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Horror is one of the most enduring and controversial of all cinematic genres. Horror films range from the subtle and the poetic to the graphic and the gory but what links them all is their ability to frighten, disturb, shock, provoke, delight, irritate, amuse, and bemuse audiences. Horror's capacity to

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serve as an outlet to capture the changing patterns of our fears and anxieties has ensured not only its notoriety but also its long-term survival and its international popularity. Above all, however, it is the audience's continual desire to experience new frights and evermore-horrifying sights that continue to make films like *The Exorcist*, *A Nightmare on Elm Street*, *Halloween*, *Night of the Living Dead*, *The Texas*

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Chainsaw Massacre, Psycho, Ringu, and The Shining captivate viewers. The A to Z of Horror Cinema traces the development of horror cinema from the beginning of the 20th century to the present day. This is done through a chronology, an introductory essay, a bibliography, and hundreds of cross-referenced dictionary entries. Entries cover all the major movie villains, including Frankenstein and his

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monster, the vampire,
the werewolf, the mummy,
the zombie, the ghost,
and the serial killer;
the film directors,
producers, writers,
actors,
cinematographers, make-
up artists, special
effects technicians, and
composers who have
helped to shape horror
history; significant
production companies and
the major films that
have come to stand as
milestones in the
development of the
horror genre; and the

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different national traditions in horror cinema as well as horror's most popular themes, formats, conventions, and cycles. From bloodsucking schoolgirls to flesh-eating zombies, and from psychopathic killers to beasts from hell, '100 European Horror Films' provides a lively and illuminating guide to a hundred key horror movies from the 1920s to the present day. Alongside films from countries particularly

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associated with horror production - notably Germany, Italy, and Spain and movies by key horror filmmakers such as Mario Bava, Dario Argento, and Lucio Fulci, '100 European Horror Films' also includes films from countries as diverse as Denmark, Belgium, and the Soviet Union, and filmmakers such as Bergman, Polanski and Claire Denis, more commonly associated with art cinema. The book features entries

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representing key horror subgenres such as the Italian 'giallo' thrillers of the late 60s and 70s, psychological thrillers, and zombie, cannibal, and vampire movies. Each entry includes a plot synopsis, major credits, and a commentary on the film's significance, together with its production and exhibition history. Films covered in the book include early classics such as Paul Wegener's 'The Golem,'

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Robert Wiene's 'The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari,' and 'Murnau's Nosferatu'; 70s horror favorites such as 'Daughters of Darkness, The Beast,' and 'Suspiria'; and notable recent releases such as 'The Devil's Backbone, Malefique,' and 'The Vanishing.'

Two horror films were nominated for the Academy Award for Best Picture in 2018, and one of them—The Shape of Water—won. Since 1990, the production of horror

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films has risen exponentially worldwide, and in 2013, horror films earned an estimated \$400 million in ticket sales. Horror has long been the most popular film genre, and more horror movies have been made than any other kind. We need them. We need to be scared, to test ourselves, laugh inappropriately, scream, and flinch. We need to get through them and come out, blinking, still in one piece. *Lost in the Dark: A World*

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History of Horror Film is a straightforward history written for the general reader and student that can serve as a comprehensive reference work. The volume provides a general introduction to the genre, serves as a guidebook to its film highlights, and celebrates its practitioners, trends, and stories. Starting with silent-era horror films and ending with 2020's *The Invisible Man*, *Lost in the Dark*

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looks at decades of horror movies. Author Brad Weismann covers such topics as the roots of horror in literature and art, monster movies, B-movies, the destruction of the American censorship system, international horror, torture porn, zombies, horror comedies, horror in the new millennium, and critical reception of modern horror. A sweeping survey that doesn't scrimp on details, *Lost in the*

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Dark is sure to satisfy both the curious and the completist.

