-044564-9 * ISBN Volume 2: 978-0-08-044754-4 * ISBN Volume 3: 978-0-08-055450-1 * Three volumes of the popular Handbooks of Management Accounting Research series now available in one complete set * Examines particular management accounting practices and specific organizational contexts * Adopts a global perspective of management accounting practices Award: "Winner of the Management Accounting section of the American Accounting Association notable contribution to Management Accounting Literature Award."

Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Power of Yes! Amy Newmark 2018-08-14 Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Power of Yes! celebrates the empowerment we feel when we say "Yes!" to something that challenges us. Change your life for the better by doing the things that scare you. These 101 true, revealing stories will help you do just that. In a world where "why" is too often asked and "no" is too often an answer, this book encourages us to ask "why not" and celebrates the tremendous power in saying "Yes!" The authors of these 101 stories explain how saying "Yes!" changed their lives for the better. Whether it's something little, like trying a new food or something big, like jumping out an airplane, you'll be ready to shake up your own life after you read about their experiences.

Selling the Movie Ian Haydn Smith 2018-09-06 "Selling the Movie takes us on a stunning visual journey through almost 150 years of movie history." - Daily Mail "An incredible illustrated history of the movie poster." - Hey U Guys Showcasing the best movie posters by the top designers in the field, this rich visual history of the film poster charts the evolution from the earliest days to the present, explaining how they were used to sell both films and the stars, and how they lured audiences to cinemas across the globe to make an industry. Understand how posters enhance the brand of a movie or a star, and how they represent the crossover between creatives with this stylish art book. With insights on movie genres, influential designers, Hollywood politics and the impact of typography, this visually stunning book reveals how a powerful advertising medium became an artform itself and changed the face of graphic design.

Blockbuster Video Guide to Movies and Videos 1995 Blockbuster Entertainment 1994-09 The respected expert in video sales and rentals offers an extensive reference guide of every film available on video--from new releases, classics

and golden oldies to made-for-TV and foreign films. More than 20,000 entries, cross-indexed by title, director, celebrity, category, and more.

Hollywood Frame by Frame: Behind the Scenes: Cinema's Unseen Contact Sheets

Karina Longworth 2014-06-30 This is your illustrated invitation to the moments when movie history was made. Photographers' contact sheets are the permanent record of every shot that they took and through Hollywood's golden age, there was often a photographer on set, capturing the scene as actors and directors collaborated to produce classic movies. This book collects the contact sheets from classic movies like *The African Queen* (1951), *Some Like it Hot* (1959), *Taxi Driver* (1976), *Grosse Pointe Blank* (1997) and many more. Capturing legends such as Woody Allen, Audrey Hepburn, Alfred Hitchcock, Marilyn Monroe, and Frank Sinatra at work and at repose, these images offer rare glimpses into the art of moviemaking, the science of movie marketing, and the nature of stardom.

American Pop: Popular Culture Decade by Decade [4 volumes] Bob Batchelor

2008-12-30 Pop culture is the heart and soul of America, a unifying bridge across time bringing together generations of diverse backgrounds. Whether looking at the bright lights of the Jazz Age in the 1920s, the sexual and the rock-n-roll revolution of the 1960s, or the thriving social networking websites of today, each period in America's cultural history develops its own unique take on the qualities define our lives. *American Pop: Popular Culture Decade by Decade* is the most comprehensive reference on American popular culture by decade ever assembled, beginning with the 1900s up through today. The four-volume set examines the fascinating trends across decades and eras by shedding light on the experiences of Americans young and old, rich and poor, along with the influences of arts, entertainment, sports, and other cultural forces. Whether a pop culture aficionado or a student new to the topic, *American Pop* provides readers with an engaging look at American culture broken down into discrete segments, as well as analysis that gives insight into societal movements, trends, fads, and events that propelled the era and the nation. In-depth chapters trace the evolution of pop culture in 11 key categories: Key Events in American Life, Advertising, Architecture, Books, Newspapers, Magazines, and Comics, Entertainment, Fashion, Food, Music, Sports and Leisure Activities, Travel, and Visual Arts. Coverage includes: How Others See Us, Controversies and scandals, Social and cultural movements, Trends and fads, Key icons, and Classroom resources. Designed to meet the high demand for resources that help students study American history and culture by the decade, this one-stop reference provides readers with a broad and interdisciplinary overview of the numerous aspects of popular culture in our country. Thoughtful examination of our rich and often tumultuous popular history, illustrated with hundreds of historical and contemporary photos, makes this the ideal source to turn to for ready reference or research.

