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How Hollywood biopics both showcase and modify various notions of what it means to be an American. Biopics—films that chronicle the lives of famous and notorious figures from our national history—have long been one of Hollywood’s most popular and important genres, offering viewers various understandings of American national identity. *Invented Lives, Imagined Communities* provides the first full-length examination of US biopics, focusing on key releases in American cinema while treating recent developments in three fields: cinema studies, particularly the history of Hollywood; national identity studies dealing with the American experience; and scholarship devoted to modernity and postmodernity. Films discussed include *Houdini*, *Patton*, *The Great White Hope*, *Bound for Glory*, *Ed Wood*, *Basquiat*, *Pollock*, *Sylvia*, *Kinsey*, *Fur*, *Milk*, *J. Edgar*, and *Lincoln*, and the book pays special attention to the crucial generic plot along which biopics traverse and showcase American lives, even as they modify the various notions of the national character. “A provocative, critically astute study, this collection examines the biopic as a reflexive, refractive modernist film genre. Admirably researched essays provide close, compelling readings of chosen films, while exploring the multilayered matrices of historical fact, biographical and autobiographical literature, popular media representations, and cultural histories—shaping not only the lives and narratives of the performers, artists, and political/historical figures represented but also the practices of the filmmakers as they worked within or on the margins of the Hollywood industry.” — Cynthia Lucia, Rider University “The volume’s greatest strengths include its range, its variety of ideas on the significance of the biopic, and its research—definitive in several

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cases—into the relation between historical figures and their cinematic counterparts.” — James Morrison, author of *Passport to Hollywood: Hollywood Films, European Directors*

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.

In the words of one reader, Brian W. Fairbanks has a real talent for extracting the essence of a given subject and articulating it in a meaningful way. In *WRITINGS*, the author collects some of his finest essays and criticism spanning the years 1991-2005 and covering four subjects: *FILM LITERATURE MUSIC SOCIETY* Whether offering an insightful analysis of film noir, examining Benjamin Franklin's impact on American society, taking a clear-eyed, non-partisan look at democrats, republicans, the 2004 presidential campaign, George W. Bush, and the war on terror, or lambasting the corruption of television news, Brian W. Fairbanks is ingenious with a sophisticated yet effortlessly readable style. Also available in two hardcover editions.

What show won the Emmy for Outstanding Drama Series in 1984? Who won the Oscar as Best Director in 1929? What actor won the Best Actor Obie for his work in *Futz* in 1967? Who was named “Comedian of the Year” by the Country Music Association in 1967? Whose album was named “Record of the Year” by the American Music Awards in 1991? What did the National Broadway Theatre Awards name as the “Best Musical” in 2003? This thoroughly updated, revised and “highly recommended” (*Library Journal*) reference work lists over 15,000 winners of twenty major entertainment awards: the Oscar, Golden Globe, Grammy, Country Music Association, New York Film Critics, Pulitzer Prize for Theater, Tony, Obie, New York

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Drama Critic's Circle, Prime Time Emmy, Daytime Emmy, the American Music Awards, the Drama Desk Awards, the National Broadway Theatre Awards (touring Broadway plays), the National Association of Broadcasters Awards, the American Film Institute Awards and Peabody. Production personnel and special honors are also provided.

Your next stop--mutants, monsters, and mushroom clouds. America, the only country to have dropped the Bomb, and Japan, the only country to have suffered its wrath, naturally portray the nuclear threat through different cinematic lenses, and Apocalypse Then shows the view from both sides of the Pacific. American science fiction films of the 1950s and 1960s generally argue that it is possible to put the nuclear genie back in the bottle, whereas Japanese science fiction films of the same period assert that once freed, the nuclear genie could never again be imprisoned. With this viewpoint in mind, this book examines the genre movies of these two countries released between 1951 and 1967 that spotlight the nuclear threat, running the gamut from Godzilla to Dr. Strangelove, from The Mysterians to The Incredible Shrinking Man, from The Last War to On the Beach.

? Just as the Academy Awards have an impact upon stars and their careers, their filmic achievements influence the Academy and contribute to the rich history of the Oscars. Upset wins, jarring losses and glaring oversights have helped define the careers of Hollywood icons, while unknown actors have proven that timing sometimes beats notoriety or even talent. With detailed discussion of their performances and Awards night results, this book describes how 108 actors earned the Academy's favor—and how 129 others were overlooked.