Some films should never have been made. They are too unsettling, too dangerous, too challenging, too outrageous and even too badly made to be let loose on unsuspecting audiences. Yet these films, from the shocking Cannibal Holocaust to the apocalyptic Donnie Darko, from the destructive Tetsuo to the awfully bad The Room, from the hilarious

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This Is Spinal Tap to the campy Showgirls, from the asylum of Das Cabinet des Dr. Caligari to the circus of Freaks, from the gangs of The Warriors to the gangsters of In Bruges and from the flamboyant Rocky Horror Picture Show to the ultimate cool of The Big Lebowski, have all garnered passionate fan followings. Cult cinema has made tragic misfits, monsters and cyborgs, such as Edward Scissorhands or Blade

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Runner's replicants,
heroes of our times. 100
Cult Films explains why
these figures continue
to inspire fans around
the globe. Cult film
experts Ernest Mathijs
and Xavier Mendik round
up the most cultish of
giallo, blaxploitation,
anime, sexploitation,
zombie, vampire and
werewolf films,
exploring both the cults
that live hidden inside
the underground
(Nekromantik, Café
Flesh) and the cult side
of the mainstream (Dirty

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Dancing, The Lord of the Rings, and even The Sound of Music). 100 Cult Films is a true trip around the world, providing a lively and illuminating guide to films from more than a dozen countries, across nine decades, representing a wide range of genres and key cult directors such as David Cronenberg, Terry Gilliam and David Lynch. Drawing on exclusive interviews with some of the world's most iconic cult creators and

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performers, including
Dario Argento, Pupi
Avati, Alex Cox, Ruggero
Deodato, Jesús Franco,
Lloyd Kaufman, Harry
Kümel, H. G. Lewis,
Christina Lindberg,
Takashi Miike, Franco
Nero, George A. Romero
and Brian Yuzna, and
featuring a foreword by
cult director Joe Dante,
100 Cult Films is your
ultimate ticket to the
midnight movie show.

Cult Cinema

A World History of
Horror Film

Film Review

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The A to Z of Horror Cinema

How Cinema's Evil Children Play on Our Guilt

The Spanish Horror Film The Transnational Fantasies of Guillermo del Toro

Beginning in the 1950s, "Euro Horror" movies materialized in astonishing numbers from Italy, Spain, and France and popped up in the US at rural drive-ins and urban grindhouse theaters such as those that once dotted New York's Times Square. Grier, sexier, and stranger than most American horror films of the time, they were

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embraced by hardcore fans and denounced by critics as the worst kind of cinematic trash. In this volume, Olney explores some of the most popular genres of Euro Horror cinema—including giallo films, named for the yellow covers of Italian pulp fiction, the S&M horror film, and cannibal and zombie films—and develops a theory that explains their renewed appeal to audiences today.

More than 5,000 film festivals take place globally and many of these have only been established in the last two decades. International Film Festivals collects the leading scholarship on this increasingly prominent phenomenon from both historical and contemporary

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perspectives, using diverse methods including archival research, interviews and surveys and drawing widely from fields like sociology, urban studies and film criticism to patent technology and history. With contributors from across the world and covering the major festivals - Cannes, Venice, Toronto, Berlin - as well as niche, genre and online film festivals, this book is an authoritative and exemplary guide to the evolution of these key sites for film distribution, exhibition and reception. Chapters unravel topics such as the relationship between corporations and festivals, the soft power function they can perform for their host nations and the changing

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identities of audiences on arrival at, and during exploration of, a given festival venue. Tricia Jenkins' edited volume reconceives the film festival for the global, digital age whilst drawing out its historic importance and ultimately makes a major intervention in film festival studies as well as film and cultural studies more widely.

Zombies, werewolves and chainsaw-wielding maniacs are tried-and-true staples of horror films. But none can match the visceral dread evoked by a child with an innocent face and a diabolical stare. Cinema's evil children attack our cherished ideas of innocence and our innocent bystander status as the audience. A

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good horror film is a scary ride—a “devil child” movie is a guilt trip. This book examines 24 international films—with discussions of another 100—that in effect “indict” viewers for crimes of child abuse and abandonment, greed, social and ecological negligence, and political and war crimes, and for persistent denial of responsibility for them all. For 75 years evil children have ritually rebuked audiences and, in playing on our guilt, established a horror subgenre that might be described as a blood-spattered rampage on an ethical mission.