A Biographical Guide to the Great Jazz and Pop Singers Will Friedwald 2010 An extensive biographical and critical survey of more than 300 jazz and popular singers is comprised of provocative, opinionated essays that incorporate the views of peers, fans and critics while assessing key movements and genres.

Shaping the Future of African American Film Monica White Ndounou 2014-04-29 In Hollywood, we hear, it's all about the money. It's a ready explanation for why so few black films get made—no crossover appeal, no promise of a big payoff. But what if the money itself is color-coded? What if the economics that governs film production is so skewed that no film by, about, or for people of color will ever look like a worthy investment unless it follows specific racial or gender patterns? This, Monica Ndounou shows us, is precisely the case. In a work as revealing about the culture of filmmaking as it is about the distorted economics of African American film, Ndounou clearly traces the insidious connections between history, content, and cash in black films. How does history come into it? Hollywood's reliance on past performance as a measure of potential success virtually guarantees that historically underrepresented, underfunded, and undersold African American films devalue the future prospects of black films. So the cycle continues as it has for nearly a century. Behind the scenes, the numbers are far from neutral. Analyzing the onscreen narratives and off-screen circumstances behind nearly two thousand films featuring African Americans in leading and supporting roles, including such recent productions as *Bamboozled*, *Beloved*, and Tyler Perry's *Diary of a Mad Black Woman*, Ndounou exposes the cultural and racial constraints that limit not just the production but also the expression and creative freedom of black films. Her wide-ranging analysis reaches into questions of literature, language, speech and dialect, film images and narrative, acting, theater and film business practices, production history and financing, and organizational history. By uncovering the ideology behind profit-driven industry practices that reshape narratives by, about, and for people of color, this provocative work brings to light existing limitations—and possibilities for reworking stories and business practices in theater, literature, and film.

Film Histories Paul Grainge 2007-01-11 An introduction to film history, this anthology covers the history of film from 1895. It is arranged chronologically, and each chapter contains an introduction on the key developments within the period. Various types of film history are undertaken to enable students to become familiar with different types of film historical research.

A Companion to Chinese Cinema Yingjin Zhang 2012-04-23 *A Companion to Chinese Cinema* is a collection of original essays written by experts in a range of disciplines that provide a comprehensive overview of the evolution and current state of Chinese cinema. Represents the most comprehensive coverage of Chinese cinema to date Applies a multidisciplinary approach that maps the expanding field of Chinese cinema in bold and definitive ways Draws attention to previously neglected areas such as diasporic filmmaking, independent documentary, film styles and techniques, queer aesthetics, star studies, film and other arts or media Features several chapters that explore China's new market economy, government policy, and industry practice, placing the intricate relationship between film and politics in a historical and international context Includes overviews of Chinese film studies in Chinese and English publications

Hollywood Economics Arthur De Vany 2004-03-01 Just how risky is the movie industry? Is screenwriter William Goldman's claim that "nobody knows anything" really true? Can a star and a big opening change a movie's risks and return? Do studio executives really earn their huge paychecks? These and many other questions are answered in *Hollywood Economics*. The book uses powerful analytical models to uncover the wild uncertainty that shapes the industry. The centerpiece of the analysis is the unpredictable and often chaotic dynamic behaviour of motion picture audiences. This unique and important book will be of interest to students and researchers involved in the economics of movies, industrial economics and business studies. The book will also be a real eye-opener for film writers, movie executives, finance and risk management professionals as well as more general movie fans.

