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Kemp: An Arrow for the Crown McFarland

What is the nature of the relationship between the Hollywood Western and American frontier mythology? How have Western films helped develop cultural and historical perceptions, attitudes and beliefs towards the frontier? Is there still a place for the genre in light of revisionist histories of the American West? Myth of the Western re-invigorates the debate surrounding the relationship between the Western and frontier mythology, arguing for the importance of the genre's socio-cultural, historical and political dimensions. Taking a number of critical-theoretical and philosophical approaches, Matthew Carter applies them to prominent forms of frontier historiography. He also considers the historiographic element of the Western by exploring the different ways in which the genre has responded to the issues raised by the frontier. Carter skilfully argues that the genre has - and continues to reveal - the complexities and contradictions at the heart of US society. With its clear analyses of and intellectual challenges to the film scholarship that has developed around the Western over a 65-year period, this book adds new depth to our understanding of specific film texts and of the genre as a whole - a welcome resource for students and scholars in both Film Studies and American Studies.

Myth of the Western Columbia University Press

When Andrew's family moves house, he strikes up an unexpected friendship with his neighbour Victor. There isn't a thing Victor doesn't know about the RAF planes flying overhead and the two boys are soon busy tracking their movements. Then Andrew discovers that Victor's beloved Lightnings are due to be scrapped... Thunder and Lightnings won the Carnegie Medal in 1976.

High Noon Bloomsbury Publishing

This electronic version has been made available under a Creative Commons (BY-NC-ND) open access license. Offers a startling re-evaluation of what has until now been seen as the most critically lacklustre period of the British film history. Covers a variety of genres, such as B-movies, war films, women's pictures and theatrical adaptations; as well as social issues which affect film-making, such as censorship. Includes fresh assessment of maverick directors; Pat Jackson, Robert Hamer and Joseph Losey, and even of a maverick critic Raymond Durnat. Features personal insights from those inidividually implicated in 1950s cinema; Corin Redgrave on Michael Redgrave, Isabel Quigly on film reviewing, and Bryony Dixon of the BFI on archiving and preservation. Presents a provocative challenge to conventional wisdom about 1950s film and rediscovers the Festival of Britain decade.

Jill Penguin UK

Al Murray's (AKA The Pub Landlord) musing on his childhood where his fascination with history and all things war began. Have you ever watched a film with someone who, at the most dramatic scene, argues that the plane on screen hasn't been invented yet? Or that the tank rumbling towards the hero at the end of the film is the wrong tank altogether? Al Murray is that someone. Try as he might, he can't help himself. Growing up in the 1970s, Al, with the help of his dad, became

fascinated with the history of World War Two. They didn't go to football; they went to battlefields. Because like so many of his generation whose childhood was all about Airfix, Action Man and Where Eagles Dare, he grew up in the cultural wake of the Second World War. Part memoir, part life obsession, this is Al Murray musing on what he knows best. And he's sure to tell you things about history that you were never taught at school.

David Fincher: Mind Games University of Chicago Press

Cinema: The Whole Story takes a close look at the key time periods, genres and key works in world cinema. It places the burgeoning world of cinema in the context of social and cultural developments that have taken place since its beginnings. Organized chronologically, the book traces the evolution of cinematic development, from the earliest days of film projection to the multiscreen cinemas and super-technology of today. Illustrated, in-depth text charts every genre of cinema, from the first silent films to epic blockbusters, CGI graphics and groundbreaking effects of the 21st century. Cinema: The Whole Story is an indispensable book for all those who love watching and reading about films and who want to understand more about the world of cinema.

Cinema Heinemann Educational Books

Ross Kemp travels the world, gaining an incredible insight into the lives of highly dangerous criminals. In his close encounters with society's underbelly Kemp endures several near-death experiences, including being shot at in Rio de Janeiro and set fire to in Russia. Without judging or glamorising the people he meets, Kemp infiltrates these secret organisations, whether they consist of Californian neo Nazi skinheads or Maori gang members in New Zealand, by tracking them down, befriending them and gaining their trust. The result is a fascinating exploration of what makes the world's most violent gangs tick, and what is being done to control them.

Lethal Innocence Simon and Schuster

A fascinating natural history of an incredibly curious substance.

