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**Porn After Porn** Aa. Vv. 2014-12-19T00:00:00+01:00 After the “digital turn,” expansion of sexual representations has taken shape quantitatively (thanks to the multiplication of production and distribution channels) and qualitatively (giving rise to a plurality of new representational forms). In this context, several social groups – including women and non-normative sexual subcultures – have obtained full citizenship rights within the “pornosphere,” moving beyond their traditional marginalization or, indeed, exclusion. These “nonconventional” pornographies exist in a dialectical relationship with mainstream production in so far as they are at the same time a development and a repudiation of the latter (on an aesthetic, economic and political level). This volume investigates the emergences of alternative pornographies, highlighting their discursive heterogeneity, their cultural status and connections to identities and non-normative practices, and their role in redefining the very idea of pornography. The publication maps the main areas relating to alternative pornographies, such as alt porn, queer pornography, indie porn, post porn, feminist pornography, and amateur porn. With a foreword by Feona Attwood

*A Private Venus* Giorgio Scerbanenco 2014 Recently released from prison for having practiced euthanasia, Duca Lamberti, now unable to work in medicine, takes a job helping Davide, a young and depressed alcoholic, whose past involves prostitution, pornography, and murder.

**The Cream Train** Andrea De Carlo 1987

**Representing Sacco and Vanzetti** Jerome H. Delamater 2005-09-17 The contributors to this volume, from a range of academic disciplines and artistic traditions, illuminate previously unexplored aspects of the internationally renowned Sacco and Vanzetti case. Rather than take up the question of whether the two Italian immigrant anarchists were guilty, the essays in this book analyze literary-, artistic-, and mass-mediated representations of Sacco and Vanzetti, linking them to stereotypes of so-called “foreigners” and “others” that prevailed in

the 1920s, and interrogating those images that prevail in our own age.

Race and the Nation in Liberal Italy, 1861-1911 Aliza S. Wong 2006-10-03 Race and Nation in Liberal Italy, 1861-1911 examines the development of Italian southern question discourse based on the perceived cultural, political, and economic divide between north and south. This book describes the resonance of meridionalism and how the familiarity of its language lent itself to other discussions of difference--the racialization of the southern question and its appropriation by criminal anthropologists in constructing biological hierarchies; the comparisons between the conquest of Africa and the internal colonization of the south; and the establishment of a southern Italian diaspora whose unique racial characteristics could lead to a possible new form of imperialism in South America.

**Rogue Economics** Loretta Napoleoni 2011-01-04 What do Eastern Europe's booming sex trade, America's subprime mortgage lending scandal, China's fake goods industry, and celebrity philanthropy in Africa have in common? With biopirates trolling the blood industry, fish-farming bandits ravaging the high seas, pornography developing virtually in Second Life, and games like World of Warcraft spawning online sweatshops, how are rogue industries transmuting into global empires? And will the entire system be transformed by the advent of sharia economics? With the precision of an economist and the narrative deftness of a storyteller, syndicated journalist Loretta Napoleoni examines how the world is being reshaped by dark economic forces, creating victims out of millions of ordinary people whose lives have become trapped inside a fantasy world of consumerism. Napoleoni reveals the architecture of our world, and in doing so provides fresh insight into many of the most insoluble problems of our era.

Cemetery Beach Warren Ellis 2019-06-05 A professional pathfinder breaks out of a torture cell in pursuit of his worst extraction scenario ever: escaping on foot across a sprawling and secret off-world colony established a hundred years ago and filled with generations of lunatics. His only ally? A disaffected young murderess. From WARREN ELLIS and JASON HOWARD, the creators of the critically acclaimed TREES, which is currently being adapted for television. Collects CEMETERY BEACH #1-7

*Tod Browning's Dracula* Gary D. Rhodes 2015-02-02 Few movies in film history have resonated with audiences as deeply and for as many years as Universal's original 1931 version of Dracula, starring Bela Lugosi as the vampire count. Filmmaker and film historian Gary D. Rhodes brings years of research to fruition, providing conclusive answers to everything you ever wanted to know this iconic film. Overflowing with newly unearthed information and fresh analysis, and fully illustrated, *Tod Browning's Dracula* is one of the most in-depth books ever published on a single film. *Tod Browning's Dracula* by Gary D. Rhodes is the first in a collectible series of books on the world's most iconic, classic horror films. -- Gary D. Rhodes