Co-Financing Hollywood Film Productions with Outside Investors Kay H. Hofmann 2012-10-28 Over the past two decades, investors from outside the motion picture industry have increasingly supplied equity to U.S. film productions. Today, these so-called co-financing arrangements are a common phenomenon in Hollywood. While the large studios usually carry out the operative tasks of movie production and distribution, the financiers as co-owners of the completed films have rights to the residual profits. Kay H. Hofmann analyzes the conflicts of interest and the organizational problems that may arise between the experienced major studios and investors with comparably low industry expertise. Guided by principal agent theory, the empirical analysis provides evidence for adverse selection and multiple aspects of moral hazard during production as well as distribution. Based on these findings, the author develops solutions that are not only relevant for current and future investors but also for studios and film producers who rely on the long-term availability of external funds.

Film Stars Andrew Willis 2004-09-04 This book takes as its focus film stars from the past and present, from Hollywood, its margins and beyond and analyzes them through a close consideration of their films and the variety of contexts in which they worked. Essays spread the net wide, looking at past stars from Rosalind Russell and Charlton Heston to present-day stars including Sandra Bullock, Jackie Chan and Jim Carrey, as well as those figures who have earned a certain film star cachet such as Prince, and the martial artist Cynthia Rothrock.

Billboard 1998-07-25 In its 114th year, Billboard remains the world's premier weekly music publication and a diverse digital, events, brand, content and data licensing platform. Billboard publishes the most trusted charts and offers unrivaled reporting about the latest music, video, gaming, media, digital and mobile entertainment issues and trends.

The Star Machine Jeanine Basinger 2009 An entertaining compilation of Hollywood lore, trivia, and analysis provides a close-up look at the golden era of filmmaking and the creation of stars at the height of the studio system, from the 1930s to the 1950s, explaining how the star machine worked, the grooming of actors, and the careers of such actors as Tyrone Power, Errol Flynn, Lana

Turner, and others. Reprint. 15,000 first printing.

The Economics of Symbolic Exchange Alexander Dolgin 2008-10-06 Alexander Dolgin's *Economics of Symbolic Exchange* is in reality not one but three books, and although these semantic layers are interlinked, the reader will need to choose between the different vectors and modalities. One clearly evident dimension is research. Certain authors introduce quite new intellectual approaches into scientific debate. This requires a special frame of mind and a searching curiosity about social reality. Carl Gustav Jung identified a phenomenon which he called systematic blindness: when a science reaches a stage of maturity and equilibrium, it categorically refuses, from a sense of self-preservation, to note certain facts and phenomena which it finds inconvenient. In Alexander Dolgin's book whole complexes of such "non-canonical" material are to be found. Here are just a few examples: the exchange networks, through which digital works of art are spread through the Internet; bargain sales of fashionable clothing; the paradox of equal pricing of cultural goods of varying quality; and a discussion of whether patronage or business has the more productive influence on creativity. Obviously, not all the issues Dolgin raises are totally new, but brought together and examined within an elegant logical framework of informational economics, they pose a challenge to scientific thinking. Such challenges are by no means immediately or, in some cases, ever acclaimed by the scientific establishment. J. K. Galbraith, for example, a great American economist, whose works are read throughout the world, who introduced a whole range of crucially important concepts, the director of John F.

Hollywood Economics Arthur S. De Vany 2004 Movies expected to perform well can flop, whilst independent movies with low budgets can be wildly successful. In this text, De Vany casts his eye over all aspects of the business to present some intriguing conclusions.

California Rich Smith 2010-09-01 Easy-to-read text with bright, full color photographs brings California to young students. Presented in a simple, easily understandable, "scrapbook" format, kids will truly enjoy opening this travelogue-like book. This 48-page book is filled with current state facts and statistical data. Important historical information segues to up-to-date details on cities, economics, geography, and climate. Checkerboard Library is an imprint of ABDO Publishing Company.