This book broadens the frameworks by which horror is generally addressed. Rather than being

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constrained by psychoanalytical models of repression and castration, the volume embraces M.M. Bakhtin ' s theory of the grotesque body. For Bakhtin, the grotesque body is always a political body, one that exceeds the boundaries and borders that seek to contain it, to make it behave and conform. This vital theoretical intervention allows Transnational Horror Cinema to widen its scope to the social and cultural work of these global bodies of excess and the economy of their grotesque exchanges. With this in mind, the authors consider these bodies ' potentials to explore and perhaps to explode rigid cultural scripts of embodiment, including gender,

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race, and ability.

European Nightmares

The Exploitation Cinema of Italy,
Spain and France, 1960-1980

From Tom Brown to Harry Potter

Contemporary Cultures and History

Beyond Venice and Cannes

100 Cult Films

Focus On: 100 Most Popular

English-language Film Directors

Behind the Screen

"A really impressive and comprehensive collection of the key writings in the field. The editors have done a terrific job in drawing together the various traditions and providing a clear sense of this rich and rewarding scholarly terrain. This collection

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is as wild and diverse as the films that it covers. Fascinating."

.Mark Jancovich, Professor of Film and Television Studies, University of East Anglia, UK

.. "It's about time the lunatic fans and loyal theorists of cult movies were treated to a book they can call their own. The effort and knowledge contained in The Cult Film Reader will satisfy even the most ravenous zombie's desire for detail and insight. This book will gnaw, scratch and infect you just like the cult films themselves." .Brett Sullivan, Director of Ginger Snaps Unleashed and The Chair
.. "The Cult Film Reader is a great

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film text book and a fun read."

.John Landis, Director of The
Blues Brothers, An American
Werewolf in London and
Michael Jackson's Thriller

..Whether defined by horror,
kung-fu, sci-fi, sexploitation,
kitsch musical or i½weird world
cinema½, cult movies and their
global followings are emerging
as a distinct subject of film and
media theory, dedicated to
dissecting the world½s
unruliest images. ..This book is
the world½s first reader on cult
film. It brings together key
works in the field on the
structure, form, status, and
reception of cult cinema

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traditions. Including work from key established scholars in the field such as Umberto Eco, Janet Staiger, Jeffrey Sconce, Henry Jenkins, and Barry Keith Grant, as well as new perspectives on the gradually developing canon of cult cinema, the book not only presents an overview of ways in which cult cinema can be approached, it also re-assesses the methods used to study the cult text and its audiences. ..With editors'½ introductions to the volume and to each section, the book is divided into four clear thematic areas of study. ½ The Conceptions of Cu..Written in a

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lively and accessible style, The Cult Film Reader dissects some of biggest trends, icons, auteurs and periods of global cult film production. Films discussed include Casablanca, The Rocky Horror Picture Show, Eraserhead, The Texas Chainsaw Massacre, Showgirls and Ginger Snaps. ..Essays by: Jinsoo An; Jane Arthurs; Bruce Austin; Martin Barker; Walter Benjamin; Harry Benshoff; Pierre Bourdieu; Noel Carroll; Steve Chibnall; Umberto Eco; Nezih Erdogan; Welch Everman; John Fiske; Barry Keith Grant ; Joan Hawkins; Gary Hentzi; Matt Hills; Ramaswami Harindranath;

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J.Hoberman; Leon Hunt; I.Q.
Hunter; Mark Jancovich; Henry
Jenkins; Anne Jerslev; Siegfried
Kracauer; Gina Marchetti; Tom
Mes; Gary Needham; Sheila J.
Nayar; Annalee Newitz;
Lawrence O'Neil; ½ Toole; Harry Allan
Potamkin; Jonathan
Rosenbaum; Andrew Ross;
David Sanjek; Eric Schaefer;
Steven Jay Schneider; Jeffrey
Sconce; Janet Staiger; J.P.
Telotte; Parker Tyler; Jean Vigo;
Harmony Wu.