**Pininfarina** Giorgio Nada Editore Srl 2020-10-13 On the occasion of the 90th anniversary of Pininfarina, a marque synonymous with style and elegance applied to car design, Pininfarina is a book that surveys, for the first time, the entire output of the Turin coachbuilder, model by model. Produced in close collaboration with the company, it draws on invaluable photographic material accompanying brief contextualising texts. Tracing the history of Pininfarina from its origins to the present day entails reviewing some of the most iconic models in automotive history: from the numerous Ferraris bodied by the historic partner of the Maranello firm to cars such as the Cisitalia 202, the Lancia Aurelia, the Alfa Romeo Duetto and 164, the Maserati GranTurismo through to the current models born under the aegis of the Indian firm Mahindra. The book also covers the numerous Pininfarina concept cars that have written glorious pages in the history of design, raising the bar every time in terms of the excellence of the car product.

**The Mafia of a Sicilian Village, 1860-1960** Anton Blok 1974 This study seeks to account for the rural mafia in western Sicily in the 19th & 20th centuries through a detailed examination of the overall social networks mafiosi of a particular peasant community formed with other individuals.

*Utopia and Dystopia in Postwar Italian Literature* Daniele Fioretti 2017-02-13 This book is about the presence of utopian and dystopian elements in the Italian literary landscape. It focuses on four authors that are representatives of the various positions in the Italian cultural debate: Pasolini, Calvino, Sanguineti, and Volponi. What did concepts like utopia and dystopia mean for these authors? Is it possible to separate utopia from dystopia? What is the role of science fiction in this debate? This book answers these questions, proposing an original interpretation of utopia and of the social role of literature. The book also takes into consideration four of the most influential literary journals in Italy: *Officina*, *il menabò*, *il verri*, and *Nuovi Argomenti*, that played a central role in the cultural and political debate on utopia in Italy.

**Italian Gothic Horror Films, 1980-1989** Roberto Curti 2019-02-21 The Italian Gothic horror genre underwent many changes in the 1980s, with masters such as Mario Bava and Riccardo Freda dying or retiring and young filmmakers such as Lamberto Bava (*Macabro*, *Demons*) and Michele Soavi (*The Church*) surfacing. Horror films proved commercially successful in the first half of the decade thanks to Dario Argento (both as director and producer) and Lucio Fulci, but the rise of made-for-TV products has resulted in the gradual disappearance of genre products from the big screen. This book examines all the Italian Gothic films of the 1980s. It includes previously unpublished trivia and production data taken from official archive papers, original scripts and interviews with filmmakers, actors and scriptwriters. The entries include a complete cast and crew list, plot summary, production history and analysis. Two appendices list direct-to-video releases and made-for-TV films.

**Inky Fingers** Anthony Grafton 2020-06-09 The author of *The Footnote* reflects on

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scribes, scholars, and the work of publishing during the golden age of the book. From Francis Bacon to Barack Obama, thinkers and political leaders have denounced humanists as obsessively bookish and allergic to labor. In this celebration of bookmaking in all its messy and intricate detail, renowned historian Anthony Grafton invites us to see the scholars of early modern Europe as diligent workers. Meticulously illuminating the physical and mental labors that fostered the golden age of the book—the compiling of notebooks, copying and correction of texts and proofs, preparation of copy—he shows us how the exertions of scholars shaped influential books, treatises, and forgeries. *Inky Fingers* ranges widely, tracing the transformation of humanistic approaches to texts in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries and examining the simultaneously sustaining and constraining effects of theological polemics on sixteenth-century scholars. Grafton draws new connections between humanistic traditions and intellectual innovations, textual learning and craft knowledge, manuscript and print. Above all, Grafton makes clear that the nitty-gritty of bookmaking has had a profound impact on the history of ideas—that the life of the mind depends on the work of the hands.

*The Legacy of Primo Levi* S. Pugliese 2004-12-16 This collection represents some of the latest research on Primo Levi, the famous Auschwitz survivor Italian author, in the field of Italian Studies, Holocaust Studies, Jewish Studies, literary theory, philosophy, and ethics. The author has collected an impressive group of scholars, including Ian Thomson, who has published a well-received biography of Levi in the UK (a US edition is due this year); Alexander Stille, who is a staff writer for the *New Yorker* as well as for the *New York Times* (he is also the author of *Benevolence and Betrayal: Five Italian Jewish Families under Fascism*); and David Mendel, who knew Levi and had an extensive correspondence with the Italian writer. There are four essays on Levi's complex and fertile theory of the 'Gray Zone' and further essays on the myriad aspects of this thought. This is an excellent collection with new perspectives and interpretations of the life and work of Primo Levi.