With the U.S. economy booming under President Bill Clinton and the cold war finally over, many Americans experienced peace and prosperity in the nineties. Digital technologies gained

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popularity, with nearly one billion people online by the end of the decade. The film industry wondered what the effect on cinema would be. The essays in *American Cinema of the 1990s* examine the big-budget blockbusters and critically acclaimed independent films that defined the decade. The 1990s' most popular genre, action, channeled anxieties about global threats such as AIDS and foreign terrorist attacks into escapist entertainment movies. Horror films and thrillers were on the rise, but family-friendly pictures and feel-good romances netted big audiences too. Meanwhile, independent films captured hearts, engaged minds, and invaded Hollywood: by decade's end every studio boasted its own "art film" affiliate.

Fed up with snooty film critics? Then this is the book for you! *100 Nights in the Dark* is a collection of 100 humorous, insightful film reviews and essays by renowned critic Joe Barlow. Want the low-down on a particular film before you pop it into your VCR? Barlow tells you which recent films are worth seeing, which you should skip, and which will require years of painful therapy should you view them, and he does it in the same playful, irreverent style which has made him one of the Internet's most popular movie reviewers.

Lonely Planet Los Angeles, San Diego & Southern California is your passport to the most relevant, up-to-date advice on what to see and skip, and what hidden discoveries await you. Cruise the slow lanes of the Pacific Coast Highway, ride in spinning teacups at Disneyland Resort, or hit the trails in Joshua Tree National Park; all with your trusted travel companion. Begin your journey now!

The 1980s was the decade when the action film as it's now known came into being. Nonstop, big-budget excitement became the standard as epic adventures

like *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and *The Road Warrior* set the tone for the summer blockbusters of Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Chuck Norris. Homages (and ripoffs) made with lesser budgets followed every hit, especially with the advent of direct-to-video releases. Providing detailed commentary on 284 films, this book explores the excitement, audacity and sheer weirdness of '80s low budget action cinema, from the American Ninja series to dime-a-dozen barbarian pictures to such bargain-basement productions as *The Courier of Death*, *Kill Squad* and *Samurai Cop*.

It's been called "the worst movie of all time..." Now is YOUR chance to read the original, uncensored screenplay of Ed Wood's infamous film *Plan 9 from Outer Space* and judge for yourself! Originally titled *Grave Robbers from Outer Space*, Wood reportedly wrote the film's script from start to finish in a matter of days, following the untimely death of the film's "star," Bela Lugosi. The movie became *Plan 9 from Outer Space* when, according to legend, the Baptist church funding part of the project found the original title to be "highly offensive." Both titles are contained on the script you have before you: a found-and-unaltered copy of the script that many believe to be the working version used by Ed Wood while filming the movie. Featuring hand-written annotations and corrections alongside the dialogue and scene descriptions that were hammered out on a typewriter back in

1956 (including content that never made it to the finished version of the film), this is a definitive collector's item for any fans of Plan 9, Ed Wood, or horror/sci-fi B-movie mania in general!

The only screenwriting book that includes a DVD that contains performances of the short films and screenplays that are featured in the book! The beauty and power of any story lies in its ability to connect to the reader, listener, or observer. *Crafting Short Screenplays That Connect* is the first screenwriting guide to introduce connection as an essential, although essentially overlooked, aspect of creating stories for the screen and of the screenwriting process itself. Written with clarity and humor, this book teaches the craft of writing short screenplays by guiding the student through carefully focused writing exercises of increasing length and complexity. Eight award-winning student screenplays are included for illustration and inspiration. The text is divided into three parts. Part one focuses on preparing to write by means of exercises designed to help students think more deeply about the screenwriter's purposes; their own unique vision, material and process; and finally about what screenplays are at their simplest and most profound level--a pattern of human change, created from specific moments of change--discoveries and decisions. Part two teaches students how to craft an effective pattern of human change. It guides them through the writing and re-

writing of "Five (Not So Easy) Pieces"--five short screenplays of increasing length and complexity--focusing on a specific principle of dramatic technique: The Discovery, The Decision, The Boxing Match, The Improbable Connection, and The Long Short Screenplay. Part Three presents the five screenplays used throughout the book to illustrate the dramatic principles that have been discussed, and includes interviews with the screenwriters, a look at where they are now and what they are doing, and brief discussion of how each film evolved. Drawing from feminist film theory, psychoanalytic theory, cultural criticism, and gender studies, Badley interprets horror film as a discourse of the body.