The Cinema Book is widely
recognised as the ultimate
guide to cinema. Authoritative
and comprehensive, the third
edition has been extensively

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revised, updated and expanded in response to developments in cinema and cinema studies.

Lavishly illustrated in colour, this edition features a wealth of exciting new sections and in-depth case studies. Sections address Hollywood and other World cinema histories, key genres in both fiction and non-fiction film, issues such as stars, technology and authorship, and major theoretical approaches to understanding film.

After Dracula tells of films set in London music halls and Yorkshire coal mines, South Sea Islands and Hungarian modernist houses of horror,

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with narrators that survey the outskirts of contemporary Paris and travel back in time to ancient Egypt. Alison Peirse argues that *Dracula* (1931) has been canonised to the detriment of other innovative and original 1930s horror films in Europe and America. By casting out the deified vampire, she reveals a cycle of films made over the 1930s that straddle both the pre- and post-regulatory era of the Hays Production Code and stringent censorship from the British Board of Film Censors. These films are independent and studio productions, literary

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adaptations, folktales and original screenplays, and include *Werewolf of London*, *The Man Who Changed His Mind*, *Island of Lost Souls* and *Vampyr*. The book considers the horror genre's international evolution during this period, engaging with a number of European horror films that have hitherto received cursory attention. It focuses on the interplay between Continental, British and transatlantic contexts, and particularly on the intriguing, the obscure and the underrated.

"Offers a critical survey of the art and practice of horror movies

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covering everything from craft and technique, historical developments, and modern-day trends, to broader topics opening onto the socio-political dimensions of the genre. The volume begins with essays devoted to the theoretical methodologies used to study the genre, from cognitive and philosophical approaches, through audience reception and psychoanalysis, to those approaches that examine gender, sexuality, race, class, and (dis) ability in relation to the horror film. Subsequent sections cover horror film aesthetics, the history of the genre, and specific

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subjects including distribution and the relationship between horror, art house movies, and the documentary impulse."--Provided by publisher.

Phases of the Moon

International Film Festivals

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Orientalism and Monstrosity in
Horror Cinema

Mass Producing European
Cinema

After Dracula

Mexican Screen Fiction

Mexican cinema is booming today, a decade after the international successes of Amores perros and Y tu mamá

también. Mexican films now display a wider range than any comparable country, from art films to popular genre movies, and boasting internationally renowned directors like Alfonso Cuarón, Alejandro González Iñárritu, and Guillermo del Toro. At the same time, television has broadened its output, moving beyond telenovelas to produce higher-value series and mini-series. Mexican TV now stakes a claim to being the most dynamic and pervasive national narrative. This new book by Paul Julian Smith is the first to examine the flourishing of audiovisual fiction in Mexico since 2000, considering cinema and TV

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together. It covers much material previously unexplored and engages with emerging themes, including violence, youth culture, and film festivals. The book includes reviews of ten films released between 2001 and 2012 by directors who are both established (Maryse Sistach, Carlos Reygadas) and new (Jorge Michel Grau, Michael Rowe, Paula Markovitch). There is also an appendix that includes interviews carried out by the author in 2012 with five audiovisual professionals: a feature director, a festival director, an exhibitor, a producer, and a TV screenwriter. Mexican Screen

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Fiction will be an invaluable resource for students and scholars and essential reading for anyone interested in one of the most vibrant audiovisual industries in the world today.

The Couch and the Silver Screen is a collection of original contributions which explore European cinema from psychoanalytic perspectives. Both classic and contemporary films are presented and analysed by a variety of authors, including leading cinema historians and theorists, psychoanalysts with a specific expertise in the interpretation of films, as well as the filmmakers themselves. This composite approach

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offers a fascinating insight into the world of cinema. The Couch and the Silver Screen is illustrated with stills throughout and Andrea Sabbadini's introduction provides a theoretical and historical context for the current state of psychoanalytic studies of films. The book is organised into four clear sections - Set and Stage, Working Through Trauma, Horror Perspectives and Documenting Internal Worlds - which form the basis for engaging chapters including: easily readable and jargon-free film reviews. essays on specific subjects such as perspectives on the horror film genre and