The Blockbuster Entertainment Guide to Movies and Videos 1998 Offers more than twenty thousand entries for movies and videos

Running the Race Brian Steel Wills 2022-11-30 Thundering across the screen, Judah Ben-Hur's iconic chariot race against his former friend turned bitter foe remains an indelible part of cinematic history and established Charlton Heston as an international superstar. In many ways the race was a metaphor for the actor's dynamic life, symbolizing his struggle to establish himself in his profession. Brian Steel Wills' captures for the first time a comprehensive view

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of the actor's climb to fame, his search for the perfect performance, and the meaningful roles he played in support of the causes he embraced in *Running the Race: The "Public Face" of Charlton Heston*. The actor was born and raised in the Michigan woodlands and suburbs of Chicago, where he found his love of acting in the books he read and the movies he saw. "Chuck" Heston's introduction to the craft that would become his life's work began at New Trier High School and spilled over into Northwestern University. The Second World War interrupted his journey when he served his country, after which he and his wife Lydia headed to Asheville, North Carolina, where they both acted and directed in theater. The lights of New York City and Broadway beckoned, and live television offered an important platform, but Hollywood and feature films were his destiny. His roles were as varied as they were powerful, and included stints as Moses, Ben-Hur, El Cid, Michelangelo, Mike Vargas, and Charles "Chinese" Gordon under legendary directors like Cecil B. DeMille, William Wyler, Franklin Schaffner, and Orson Welles. He shifted to science fiction in *Planet of the Apes* and *Soylent Green*, a wide range of action and disaster films, and more nuanced roles such as Will Penny. Over his decades of performance Heston defined and redefined his "public face" in a constant quest for an audience for his work. He undertook wide-ranging public service roles for the government, the arts, and other causes. His leadership in the Screen Actors Guild and American Film Institute carried him from Hollywood to the halls of Congress. He became an outspoken advocate of the arts and other public and charitable causes, marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Washington, and supported Second Amendment rights with the National Rifle Association. He did so even when his positions often clashed with other actors on issues ranging from nuclear arms, national security, and gun rights. The proud independent shifted decidedly to the Republican Party and appeared at political rallies and conventions, but rebuffed calls to run for office in favor of assuming similar roles on the big screen. Award-winning historian Brian Steel Wills dug deep to paint a rich portrait of Heston's extraordinary life—a mix of complications and complexities that touched film, television, theater, politics, and society. His carefully crafted "public face" was impactful in more ways than the ordinarily shy and private family man could have ever imagined.

Encyclopedia of Television Horace Newcomb 2014-02-03 The *Encyclopedia of Television*, second edition is the first major reference work to provide description, history, analysis, and information on more than 1100 subjects related to television in its international context. For a full list of entries, contributors, and more, visit the *Encyclopedia of Television*, 2nd edition website.

Billboard 1997-10-11 In its 114th year, *Billboard* remains the world's premier weekly music publication and a diverse digital, events, brand, content and data licensing platform. *Billboard* publishes the most trusted charts and offers unrivaled reporting about the latest music, video, gaming, media, digital and mobile entertainment issues and trends.

Tutankhamun and the Tomb That Changed the World Bob Brier 2022-10-15 It is often thought that the story of Tutankhamun ended when the thousands of dazzling items discovered by Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon were transported to the Egyptian Museum in Cairo and put on display. But there is far more to the boy-king's story. Tutankhamun and the Tomb that Changed the World explores the 100 years of research on Tutankhamun that have taken place since the tomb's discovery, from the several objects in the tomb made of meteoritic iron that came from outer space to new evidence that shows that Tutankhamun may actually have been a warrior who went into battle. Author Bob Brier also takes readers behind the scenes of the recent CT-scans of Tutankhamun's mummy to reveal more secrets of the young pharaoh. The book also illustrates the wide-ranging impact the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb had on fields beyond Egyptology. Brier examines how the discovery of the tomb influenced Egyptian politics and contributed to the downfall of colonialism in Egypt. Outside Egypt, the modern blockbuster exhibitions that raise great sums of monies for museums around the world all began with Tutankhamun, as did the idea of documenting every object discovered in place before it was moved. And to a great extent, the modern fascination with ancient Egypt DL Egyptomania DL was also greatly promoted by the Tutmania that surrounded the discovery of the tomb. Deeply informed by the latest research and presented in vivid detail, Tutankhamun and the Tomb that Changed the World is a compelling introduction to the world's greatest archaeological discovery.