**Allied Artists Horror, Science Fiction and Fantasy Films** Michael R. Pitts 2011 "Included here are detailed plot synopses and critical analyses of all of the over 80 feature films released by Allied Artists Pictures Corporation with horror, science fiction and fantasy themes. Also covered are 22 features from other companies and released to television by Allied, and the studio's theatrical reissues of Paramount's *The Blob* and Universal's *Dinosaur!*"-- Provided by publisher.

Charlie Chaplin's Last Dance Fabio Stassi 2014-04-03 'A day without laughter is a day wasted.' It is Christmas Day when Charlie Chaplin receives a visit from Death. The great actor is 82 years old, but not yet ready to face the final curtain. Desperate to see his teenage son grow up, the actor strikes a deal: if he manages to make Death laugh, he will win an extra year of life. As he awaits his final, fatal encounter, Chaplin composes an impassioned letter to his son, in which he attempts to tell him about his past, from his impoverished childhood in England (with an alcoholic father and a mother who went mad) to

the heights of success on the silver screen in America, via stints in the circus and vaudeville, and odd jobs as a newspaper hawker, printer, boxer and embalmer. As well as being the story of the evolution of a comic genius, this is the story of the evolution of cinema and how a beam of light on a white screen fired the imagination of an entire nation. As in his silent films, Charlie's adventures are simultaneously tragic and comic. The narrative flickers at a frenetic clip from false starts and early failures to eventual triumph in the magical moment when - before the eyes of a stupefied film crew - Charlie became the Tramp: with a little moustache, a shuffling slantwise walk, a cane and a dusty bowler hat, one of the most iconic figures of the golden age of cinema was born.

*Sweet and Savage* Mark Goodall 2018-02-19 "The Mondo Cane films were an important key to what was going on in the media landscape of the 1960s, especially post the JFK assassination. Nothing was true, and nothing was untrue..." J G Ballard Being the first ever English-language title devoted exclusively to the controversial and influential mondo documentary film cycle, this revised edition of *Sweet and Savage* remains the only serious study of mondo as a global film phenomenon, and includes a detailed examination of the key films of this cult genre. *Sweet and Savage* identifies the principle stylistic aspects of the mondo genre through a fascinating 'non-linear' approach that echoes the collage shock effects of the original films. In so doing it features exclusive interviews and many unique material contributions. It is lavishly illustrated with rare photographs, stills, posters, and record sleeves. Foreword by Jeremy Dyson.

*A New Guide to Italian Cinema* C. Celli 2007-01-08 This book is a complete reworking and update of Marga Cottino-Jones' popular *A Student's Guide to Italian Film* (1983, 1993) . This guide retains earlier editions' interest in renowned films and directors but is also attentive to the popular films which achieved box office success among the public.

**Notes on a Shipwreck** Davide Enia 2019-02-19 A moving firsthand account of migrant landings on the island of Lampedusa that gives voice to refugees, locals, and volunteers while also exploring a deeply personal father-son relationship. On the island of Lampedusa, the southernmost part of Italy, between Africa and Europe, Davide Enia looks in the faces of those who arrive and those who wait, and tells the story of an individual and collective shipwreck. On one side, a multitude in motion, crossing entire nations and then the Mediterranean Sea under conditions beyond any imagination. On the other, a handful of men and women on the border of an era and a continent, trying to welcome the newcomers. In the middle is the author himself, telling of what actually happens at sea and on land, and the failure of words in the attempt to understand the present paradoxes. Enia reveals the emotional consequences of this touching and disconcerting reality, especially in his relationship with his father, a recently retired doctor who agrees to travel with him to Lampedusa. Witnessing together the public pain of those who land and those who save them from death, alongside the private pain of his uncle's illness, pushes

them to reinvent their relationship, to forge a new and unprecedented dialogue that replaces the silences of the past.

Italian Horror Cinema Stefano Baschiera 2016-06-14 This collection brings together for the first time a range of contributions aimed at a new understanding of the Italian horror cinema genre.