"Preternaturally hardened whale dung" is not the first image that comes to mind when we think of perfume, otherwise a symbol of glamour and allure. But the key ingredient that makes the sophisticated scent linger on the skin is precisely this bizarre digestive by-product—ambergris. Despite being one of the world's most expensive substances (its value is nearly that of gold and has at times in history been triple it), ambergris is also one of the world's least known. But with this unusual and highly alluring book, Christopher Kemp promises to change that by uncovering the unique history of ambergris. A rare secretion produced only by sperm

whales, which have a fondness for squid but an inability to digest their beaks, ambergris is expelled at sea and floats on ocean currents for years, slowly transforming, before it sometimes washes ashore looking like a nondescript waxy pebble. It can appear almost anywhere but is found so rarely, it might as well appear nowhere. Kemp's journey begins with an encounter on a New Zealand beach with a giant lump of faux ambergris—determined after much excitement to nothing more exotic than lard—that inspires a comprehensive quest to seek out ambergris and its story. He takes us from the wild, rocky New Zealand coastline to Stewart Island, a remote, windswept island in the southern seas, to Boston and Cape Cod, and back again. Along the way, he tracks down the secretive collectors and traders who populate the clandestine modern-day ambergris trade. *Floating Gold* is an entertaining and lively history that covers not only these precious gray lumps and those who covet them, but presents a highly informative account of the natural history of whales, squid, ocean ecology, and even a history of the perfume industry. Kemp's obsessive curiosity is infectious, and eager readers will feel as though they have stumbled upon a precious bounty of this intriguing substance.

Blushing at Both Ends Bloomsbury Publishing USA

Iris Barry (1895–1969) was a pivotal modern figure and one of the first intellectuals to treat film as an art form, appreciating its far-reaching, transformative power. Although she had the bearing of an aristocrat, she was the self-educated daughter of a brass founder and a palm-reader from the Isle of Man. An aspiring poet, Barry attracted the attention of Ezra Pound and joined a demimonde of Bloomsbury figures, including Ford Maddox Ford, T. S. Eliot, Arthur Waley, Edith Sitwell, and William Butler Yeats. She fell in love with Pound's eccentric fellow Vorticist, Wyndham Lewis, and had two children by him. In London, Barry pursued a career as a novelist, biographer, and critic of motion pictures. In America, she joined the modernist Askew Salon, where she met Alfred Barr, director of the new Museum of Modern Art. There she founded the museum's film department and became its first curator, assuring film's critical legitimacy. She convinced powerful Hollywood figures to submit their work for exhibition, creating a new respect for film and prompting the founding of the International Federation of Film Archives. Barry continued to augment MoMA's film library until World War II, when she joined the Office of

Strategic Services to develop pro-American films with Orson Welles, Walt Disney, John Huston, and Frank Capra. Yet despite her patriotic efforts, Barry's "foreignness" and association with such filmmakers as Luis Buñuel made her the target of an anticommunist witch hunt. She eventually left for France and died in obscurity. Drawing on letters, memorabilia, and other documentary sources, Robert Sitton reconstructs Barry's phenomenal life and work while recasting the political involvement of artistic institutions in the twentieth century.

In Lonely Places Columbia University Press
I Know This Much – by Gary Kemp, Spandau Ballet's prime mover – is simply the freshest, most exciting and best-written memoir to arrive for years.

Dixie Lullaby Edinburgh University Press
Approaching the 500th anniversary of Leonardo's death, the world-renowned da Vinci expert recounts his fifty-year journey with the work of the world's most famous artist. A personal memoir interwoven with original research, *Living with Leonardo* takes us deep inside Leonardo da Vinci scholar Martin Kemp's lifelong passion for the genius who has helped define our culture. Each chapter considers a specific work as Kemp offers insight into his encounters with academics, collectors, curators, devious dealers, auctioneers, and authors—as well as how he has grappled with legions of "Leonardo loonies," treaded vested interests in academia and museums, and fended off fusillades of non-Leonardos. Kemp explains his thinking on the Last Supper and the Mona Lisa, retells his part in the identification of the stolen Buccleuch Madonna, and explains his involvement on the two major Leonardo discoveries of the last 100 years: La Bella Principessa and Salvator Mundi. His engaging narrative elucidates the issues surrounding attribution, the scientific analyses that support experts' interpretations, and the continuing importance of connoisseurship. Illustrated with the works being discussed, *Living with Leonardo* explores the artist's genius from every angle, including technical analysis and the pop culture works he inspired, such as *The Da Vinci Code*, and his enduring influence 500 years after his death.