When it began, modern Spanish cinema was under strict censorship, forced to conform to the ideological demands of the Nationalist regime. In 1950, the New Spanish Cinema was born as a protest over General Francisco Franco's policies: a new series of directors and films began to move away from the conformist line to offer a bold brand of Spanish realism. In the 1950s and early 1960s, filmmakers such as Juan Antonio Bardem, Luis García Berlanga, and Luis Buñuel expressed a liberal image of Spain to the world in such films as *Muerte de un ciclista* (Death of a Cyclist), *Bienvenido Señor Marshall* (Welcome Mr. Marshall), and *Viridiana*. The emergence of new directors continued into the sixties and seventies with Carlos Saura, José Luis Borau, Víctor Erice, and

others. After Franco's death in 1975, censorship was abolished and films openly explored such formerly taboo subjects as sexuality, drugs, the church, the army, and the Civil War. The Spanish cinema was no longer escapist and entertaining but, at long last, mirrored the society it depicted. While established directors like Saura, Bardem, and Berlanga continued to produce distinguished work, the "new wave" of Spanish cinema included brilliant films by the likes of Montxo Armendáriz (Tasio), Fernando Trueba (First Work), Imanol Uribe (The Death of Mikel), and Pedro Almodóvar (Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown). In the last couple of decades, exciting works by established filmmakers and newcomers alike continue to be produced, including Alejandro Amenábar's Thesis, José Luis Garcí's The Grandfather, and Almodóvar's Talk to Her and Volver. In Great Spanish Films Since 1950, Ronald Schwartz presents a compendium of outstanding Spanish films from the pre-Francoist era through the Spanish New Wave of the 80's and 90's and into the present day. Schwartz provides background, plot, and commentaries of key films from six decades of Spanish cinema. In addition to identifying

Nigel Goodall has written more than a dozen books, including the best-selling Winona Ryder (Blake, 1998), nominated for the Samuel Johnson Prize for Non-Fiction in 1999. He was a production associate for Channel 4's The Real Winona

Ryder. His other books include *Elton John: A Visual Documentary*, an illustrated Rolling Stones book and the bestseller *Kylie Naked: A Biography* (Ebury, 2002, with Jenny Stanley-Clarke). He writes for magazines and contributes to various album, video and television projects. Nigel is divorced with two children.

He was the final addition to Universal's "royal family" of movie monsters: the Creature from the Black Lagoon. With his scaly armor, razor claws and a face only a mother octopus could love, this Amazon denizen was perhaps the most fearsome beast in the history of Hollywood's Studio of Horrors. But he also possessed a sympathetic quality which elevated him fathoms above the many aquatic monsters who swam in his wake. Everything you ever wanted to know about the Gill Man and his mid-1950s film career (*Creature from the Black Lagoon*, *Revenge of the Creature*, *The Creature Walks Among Us*) is collected in this book, packed to the gills with hour-by-hour production histories, cast bios, analyses, explorations of the music, script-to-screen comparisons, in-depth interviews and an ocean of fin-tastic photos.

With trowel and brush in hand, noted film archaeologist Gary D. Rhodes excavates the cinematic sepulcher of Ed Wood's unproduced scripts for Bela Lugosi, *The Vampire's Tomb* and *The Ghoul Goes West*. Joining Rhodes on the expedition are pith-helmeted horror movie expert Tom Weaver, plus Lugosi's original biographer Robert Cremer.

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These Raiders of the Lost Archives dig deep into the desert of unfilmed films, unearthing all manner of previously unknown artifacts and unseen relics. Ed Wood and the Lost Lugosi Screenplays puts these treasures on exhibit for the very first time. "Ed Wood would shout, 'Perfect!' if he saw this book. An amazing collection of unproduced work from the low budget maestro, lovingly curated and explained. Worth buying for the intros alone. These guys know their stuff." - Larry Karaszewski, screenwriter of Tim Burton's Ed Wood (1994) "Hot on the heels of Gary D. Rhodes' Bride of the Monster script book comes Ed Wood and the Lost Lugosi Screenplays. Delving into the most mythical aspects of the Wood saga, this book examines the facts and mysteries of these unproduced works. Essential for genre enthusiasts." - Jan Alan Henderson, author of Speeding Bullet, The Legendary Lydecker Brothers, and Crypt 39 - a Novel "Gary D. Rhodes, a living breathing encyclopedia of all things Bela Lugosi, now takes us into 'what might have been' territory ... Rhodes' research is, as always, impressively meticulous. How does he find some of this stuff?" - David-Elijah Nahmod, journalist and film critic "Anyone interested in film production history will find this book fascinating. Those who seek insights into the intriguing lives of Ed Wood and Bela Lugosi will be doubly rewarded. But I'm thinking right now of the number of readers who are increasingly interested in screenplay origins, screenplay histories: for that growing number of readers this book will prove to be a true gem!" - Graeme Harper, Dean of the Honors College, Oakland University, Michigan