**Italian Colonialism** R. Ben-Ghiat 2016-04-30 Italian Colonialism is a pioneering anthology of texts by scholars from seven countries who represent the best of classical and newer approaches to the study of Italian colonization. Essays on the political, economic, and military aspects of Italian colonialism are featured alongside works that reflect the insights of anthropology, race and gender studies, film, architecture, and oral and cultural history. The volume includes many essays by Italian and African scholars that have never been translated into English. It is a unique resource that offers students and scholars a comprehensive view of the field.

*Ender's Game* Jed Alger 2013 Presents the behind-the-scenes details of the motion picture, featuring interviews, concept art, the visual effects process, and profiles of the cast and crew.

*DC Horror Presents: Soul Plumber (2021-)* #5 Marcus Parks 2022-02-15 The arrival of the Els by spaceship 19 years earlier was a pivotal moment for the kingdom, and a prophecy was born! But what were those early years like for the Els, and how did they come to be monarchs of the kingdom? And what catastrophic event triggered everything that was to follow?

*War Stories* Garth Ennis 2006-03-01 Presents a collection of tales, set during World War II, in comic book form.

**A che punto è la notte** Carlo Fruttero 2016

*Through a Glass Darkly* J. Sheridan Le Fanu 2016-09-03 This collection of stories, first published in 1872, includes Green Tea, The Familiar, Mr. Justice Harbottle, The Room in the Dragon Volant, and Carmilla. The five stories are purported to be cases by Dr. Hesselius, a 'metaphysical' doctor, who is willing to consider the ghosts both as real and as hallucinatory obsessions. The reader's doubtful anxiety mimics that of the protagonist, and each story thus creates that atmosphere of mystery which is the supernatural experience. This new edition includes alternate versions of some stories and a brief biography of the author.

**Italian Gothic Horror Films, 1970-1979** Roberto Curti 2017-09-01 Italian Gothic horror films of the 1970s were influenced by the violent giallo movies and adults-only comics of the era, resulting in a graphic approach to the genre. Stories often featured over-the-top violence and nudity and pushed the limits of what could be shown on the screen. The decade marked the return of specialist directors like Mario Bava, Riccardo Freda and Antonio Margheriti,

and the emergence of new talents such as Pupi Avati (The House with the Laughing Windows) and Francesco Barilli (The Perfume of the Lady in Black). The author examines the Italian Gothic horror of the period, providing previously unpublished details and production data taken from official papers, original scripts and interviews with filmmakers, scriptwriters and actors. Entries include complete cast and crew lists, plot summaries, production history and analysis. An appendix covers Italian made-for-TV films and mini-series.

The Video Watchdog Book Tim Lucas 1992 Read What You've Been Missing! This profusely illustrated video consumer guide is a must for all fans & collectors of Horror, Science Fiction & Fantasy films on tape & disc. A companion to the popular VIDEO WATCHDOG Magazine, THE VIDEO WATCHDOG BOOK contains witty & informative descriptions of 100s of titles, including out-of-print rarities, alternate versions, foreign language & import releases, continuity errors... even detailed descriptions of missing (& censored) scenes! Written by video authority Tim Lucas, whose work has appeared in numerous books & magazines in the United States & Europe. Also includes an indispensable list of more than 650 retitled videos, a book index, plus a complete index to the first 12 issues of VIDEO WATCHDOG Magazine! Features a Foreword by cult Director Joe Dante (GREMLINS, THE HOWLING), a striking full-color cover by Stephen R. Bissette (SWAMP THING), & spot illustrations by Brian Thomas (TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES). Here's what the experts say about VIDEO WATCHDOG: "Fascinating... the best effort of its kind I've seen!"--Vincent Price. "A thorough, accurate, & knowledgeable source that's as good as anything I've read!"--Christopher Lee. "Intriguing, thought-provoking, & marvelously obsessive!"--USA TODAY.

**Italian Gothic Horror Films, 1957-1969** Roberto Curti 2015-05-08 The "Gothic" style was a key trend in Italian cinema of the 1950s and 1960s because of its peculiar, often strikingly original approach to the horror genre. These films portrayed Gothic staples in a stylish and idiosyncratic way, and took a daring approach to the supernatural and to eroticism, with the presence of menacing yet seductive female witches, vampires and ghosts. Thanks to such filmmakers as Mario Bava (Black Sunday), Riccardo Freda (The Horrible Dr. Hichcock), and Antonio Margheriti (Castle of Blood), as well the iconic presence of actress Barbara Steele, Italian Gothic horror went overseas and reached cult status. The book examines the Italian Gothic horror of the period, with an abundance of previously unpublished production information drawn from official papers and original scripts. Entries include a complete cast and crew list, home video releases, plot summary and the author's analysis. Excerpts from interviews with filmmakers, scriptwriters and actors are included. The foreword is by film director and scriptwriter Ernesto Gastaldi.