The End of Cinema? British Film Institute
For three years during the 1920s, in an attic in Potsdam, a young woman crafted what is today the oldest surviving animated feature film. Equipped with scissors, cardboard, sheets of lead, glass panes and a camera, animation pioneer Lotte Reiniger filmed *Die Abenteuer des Prinzen Achmed* (*The Adventures of Prince Achmed*) using a technique of frame-by-frame silhouette animation she developed, inspired by Chinese shadow puppetry. As the result of a number of factors—her gender, her German ethnicity,

World War II and a lack of funding—Reiniger became a footnote in animation history. Yet her 60-plus films plainly show her skill and dedication to her craft. This detailed account of her life and work describes her significant contributions to animation, puppetry, Weimar cinema and modern filmmaking.

The Mysteries of Cinema: Movies and Imagination
Oxford University Press

A novella noir detective series #2. Sterling has been many things in life, but lucky was never one of them. When a desperate client carrying a hefty wad of cash pleads for his help, the down-on-his-luck private investigator thinks it will be a straightforward job. He soon discovers nothing is ever as simple as it seems. Now, he must decide between doing what's right or focusing on his bottom-line. With plenty to worry about and everything on the table, will Sterling's instincts steer him in the right direction or lead him into danger?

Tudo sobre cinema Canelo

Se você ama cinema e deseja aprender mais sobre a sétima arte, este livro não pode faltar na sua biblioteca. Organizado cronologicamente e escrito por uma experiente equipe de críticos especializados, este é um guia instigante sobre a história do cinema, incrementado com análises aprofundadas das obras-primas e ilustrado com imagens de cenas inesquecíveis. • Abrange todos os gêneros e movimentos cinematográficos, como clássicos do cinema mudo, épicos, filmes de gangster, musicais, a nouvelle vague e o cinema latino-americano. • Traz a cronologia dos principais acontecimentos, ajudando a compreender o contexto sociocultural em que as obras foram produzidas. • Apresenta a história do cinema de maneira acessível, numa diagramação que facilita a leitura, contendo mais de 1.100 ilustrações. • Proporciona uma viagem ao mundo do cinema - o glamour, as frustrações, o sucesso, o fracasso e o dia a dia das grandes estrelas.

Cinema Manchester University Press

A priceless examination of the filmmaker's craft, from the renowned director of "Sweet Smell of Success" After more than twenty years in the film industry as a screenwriter, storyboard editor, and director of memorable films such as "The Ladykillers," Alexander Mackendrick turned his back on Hollywood and began a new career as the Dean of one of the country's most demanding and influential film schools. His absolute devotion to the craft of filmmaking served as a powerful impetus to students at the California Institute for the Arts for almost twenty five years, with a teaching style that included prodigious notes, neatly crafted storyboards, and handouts containing excerpts of works by Kierkegaard, Aristotle, and others. At the core of Mackendrick's lessons lay a deceptively simple

goal: to teach aspiring filmmakers how to structure and write the stories they want to tell, while using the devices particular to the medium of film to tell their stories effectively. In this impressive volume, edited by Paul Cronin, the myriad materials that made Mackendrick's reputation as an instructor are collected for the first time, offering a chance for professionals as well as students to discover a methodology of filmmaking that is challenging yet refreshing in its clarity. Meticulously illustrated and drawing on examples from such classic films as "North by Northwest," "Citizen Kane," and "Touch of Evil," Mackendrick's elegant lessons are sure to provide inspiration for a new generation of filmmakers.

The Apu Trilogy Random House

Although film noir is traditionally associated with the mean streets of the Dark City, this volume explores the genre from a new angle, focusing on non-urban settings. Through detailed readings of more than 100 films set in suburbs, small towns, on the road, in the desert, borderlands and the vast, empty West, the author investigates the alienation expressed by film noir, pinpointing its motivation in the conflict between desires for escape, autonomy and freedom--and fears of loneliness, exile and dissolution. Through such films as *Out of the Past*, *They Live by Night* and *A Touch of Evil*, this critical study examines how film noir reflected radical changes in the physical and social landscapes of postwar America, defining the genre's contribution to the eternal debate between the values of individualism and community.