Since his early days at Disney, Tim Burton has shown a unique talent and vision. His writing and directing credits range from big-budget features such as *Batman* (1989) and *Batman Returns* (1992), to the comically grisly *The Nightmare Before Christmas* (1993) and *Corpse Bride* (2005), to the twisted fairy tale *Edward Scissorhands* (1990), to literary adaptations like *Big Fish* (2003), *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (2005) and *Sweeney Todd* (2007). Though his name has become synonymous with the macabre and the odd, Burton's films often reveal and champion the flawed human in us all. This collection of new essays brings together scholarship on many of his popular films, adaptations, and innovations in stop-motion animation and his collaborative relationship with actor Johnny Depp, providing an in-depth exploration of one of the most prominent figures on the pop culture landscape in recent decades.

Tom Weaver's classic fifth volume of interviews is now back in print. Originally published as *It Came from Weaver Five* in 1996, this collection goes behind the scenes with 20 of the most talkative people of Hollywood's horror, science fiction and serial films of the 1930s through 1960s. Delores Fuller loaned Ed Wood her angora sweater, but didn't fully realize he was a transvestite until *Glen or Glenda* was released. Tom Hennesy played the title role in Clint Eastwood's first movie--*Revenge of the Creature*. The interviewees include Fuller, Hennesy, Junior Coghlan, Charlotte Austin, Les Baxter, John Clifford, Mara Corday, Kathleen Crowley, Michael Fox, Anne Gwynne, Linda Harrison, Michael Pate, Gil Perkins, Walter Reed, Joseph F. Robertson, Aubrey

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Schenck, Sam Sherman, Gloria Stuart, Gregory Walcott and Robert Wise. Also included is "A Salute to Ed Wood," with illustrations by Drew Friedman.

In the mid-1950s, to combat declining theater attendance, film distributors began releasing pre-packaged genre double-bills—including many horror and science fiction double features. Though many of these films were low-budget and low-end, others, such as *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, *Horror of Dracula* and *The Fly*, became bona fide classics. Beginning with Universal-International's 1955 pairing of *Revenge of the Creature* and *Cult of the Cobra*, 147 officially sanctioned horror and sci-fi double-bills were released over a 20-year period. This book presents these double features year-by-year, and includes production details, historical notes, and critical commentary for each film.

Now it can be told—here are the true stories of fifteen fearless filmmakers who defied the system...and won! This incredible book documents the real stories of Hollywood's true giants, the pioneers and crazed visionaries, the cinematic sorcerers without any scruples: magnificent men like Sam Katzman, Jim Wynorski, Fred Olen Ray, Jess Franco, and Edward D. Wood, Jr.

Tim Burton's *Ed Wood* (1994), a critically acclaimed film starring Johnny Depp that earned two Academy Awards, only told part of the fascinating story of the strange American screenwriter, director, producer, actor, author, and film editor. Now, authors Andrew J. Rausch and Charles E. Pratt Jr. unroll the unreal back stories of the much-