**Disney Comics** Alberto Becattini 2016-08-15 An Encyclopedic Reference of Disney Comics. From the United States to Italy, from France and Spain to Brazil, Turkey, Russia, and beyond, noted comics historian Alberto Becattini traces the evolution of Disney comics around the world in the most authoritative, comprehensive treatment of the "Disney funnies" ever put into print.

Back When We Were Grownups Anne Tyler 2015-05-05 "Once upon a time, there was a woman who discovered that she had turned into the wrong person." So Anne Tyler opens this irresistible new novel. The woman is Rebecca Davitch, a fifty-three-year-old grandmother. Is she an impostor in her own life? she asks herself. Is it indeed her own life? Or is it someone else's? On the surface, Beck, as she is known to the Davitch clan, is outgoing, joyous, a natural celebrator. Giving parties is, after all, her vocation—something she slipped into even before finishing college, when Joe Davitch spotted her at an engagement party in his family's crumbling nineteenth-century Baltimore row house, where giving parties was the family business. What caught his fancy was that she seemed to be having such a wonderful time. Soon this large-spirited older man, a divorcé with three little girls, swept her into his orbit, and before she knew it she was embracing his extended family plus a child of their own, and hosting endless parties in the ornate, high-ceilinged rooms of The Open Arms. Now, some thirty years later, after presiding over a disastrous family picnic, Rebecca is caught un-awares by the question of who she really is. How she answers it—how she tries to recover her girlhood self, that dignified grownup she had once been—is the story told in this beguiling, funny, and deeply moving novel. As always with Anne Tyler's novels, once we enter her world it is hard to leave. But in *Back When We Were Grownups* she so sharpens our perceptions and awakens so many untapped feelings that we come away not only refreshed and delighted, but also infinitely wiser.

Mussolini's Rome B. Painter 2016-01-13 In 1922 the Fascist 'March on Rome' brought Benito Mussolini to power. He promised Italians that his fascist revolution would unite them as never before and make Italy a strong and respected nation internationally. In the next two decades, Mussolini set about rebuilding the city of Rome as the site and symbol of the new fascist Italy. Through an ambitious program of demolition and construction he sought to make Rome a modern capital of a nation and an empire worthy of Rome's imperial past. Building the new Rome put people to work, 'liberated' ancient monuments, cleared slums, produced new "cities" for education, sports, and cinema, produced wide new streets, and provided the regime with a setting to showcase fascism's dynamism, power, and greatness. Mussolini's Rome thus embodied the movement, the man and the myth that made up fascist Italy.

*Disney Graphic Novels #4: Great Parodies* Disney 2016-12-06 Imagine if you will, a satirical retelling of Dante Alighieri's *Inferno* starring Mickey Mouse. This is the very first of the world-famous, er, famous Great Parodies featuring classic Disney stars in outrageous spoofs of the world's greatest stories.

**The Memorandum** Paolo Volponi 1968

**Drawn and Dangerous** Simone Castaldi 2010-01-01 Exploring an overlooked era of Italian history roiled by domestic terrorism, political assassination, and student protests, this book shines a new light on what was a dark decade, but an unexpectedly prolific and innovative period among artists of comics intended for adults. Blurring the lines between high art and popular consumption,

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artists of the Italian comics scene went beyond passively documenting history and began actively shaping it through the creation of fictional worlds where history, cultural data, and pop-realism interacted freely.

**Historical Dictionary of Italian Cinema** Gino Moliterno 2020-12-08 Italian cinema is now regarded as one of the great cinemas of the world. Historically, however, its fortunes have varied. Following a brief moment of glory in the early silent era, Italian cinema appeared to descend almost into irrelevance in the early 1920s. A strong revival of the industry which gathered pace during the 1930s was abruptly truncated by the advent of World War II. The end of the war, however, initiated a renewal as films such as *Roma città aperta* (Rome Open City), *Sciuscià* (Shoeshine, 1946), and *Ladri di biciclette* (Bicycle Thieves, 1948), flagbearers of what soon came to be known as Neorealism, attracted unprecedented international acclaim and a reputation that only continued to grow in the following years as Italian films were feted worldwide. Ironically, they were celebrated nowhere more than in the United States, where Italian films consistently garnered the lion's share of the Oscars, with Lina Wertmüller becoming the first woman to ever be nominated for the Best Director award. This second edition of *Historical Dictionary of Italian Cinema* contains a chronology, an introduction, and an extensive bibliography. The dictionary section has over 400 cross-referenced entries on major movements, directors, actors, actresses, film genres, producers, industry organizations and key films. This book is an excellent resource for students, researchers, and anyone wanting to know more about Italian Cinema.