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**adolescent development.
transcripts of live debates
among film directors
including Bernardo
Bertolucci, actors, critics and
psychoanalysts discussing
films. The cultural richness of
the material presented,
combined with the originality
of multidisciplinary dialogues
on European cinema, makes
this book appealing not only
to film buffs, but also to
professionals, academics and
students interested in the
application of psychoanalytic
ideas to the arts.
A brilliant line-up of
international contributors
examine the implications of
the portrayals of Nazis in low-
brow culture and that**

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**culture's re-emergence today
Provides the first academic
monograph dedicated to
developing a cultural
understanding of the werewolf
film.**

**Tales from the Cult Film
Trenches**

**Industry, Genre and Society
An Introduction**

Little Horrors

**Inside European Production
Cultures**

**The Unsilvered Screen
Perverse Titillation**

Essays focusing on European
horror cinema from 1945 to the
present, features new
contributions by international
scholars exploring British,
French, Spanish, Italian,

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German and Northern
European and Eastern
European horror cinema.

This collection brings together
for the first time a range of
contributions aimed at a new
understanding of the Italian
horror cinema genre.

From movie villains to scream
queens, here are interviews
with 36 actors and actresses
familiar to fans of sixties and
seventies cult cinema.

Interviewees include the well-
known (David Carradine,
Christopher Lee), the relatively
obscure (Marrie Lee), sex
symbols (Valerie Leon), surfers
who became movie stars (Don
Stroud), and action heroes

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(Fred Williamson), among many others. Each interview is accompanied by a biography and filmography.

The Historical Dictionary of Horror Cinema traces the development of the genre from its beginnings to the present.

This is done through a chronology, an introductory essay, a bibliography, and hundreds of cross-referenced dictionary entries.

Historical Dictionary of Horror
Cinema

The Couch and the Silver
Screen

Bodies of Excess and the
Global Grotesque

Surrealism on Film

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Nazisploitation!

Lost in the Dark

The British School Film

The exploitation film industry of Italy, Spain and France during the height of its popularity from 1960 to 1980 is the focus of this entertaining history. With subject matter running the gamut from Italian zombies to Spanish werewolves to French lesbian vampires, the shocking and profoundly entertaining motion pictures of the “Eurocult” genre are discussed from the standpoint of the films and the filmmakers, including such

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internationally celebrated auteurs as Mario Bava, Jess Franco, Jean Rollin and Paul Naschy. The Eurocult phenomenon is also examined in relation to the influences that European culture and environment have had on the world of exploitation cinema. The author's insight and expertise contribute to a greater understanding of what made these films special—and why they have remained so popular to later generations. Offering a multifaceted approach to the Mexican-born director Guillermo del Toro, this volume examines his

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wide-ranging oeuvre and traces the connections between his Spanish language and English language commercial and art film projects.

Critics from the UK, US, Australia, Canada and Japan discuss views on canonical surrealist works , and the role of surrealism in modern cinema, animation, digital cinema and documentary.

The term “ cult film ” may be difficult to define, but one thing is certain: A cult film is any movie that has developed a rabid following for one reason or another. From

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highly influential works of pop art like *Eraserhead* and *Faster, Pussycat! Kill! Kill!* to trash masterpieces such as *Miami Connection* and *Fateful Findings*, thousands of movies have earned recognition as cult classics over the years, and new movies rise to cult status every year. So how do viewers searching for the best or most important cult films decide where to start? In *100 Greatest Cult Films*, Christopher J. Olson highlights the most provocative, intriguing, entertaining, and controversial films produced

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over the last century. The movies included here have either earned reputations as bona fide cult classics or have in some way impacted our understanding of cult cinema, often transcending traditional notions of “good” and “bad” while featuring memorable characters, unforgettably shocking scenes, and exceptionally quotable dialogue. With detailed arguments for why these films deserve to be considered among the greatest of all time, Olson provides readers fodder for debate and a jumping-off

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point for future watching. A thought-provoking and accessible look at dozens of cinematic “treasures,” this resource includes valuable information on the films, creators, and institutions that have shaped cult cinema.