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maligned “Worst Filmmaker of All Time” and his 29 films that sometimes outshone Wood’s off screen shenanigans. In the 1950s, audiences cringed at Glen or Glenda, Jail Bait with Steve Reeves, Bride of the Monster and Plan 9 From Outer Space with Bela Lugosi, The Violent Years, and Night of the Ghouls. In the 1960s, moviegoers winced at The Sinister Urge and Orgy of the Dead. Though his films sometimes shocked the delicate sensibilities of post-war audiences, modern moviegoers often love the good, bad, and ugly movie millstones. The authors share a passion for all things Ed Wood and wanted to explore, deplore, and implore the always unvarnished facts about the born loser, who continually defied odds to achieve each scrap of success in Hollywood. Wood refused to allow his dreams to die, despite the seemingly-insurmountable hurdles he faced in life and with his own lack of talent, yet he found a way to continue making movies. Discover his daring deeds in detail, from the crowd favorites to the more obscure nudie films that Wood made late in life. Illustrated. 293 pages, 42 chapters, and 10 interviews with a variety of people involved with Ed Wood films. “A lot of movies are simply lousy – created by two-bit hacks who obviously didn’t give a damn about the outcome. But it takes a filmmaker with singularly unique sensibilities to create such sincerely passionate, wondrously lousy films as Edward D. Wood, Jr. Paying tribute to his long and memorable career as both director and screenwriter, the majority of this engaging 293-page softcover consists of separate chapters devoted to each Ed Wood screen project, from ‘classics’ like GLEN OR

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GLENDIA and PLAN 9 FROM OUTER SPACE, to surprisingly competent B-movies (JAIL BAT, THE SINISTER URGE) and his most pathetic paychecks (SHOTGUN WEDDING, LOVE FEAST). In the process, Rausch and Pratt deftly critique every film – respecting Wood’s overall vision, while acknowledging the laughs found in Ed’s overripe dialogue, nonsensical stories, half-baked production values, and penchant for stock footage. But while Wood’s early projects were both earnest and engagingly ridiculous, his later (often pseudonymous) gigs became increasingly uninspired and embarrassing, with our authors justifiably ripping apart pathetic ‘70s-era smut like NECROMANIA. Rounding out this terrific book are ten interviews, including actor/stuntman Gary Kent (who played caveman Olaf in the Wood-scripted ONE MILLION AC/DC), ED WOOD screenwriter Larry Karaszewski, author Rudolph Grey, director Aris Iliopoulos (I WOKE UP EARLY THE DAY I DIED), and THE NYMPHO CYCLER starlet Casey Larrain.” -- Shock Cinema

Voice & Vision is a comprehensive manual for the independent filmmakers and film students who want a solid grounding in the tools, techniques, and processes of narrative film in order to achieve their artistic vision. This book includes essential and detailed information on relevant film and digital video tools, a thorough overview of the filmmaking stages, and the aesthetic considerations for telling a visual story. The ultimate goal of this book is to help you develop your creative voice while acquiring the solid practical skills and confidence to use it. Unlike many books that privilege raw

technical information or the line-producing aspects of production, Voice & Vision places creativity, visual expression, and cinematic ideas front and center. After all, every practical decision a filmmaker makes, like choosing a location, an actor, a film stock, a focal length, a lighting set-up, an edit point, or a sound effect is also an expressive one and should serve the filmmaker's vision. Every decision, from the largest conceptual choices to the smallest practical solutions, has a profound impact on what appears on the screen and how it moves an audience. "In Practice" sidebars throughout connect conceptual, aesthetic and technical issues to their application in the real world. Some provide a brief analysis of a scene or technique from easily rentable films which illustrate how a specific technology or process is used to support a conceptual, narrative, or aesthetic choice. Others recount common production challenges encountered on real student and professional shoots which will inspire you to be innovative and resourceful when you are solving your own filmmaking challenges. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama for *The Young Man from Atlanta* and Academy Awards for the screen adaptation of *To Kill a Mockingbird* and the original screenplay *Tender Mercies*, as well as the recipient of an Academy Award nomination for the screenplay of *The Trip to Bountiful* and the William Inge Lifetime Achievement Award, Horton Foote is one of America's most respected writers for stage and screen. The deep compassion he shows for his characters, the moral vision that infuses his social commentary, and the kindness and humanity that Foote himself radiates have also

made him one of our most revered artists—the father-figure who understands our longings for home, for human connections, and for certainty in a world largely bereft of these. This literary biography thoroughly investigates how Horton Foote's life and worldview have shaped his works for stage, television, and film. Tracing the whole trajectory of Foote's career from his small-town Texas upbringing to the present day, Charles Watson demonstrates that Foote has created a fully imagined mythical world from the materials supplied by his own and his family's and friends' lives in Wharton, Texas, in the early twentieth century. Devoting attention to each of Foote's major works in turn, he shows how this world took shape in Foote's writing for the New York stage, Golden Age television, Hollywood films, and in his nine-play masterpiece, *The Orphan's Home Cycle*. Throughout, Watson's focus on Foote as a master playwright and his extensive use of the dramatist's unpublished correspondence make this literary biography required reading for all who admire the work of Horton Foote.