**Shadow Economies of Cinema** Ramon Lobato 2019-07-25 How do people access movies today? What are the most popular and powerful channels for media distribution on a global scale? How are film industries changing in the face of media convergence and digitisation? To answer questions such as these, argues Ramon Lobato, we must shift our gaze away from the legal film business and toward cinema's shadow economies. All around the world, films are bought from roadside stalls, local markets, and grocery stores; they are illegally downloaded and streamed; they are watched in makeshift video clubs, on street corners, and in restaurants, shops and bars. International film culture in its actually-existing forms is a messy affair, and it relies to a great extent on black and grey media markets. Examining the industrial dynamics of these subterranean film networks across a number of different sites – from Los Angeles to Lagos, Melbourne to Mexico City – this book shows how they constitute a central rather than marginal part of audiovisual culture and commerce. Combining film industry analysis with cultural theory, *Shadow Economies of Cinema* opens up a new area of inquiry for cinema studies, putting industry research into dialogue with wider debates about economic informality and commodity circulation. Written in an accessible style, this book offers an original 'bottom-up' perspective on the global cinema industry for researchers and students in film studies, cultural studies, and media and communications.

**Inscribing Knowledge in the Medieval Book** Rosalind Brown-Grant 2020-01-20 This collection of essays examines how the paratextual apparatus of medieval

manuscripts both inscribes and expresses power relations between the producers and consumers of knowledge in this important period of intellectual history. It seeks to define which paratextual features – annotations, commentaries, corrections, glosses, images, prologues, rubrics, and titles – are common to manuscripts from different branches of medieval knowledge and how they function in any particular discipline. It reveals how these visual expressions of power that organize and compile thought on the written page are consciously applied, negotiated or resisted by authors, scribes, artists, patrons and readers. This collection, which brings together scholars from the history of the book, law, science, medicine, literature, art, philosophy and music, interrogates the role played by paratexts in establishing authority, constructing bodies of knowledge, promoting education, shaping reader response, and preserving or subverting tradition in medieval manuscript culture.

**Traitors to All** Giorgio Scerbanenco 2014-06-03 From the godfather of Italian noir “A noir writer richly deserving rediscovery.” –Publishers Weekly One balmy spring evening on the outskirts of Milan, a Fiat with two passengers plunges into a canal. At first, their deaths are registered as an accident. But Duca Lamberti, the doctor-turned-detective of Giorgio Scerbanenco’s legendary series, suspects there’s more to it than that. Because that same canal has been the scene of other deaths, and all the incidents have one man in common: a lawyer with a murky past stretching all the way back to World War II—a man who, in fact, once shared a prison cell with Lamberti. Winner of the most prestigious European crime prize on its original publication in 1966, *Traitors to All* is classic noir by one of the greatest writers of the genre—a book that lays bare the connections between Milan’s troubled history during the war and its swinging sixties affluence, as well as an utterly absorbing tale of betrayal and revenge.

**La Dolce Morte** Mikel J. Koven 2006-10-02 With the exception of die-hard aficionados of European or Italian horror cinema, most people may not have heard of giallo cinema or have seen many films in this subgenre of horror. Most academic film studies tend to ignore horror cinema in general and the giallo specifically. Critics often deride these films, which reveal more about the reviewers' own prejudices than any problem with the works themselves. As a counter to such biases, Mikel J. Koven argues for an alternative approach to studying these films, by approaching them as vernacular cinema—distinct from “popular cinema.” According to Koven, to look at a film from a vernacular perspective removes the assumptions about what constitutes a “good” film and how a particular film is in some way “artistic.” In *La Dolce Morte: Vernacular Cinema and the Italian Giallo Film*, Koven explores the history and evolution of this aspect of cinema, and places these films within the context of Italian popular filmmaking. He addresses various themes, motifs, and tropes in these films: their use of space, the murders, the role of the detective, the identity of the killer, issues of belief, excess, and the set-piece.