Ultimately, *The 100 Greatest Cult Films* offers readers—from casual cinephiles, film scholars, and avid fans alike—a chance to discover or re-discover some of the most memorable films of all time.

The Cult Film Reader
The Mummy on Screen
100 Greatest Cult Films

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A Companion to the Horror Film

Horror Cinema in Europe Since 1945

Art Libraries Journal

The Nazi Image in Low-Brow Cinema and Culture

David Cronenberg as moved from the depths of low-budget exploitation horror to become one of North America's most respected movie directors. Since the early 1970s, the soft-spoken 'Baron of Blood' has attracted widespread controversies with a steady stream of shocks - se-crazed parasites in *Shivers* (1975), exploding heads in *Scanners* (1981), revolutionary flesh technology in *Videodrome* (1983), mutating bugs in *The Fly* (1986), car crash scars in *Crash* (1996), and psychopathic

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bursts of gunfire in *A History of Violence* (2005). This new study provides an overview of Cronenberg's films in the light of their international reception, placing them firmly in the cultures they influenced. It also highlights often-ignored works, such as the race movie *Fast Company* (1979), and includes a chapter on the latest film *Eastern Promises* (2007). Amidst bans and boos, Cronenberg has developed a consistent cult following for his chronicles of humankind's struggle with its ever-changing environment, bugged by technology and changing social roles - becoming a hero of contemporary culture.

The taste for horror is arguably as great today as it has ever been. Since the turn of the millennium, the horror genre has seen various developments

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emerging out of a range of contexts, from new industry paradigms and distribution practices to the advancement of subgenres that reflect new and evolving fears. *New Blood* builds upon preceding horror scholarship to offer a series of critical perspectives on the genre since the year 2000, presenting a collection of case studies on topics as diverse as the emergence of new critical categories (such as the contentiously named ‘prestige horror’), new subgenres (including ‘digital folk horror’ and ‘desktop horror’) and horror on-demand (‘Netflix horror’), and including analyses of key films such as *The Witch* and *Raw* and TV shows like *Stranger Things* and *Channel Zero*. Never losing sight of the horror genre’s ongoing political economy, *New Blood* is an

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exciting contribution to film and horror scholarship that will prove to be an essential addition to the shelves of researchers, students and fans alike.

Through close textual and contextual analysis of British films spanning a century, this book explores how pupils, teachers and secondary education in general have been represented on the British screen. The author addresses a number of topics including the nature of public (fee-paying) and state schooling; the values of special, single-sex and co-education; the role of male and female teachers; and the nature of childhood and adolescence itself. From the silents of Hitchcock to the sorcery of Harry Potter, British cinema 's continued explorations of school life highlights its importance in the

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nation's everyday experience and imaginary landscape. Beyond this, the school film, varying in scope from low-budget exploitation to Hollywood-financed blockbusters, serves both as a prism through which one can trace major shifts in the British film industry and as a barometer of the social and cultural concerns of the cinema-going public. This applies especially for gender, race and, in all senses, class.

Equal parts historical study, industrial analysis and critical survey of some of the most important films and television programs in recent European history, this book gives readers an overview of the development and output of this important company while also giving them a ringside seat for the latest round of the oldest battle in the film

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business. With films like *Lucy*, *The Impossible* and *Paddington*, European studios are producing hits that are unprecedented in terms of global success. Christopher Meir delves into StudioCanal, the foremost European company in the contemporary film and television industries, and chronicles its rise from a small production subsidiary of Canal Plus to being the most important global challenger to Hollywood's dominance.

Studiocanal and Its Works
Classic European Horror Cinema in Contemporary American Culture
From Baron of Blood to Cultural Hero
Psychoanalytic Reflections on European Cinema
Interviews with 36 Actors from Horror, Science Fiction and Exploitation Cinema
Contemporary British Horror Cinema

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Between Cinema and Television

Conceptualizing production studies from a European perspective, the book evaluates the history of European thought on production: theories of practice, the languages, grammars, and poetics of film, practical theories of production systems such as film dramaturgy, and the self-theorizing of European auteurs and professionals.