Director and producer Tim Burton impresses audiences with stunning visuals, sinister fantasy worlds, and characters whose personalities are strange and yet familiar. Drawing inspiration from sources as varied as Lewis Carroll, Salvador Dalí, Washington Irving, and Dr. Seuss, Burton's creations frequently elicit both alarm and wonder. Whether crafting an offbeat animated feature, a box-office hit, a collection of short fiction, or an art exhibition, Burton pushes the envelope, and he has emerged as a powerful force in contemporary popular culture. In *The Philosophy of Tim Burton*, a distinguished group of scholars examines the philosophical underpinnings and significance of the director's oeuvre, investigating films such

as *Batman* (1989), *Edward Scissorhands* (1990), *The Nightmare before Christmas* (1993), *Sleepy Hollow* (1999), *Big Fish* (2003), *Sweeney Todd* (2007), *Alice in Wonderland* (2010), and *Dark Shadows* (2012). The essays in this volume explore Burton's distinctive style, often disturbing content, and popular appeal through three thematic lenses: identity, views on authority, and aesthetic vision. Covering topics ranging from Burton's fascination with Victorian ideals, to his celebration of childhood, to his personal expression of the fantastic, the contributors highlight the filmmaker's peculiar narrative style and his use of unreal settings to prompt heightened awareness of the world we inhabit. *The Philosophy of Tim Burton* offers a penetrating and provocative look at one of Hollywood's most influential auteurs.

Bio-pics: A Life in Pictures offers a series of case studies which throw light on this most unique of genres. Is the bio-pic a genre in its own right? Or are such films merely footnotes in other more traditional genres such as the western or costume drama, depending on the historical figure under scrutiny. Unlike other genre forms bio-pics seemingly share no familiar iconography, codes or conventions. They can be set anywhere and at any time. What links them is quite simply that the films depict the life of an 'important' person. Through a carefully selected range of thematically linked (English-language) bio-pics released since 1990 this book explores key issues surrounding their resurgence, narrative structure, production, subject representation or misrepresentation, and critical response. The films under discussion are grouped around a profession (writers, singers, politicians, sportsmen, criminals, artists) allowing for comparisons to be drawn in approaches to similar subject matter.

The emergence of the double-bill in the 1930s created a divide between A-pictures and B-pictures as theaters typically screened packages featuring one of each. With the former

considered more prestigious because of their larger budgets and more popular actors, the lower-budgeted Bs served largely as a support mechanism to A-films of the major studios—most of which also owned the theater chains in which movies were shown. When a 1948 U.S. Supreme Court antitrust ruling severed ownership of theaters from the studios, the B-movie soon became a different entity in the wake of profound changes to the corporate organization and production methods of the major Hollywood studios. In *The Battle for the Bs*, Blair Davis analyzes how B-films were produced, distributed, and exhibited in the 1950s and demonstrates the possibilities that existed for low-budget filmmaking at a time when many in Hollywood had abandoned the Bs. Made by newly formed independent companies, 1950s B-movies took advantage of changing demographic patterns to fashion innovative marketing approaches. They established such genre cycles as science fiction and teen-oriented films (think *Destination Moon* and *I Was a Teenage Werewolf*) well before the major studios and also contributed to the emergence of the movement now known as underground cinema. Although frequently proving to be multimillion-dollar box-office draws by the end of the decade, the Bs existed in opposition to the cinematic mainstream in the 1950s and created a legacy that was passed on to independent filmmakers in the decades to come.

This is a comprehensive overview of zombie movies in the first 11 years of the new millennium, the most dynamic and vital period yet in the history of the zombie genre. The compendium serves not only as a follow-up to its predecessor volume (*The Zombie Movie Encyclopedia* McFarland 2011 [2001]), which covered movies from 1932 up until the late 1990s, but also as a fresh exploration of what uniquely defines the genre in the 2000s. In-depth entries provide critical analysis of the zombie as creature in more than 270 feature-length movies, from 28

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countries and filmed on six continents. An appendix offers shorter entries for more than 100 shorts and serials.