Projections 8 McFarland

Between 1933 and 1939, representations of the Nazis and the full meaning of Nazism came slowly to Hollywood, growing more ominous and distinct only as the decade wore on. Recapturing what ordinary Americans saw on the screen during the emerging Nazi threat, Thomas Doherty reclaims forgotten films, such as Hitler's *Reign of Terror* (1934), a pioneering anti-Nazi docudrama by Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr.; *I Was a Captive of Nazi Germany* (1936), a sensational true tale of "a Hollywood girl in Naziland!"; and *Professor Mamlock* (1938), an anti-Nazi film made by German refugees living in the Soviet Union. Doherty also recounts how the disproportionately Jewish backgrounds of the executives of the studios and the workers on the payroll shaded reactions to what was never simply a business decision. As Europe hurtled toward war, a proxy battle waged in Hollywood over how to conduct business with the Nazis, how to cover Hitler and his victims in the newsreels, and whether to address or ignore Nazism in Hollywood feature films. Should Hollywood lie low, or stand tall and sound the alarm? Doherty's history features a cast of charismatic personalities: Carl Laemmle, the German Jewish founder of Universal Pictures, whose production of *All Quiet on the Western Front* (1930) enraged the nascent Nazi movement; Georg Gyssling, the Nazi consul in Los Angeles, who read the Hollywood trade press as avidly as any studio mogul; Vittorio Mussolini, son of the fascist dictator and aspiring motion picture impresario;

Leni Riefenstahl, the Valkyrie goddess of the Third Reich who came to America to peddle distribution rights for *Olympia* (1938); screenwriters Donald Ogden Stewart and Dorothy Parker, founders of the Hollywood Anti-Nazi League; and Harry and Jack Warner of Warner Bros., who yoked anti-Nazism to patriotic Americanism and finally broke the embargo against anti-Nazi cinema with *Confessions of a Nazi Spy* (1939).

Israel Rank Rizzoli Universe Promotional Books

Featuring nearly three thousand film stills, production shots, and other illustrations, an authoritative history of the cinema traces the development of the medium, its filmmakers and stars, and the evolution of national cinemas around the world

Watching War Films With My Dad Simon and Schuster

Is a film watched on a video screen still cinema? Have digital compositing, motion capture, and other advanced technologies remade or obliterated the craft? Rooted in their hypothesis of the "double birth of media," André Gaudreault and Philippe Marion take a positive look at cinema's ongoing digital revolution and reaffirm its central place in a rapidly expanding media landscape. The authors begin with an overview of the extreme positions held by opposing camps in the debate over cinema: the "digitalphobes" who lament the implosion of cinema and the "digitalphiles" who celebrate its new, vital incarnation. Throughout, they remind readers that cinema has never been a static medium but a series of processes and transformations powering a dynamic art. From their perspective, the digital revolution is the eighth major crisis in the history of motion pictures, with more disruptions to come. Brokering a peace among all sides, Gaudreault and Marion emphasize the cultural practice of cinema over rigid claims on its identity, moving toward a common conception of cinema to better understand where it is headed next.

Hollywood and Hitler, 1933-1939 Abrams

Prolifically illustrated, this is the perfect introduction to the history of film for students and budding cinephiles alike. This extensive yet accessible book traces the evolution of cinema, from the great silver screen-classics through postwar movements from film noir to nouvelle vague, and up to the present day with the emerging commercial success of 3-D. Thoroughly illustrated with more than 1,000 stills, this book features a definitive assessment of the key writers, directors, and films of every cinematic genre, with an emphasis on influences across time, culture, and geography. Detailed timelines position every featured film and director in time and place

in relation to key trends. Even in the age of YouTube where everyone is their own auteur, films remain the defining artworks of our time, and this absorbing, lavishly illustrated book is perfect for anyone who loves movies.

The History of Cinema HarperCollins UK

Released between 1955 and 1959, the three films that became known as Satyajit Ray's "Apu Trilogy" introduced a major new filmmaking talent to the world. Based on a classic Bengali novel (*The Song of the Road* by Bibhutibhusan Banerji), the trilogy traces the life of its young hero, Apu, starting in Pather Panchali with his boyhood in a remote Bengali village. *Aparajito* ("The Unvanquished") follows his adolescence and growing ambitions in the slums of Benares, while in *Apur Sansa* ("The World of Apu") the tragic end of an all-too-brief marriage leads to his self-imposed exile and final reconciliation with his young son. Ray, a passionate cinephile with a background in advertising, had no practical knowledge of film-making when, with a group of equally inexperienced friends, a largely amateur cast and infinitesimal budget, he embarked on Pather Panchali. Despite this, his intelligence, acute dramatic instinct and poet's eye created a film that won awards at Cannes and was hailed as a revelation. For the first time in the near fifty years of its existence, Indian cinema had produced an internationally acclaimed masterpiece. Philip Kemp traces the genesis of the film and its two sequels, placing them in the wider context of Indian cinema and of Ray's subsequent career, highlighting the warmth and insight of his direction and analysing the overarching cyclical structure that makes the trilogy such a satisfying and moving experience. Satyajit Ray went on to make nearly thirty more films, many of them more complex and sophisticated than the Trilogy, but this seminal early work still holds pride of place in the affection of his admirers.