There is no cinema with such effect as that of the hallucinatory Italian horror film. From Riccardo Freda's *I Vampiri* in 1956 to *Il Cartaio* in 2004, this work recounts the origins of the genre, celebrates at length ten of its auteurs, and discusses the noteworthy films of many others

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associated with the genre. The directors discussed in detail are Dario Argento, Lamberto Bava, Mario Bava, Ruggero Deodato, Lucio Fulci, Umberto Lenzi, Antonio Margheriti, Aristide Massaccesi, Bruno Mattei, and Michele Soavi. Each chapter includes a biography, a detailed career account, discussion of influences both literary and cinematic, commentary on the films, with plots and production details, and an exhaustive filmography. A second section contains short discussions and selected filmographies of other important horror directors. The work concludes with a chapter on the future of Italian horror and an appendix of important horror films by directors other than the

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50 profiled. Stills, posters, and behind-the-scenes shots illustrate the book.

The Mummy is one of the most recognizable figures in horror and is as established in the popular imagination as virtually any other monster, yet the Mummy on screen has until now remained a largely overlooked figure in critical analysis of the cinema. In this compelling new study, Basil Glynn explores the history of the Mummy film, uncovering lost and half-forgotten movies along the way, revealing the cinematic Mummy to be an astonishingly diverse and protean figure with a myriad of on-screen incarnations. In the course of investigating the enduring appeal of this most

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'Oriental' of monsters, Glynn traces the Mummy's development on screen from its roots in popular culture and silent cinema, through Universal Studios' Mummy movies of the 1930s and 40s, to Hammer Horror's re-imagining of the figure in the 1950s, and beyond. Cult Cinema: an Introduction presents the first in-depth academic examination of all aspects of the field of cult cinema, including audiences, genres, and theoretical perspectives. Represents the first exhaustive introduction to cult cinema Offers a scholarly treatment of a hotly contested topic at the center of current academic debate Covers audience reactions, aesthetics,

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**genres, theories of cult cinema,
as well as historical insights into
the topic**

**Italian Horror Cinema
self-reflections on Serbian
cinema**

Euro Horror

Introducing youth

Transnational Horror Cinema

**A Cultural History of the
Werewolf Film**

100+ Black Women in Horror

From 1968 to 1977, Spain experienced a boom in horror-movie production under a restrictive economic system established by the country's dictator, Francisco Franco. Despite hindrance from the Catholic Church and Spanish government, which rigidly controlled motion picture content, hundreds of

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horror films were produced during this ten-year period. This statistic is even more remarkable when compared with the output of studios and production companies in the United States and elsewhere at the same time. What accounts for the staggering number of films, and what does it say about Spain during this period? In *Sex, Sadism, Spain, and Cinema: The Spanish Horror Film*, Nicholas G. Schlegel looks at movies produced, distributed, and exhibited under the crumbling dictatorship of General Franco. The production and content of these films, the author suggests, can lead to a better understanding of the political, social, and cultural conditions during a contentious

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period in Spain's history. The author addresses the complex factors that led to the "official" sanctioning of horror films—which had previously been banned—and how they differed from other popular genres that were approved and subsidized by the government. In addition to discussing the financing and exhibiting of these productions, the author examines the tropes, conventions, iconography, and thematic treatments of the films. Schlegel also analyzes how these movies were received by audiences and critics, both in Spain and abroad. Finally, he looks at the circumstances that led to the rapid decline of such films in the late

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1970s and early 1980s. By examining how horror movies thrived in Spain during this decade, this book addresses a sorely neglected gap in film scholarship and also complements existing literature on Spanish national cinema. *Sex, Sadism, Spain, and Cinema* will appeal to fans of horror films as well as scholars of film history, European history, genre studies, and cultural studies. Combining industrial research and primary interview material with detailed textual analysis, *Contemporary British Horror Cinema* looks beyond the dominant paradigms which have explained away British horror in the past, and sheds light on one of the most

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