Strategic Analysis Jonathan Gander 2017-02-24 Though their primary concern, organizations in the creative industries don't only succeed or fail based on the exercise of their creative resources. Their fortunes also depend on their understanding and approach to the problem of competition. In *Strategic Analysis: A creative and cultural industries perspective*, Jonathan Gander offers a much needed introduction to how the practice of strategic thinking and analysis can be applied to this diverse and dynamic field. The book employs a range of competitive scenarios and case studies in which to practically apply a recommended set of analytical frameworks and examine the strategic challenge facing the enterprise and the wider sector. This concise and practical text focuses on providing a clear series of steps through which to identify and tackle strategic issues facing an enterprise, making it perfect reading for students and practitioners in the creative sector who seek a strategic understanding of the competition they are involved in.

Writing the Romantic Comedy Billy Mernit 2001-07-31 From the slapstick shenanigans of Hepburn and Grant in *Bringing Up Baby* to the sexy repartee of Shakespeare in *Love*, romantic comedies have delighted filmgoers -- and challenged screenwriters -- since Hollywood's Golden Age. Whether you're a first time screenwriter, or an intermediate marooned in the rewriting process, this thoroughly charming and insightful guide to the basics of crafting a winning script will take you step by step from "cute meet" all the way to "joyous defeat." You'll learn the screenwriting secrets behind some of the funniest scenes ever written; how to create characters and dialogue that set the sparks flying; why some bedroom scenes sizzle and others fall flat; and

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The Indian Media Economy (2-volume set) Adrian Athique 2017-12-29 The twenty-first century has witnessed the rise of India as a major media producer and consumer market increasingly engaged with the global economy. Aided by rising incomes, technological remediation, regulatory strategies, and a shifting political terrain, the business of media has been given official recognition as a substantive component of India's economy and as a prominent feature of its economic thinking. In light of these developments, these two pioneering volumes investigate the dynamics of an increasingly integrated media economy encompassing television, film, music, sport, and telecoms. Volume 1: Industrial Dynamics and Cultural Adaptation illustrates the distinctive industrial dynamics of India's media economy, tracking the deeply embedded cultural, political, and economic forces that determine its everyday operation. The selection of essays serves to demonstrate the unique patterns of development and the complex field of exchanges that have constituted India's media economy. As a whole, this volume posits a comprehensive approach to understanding the nature of media resources, the negotiation of industrial norms and the cultural context of a media economy firmly situated in the realities of India's distinct regions, cultures, and human networks. Volume 2: Market Dynamics and Social Transactions provides a comprehensive analysis of the interlocking markets that constitute the media economy, focusing upon its particular commodity forms, labour conditions, and spaces of consumption. Taking account of a rich set of case studies, this volume argues for the necessary consideration of multiple and interdependent markets in explicating our everyday encounters with media. By foregrounding the social transactions that encapsulate market exchanges, it begins to illustrate some of the novel aspirations, meanings, and relationships arising with India's media economy.

100 Things Indians Fans Should Know & Do Before They Die Zack Meisel 2015-04-01 Most Indians Fans know who Bob Feller is and have attended a game at Progressive Field. Names like Lou Boudreau, Bob Lemon, and Larry Doby are just as familiar as Corey Kluber, Michael Brantley, and Jason Kipnis. But even the most die-hard fans don't know everything about their beloved Indians. In 100 Things Indians Fans Should Know & Do Before They Die, Zack Meisel has assembled the facts, traditions, and achievements sure to educate and entertain true fans. From the incredible legacy of Tris Speaker and memories from Cleveland Stadium to how the movie Major League has taken root in fans' hearts, this is the ultimate fanatics guidebook to all things Cleveland Indians. Learn about the team's history in Cleveland as the Naps; the 455-game sellout streak; and modern stars such as Jim Thome, Kenny Lofton, Roberto Alomar, and Omar Vizquel. Meisel has collected every essential piece of Indians knowledge and trivia, including stories about the 1920 and 1948 World Series, the Drummer, and the hiring of Terry Francona, as well as must-do activities, and ranks them all from 1 to 100, providing an entertaining and easy-to-follow checklist as you

progress on your way to fan superstardom.