He was born Béla Ferenc Dezsó Blaskó on October 20, 1882, in Hungary. He joined Budapest's National Theater in 1913 and later appeared in several Hungarian films under the pseudonym Arisztid Olt. After World War I, he helped the Communist regime nationalize Hungary's film industry, but barely escaped arrest when the government was deposed, fleeing to the United States in 1920. As he became a star in American horror films in the 1930s and 1940s, publicists and fan magazines crafted outlandish stories to create a new history for Lugosi. The cinema's Dracula was transformed into one of Hollywood's most mysterious actors. This exhaustive account of Lugosi's work in film, radio, theater, vaudeville and television provides an extensive biographical look at the actor. The enormous merchandising industry built around him is also examined.

The most-trusted film critic in America." --USA Today Roger Ebert actually likes movies. It's a refreshing trait in a critic, and not as prevalent as you'd expect." --Mick LaSalle, San Francisco Chronicle America's favorite movie critic assesses the year's films from Brokeback Mountain to Wallace and Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit. Roger Ebert's Movie Yearbook 2007 is perfect for film aficionados the world over. Roger Ebert's Movie Yearbook 2007 includes every review by Ebert written in the 30 months from January 2004 through June 2006-about 650 in all. Also included in the Yearbook, which is about 65 percent new every year, are: * Interviews with newsmakers such as Philip Seymour Hoffman, Terrence Howard, Stephen Spielberg, Ang Lee, and Heath Ledger, Nicolas Cage, and more. * All the new questions and answers from his Questions for the Movie Answer Man columns. * Daily film festival coverage from Cannes,

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Toronto, Sundance, and Telluride. *Essays on film issues and tributes to actors and directors who died during the year.

Since his rise to fame in the television series 21 Jump Street in 1987 and his subsequent transition to film acting, Johnny Depp has received constant criticism for his choice of roles--at least until his popular turn in the Pirates of the Caribbean series. This book aims to reveal the ways in which Depp's choices of film roles, though often considered eccentric, allowed him to develop into the representative film actor of his time. It organizes all of Depp's films chronologically, narrating in the process his transition from underestimated teenage pretty boy to bona fide Hollywood hotshot. Along the way, the book addresses Depp's relationship to earlier film actors, especially to Marlon Brando and the silent comics; the influence of Depp's androgynous sexuality on both his choice of roles and his acting; and his relationships with directors Terry Gilliam and Tim Burton.

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Filmmaker Ed Wood was controversial and critically maligned, even labeled "the worst director of all time," yet he achieved cult status and remains of great interest today. This book frames Wood's work, such as the cross-dressing themed *Glen or Glenda?* and the haphazard *Bride of the Monster*, as reflections of the culture of their era. Wood invariably worked with infinitesimal budgets, shooting at breakneck speed, incorporating plot twists that defied all logic. Yet there was a tangible if unfocused thematic thrust to Wood's films, which meditate fitfully on gender, religion and society, revealing a "holy trinity" of fixations—sex, death and resurrection. Wood's infamous *Plan 9 From Outer Space* encapsulates the fixations and flaws that were his hallmarks, and with 22 other films, is explored here. A filmography and 47 photographs are included.

Stephen King is one of the most successful authors in the history of American literature. His books—including 55 novels, 12 novellas, nine short story collections and a children's

book--have sold 350 million copies worldwide. Over the past five decades his broader impact on popular culture has been immense. Most of his works have been adapted for film or television (some of them by King himself) and he may fairly be credited with single-handedly reinventing horror, once considered a B movie genre, for mainstream readership. This collection of original interviews with fellow authors, collaborators and critics covers all things King, from analyses of his best writing to his many screen adaptations to recurring themes in his stories.

This book's 140 A-Z entries include synopses, film stills, and production photos. People hunting people for sport—an idea both shocking and fascinating. In 1924 Richard Connell published a short story that introduced this concept to the world, where it has remained ever since—as evidenced by the many big- and small-screen adaptations and inspirations. Since its publication, Connell's award-winning "The Most Dangerous Game" has been continuously anthologized and studied in classrooms throughout America. Raising questions about the nature of violence and cruelty, and the ethics of hunting for sport, the thrilling story spawned a new cinematic subgenre, beginning with RKO's 1932 production of *The Most Dangerous Game*, and continuing right up to today. This book examines in-depth all the cinematic adaptations of the iconic short story. Each film chapter has a synopsis, a "How Dangerous Is It?" critique, an overall analysis, a production history, and credits. Five additional chapters address direct to video, television, game shows, and almost "dangerous" productions. Photographs,

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