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**Everything You Always
Wanted to Know about
Literature but Were Afraid
to Ask Žižek** State University
of New York Press

Making It Like a Man:
Canadian Masculinities in
Practice is a collection of
essays on the practice of
masculinities in Canadian arts
and cultures, where to “make it
like a man” is to participate in
the cultural, sociological, and
historical fluidity of ways of
being a man in Canada, from

the country’s origins in
nineteenth-century Victorian
values to its immersion in the
contemporary post-modern
landscape. The book focuses on
the ways Canadian
masculinities have been
performed and represented
through five broad themes:
colonialism, nationalism, and
transnationalism; emotion and
affect; ethnic and minority
identities; capitalist and
domestic politics; and the
question of men’s relationships
with themselves and others.

Chapters include studies of well-known and more obscure
figures in the Canadian arts and
culture scenes, such as visual
artist Attila Richard Lukacs;
writers Douglas Coupland,
Barbara Gowdy, Simon Chaput,
Thomas King, and James De
Mille; filmmakers Clement
Virgo, Norma Bailey, John N.
Smith, and Frank Cole; as well
as familiar and not-so-familiar
tokens of Canadian masculinity

such as the hockey hero, the
gangsta rapper, the immigrant
farmer, and the drag king.
Making It Like a Man is the
first book of its kind to explore
and critique historical and
contemporary masculinities in
Canada with a special focus on
artistic and cultural production
and representation. It is
concerned with mapping some
of the uniquely Canadian places
and spaces in the international
field of masculinity studies, and
will be of interest to academic
and culturally informed
audiences.

Zizek and Heidegger
Manchester University
Press

Almost without anybody
noticing, a new cultural
paradigm has come center
stage, displacing an
exhausted and increasingly
marginalised
postmodernism. Dr. Alan
Kirby calls this cultural
paradigm digimodernism, a
name comprising both its

central technical mode and its privileging of the fingers and thumbs in its use. The increasing irrelevancy of postmodernism requires a new theory to underpin our current digital culture.

Alain Resnais Profile Books

Spending the night in the woods with your friends is not a good idea in this scary thriller by the author of *ESCAPE ROOM*--a Halloween must-read. Sofia isn't so sure about *Fright Night*. When she suggested it to her friends, she was only thinking of it as an excuse to get closer to Dylan. Now that it's happening, she's worried that spending the night in a deserted forest is a bad idea. But it's totally safe--there's even a safe word if things get too intense. And they do. Sofia and her friends are forced to face their greatest fears, and suddenly? It's too late to turn back. Underlined is a line of totally addictive romance, thriller, and horror titles coming to you fast and furious each month. Enjoy everything you want to read the way you want to read it. *The Sublime Object of Ideology* Bloomsbury Publishing Cinema has a long history of

engaging with the theme of sacrifice. Given its capacity to stimulate the imagination and resonate across a wide spectrum of human experiences, sacrifice has always attracted filmmakers. It is on screen that the new grand narratives are sketched, the new myths rehearsed, and the old ones recycled. Sacrifice can provide stories of loss and mourning, betrayal and redemption, death and renewal, destruction and re-creation, apocalypses and the birth of new worlds. The contributors to this volume are not just scholars of film but also students of religion and literature, philosophers, ethicists, and political scientists, thus offering a comprehensive and interdisciplinary approach to the relationship between cinema and sacrifice. They explore how cinema engages with sacrifice in its many forms and under different guises, and examine how the filmic constructions, reconstructions and misconstructions of sacrifice affect society, including its sacrificial practices. This book was originally published as a special issue of *Angelaki: journal of the theoretical humanities*.

Does the Internet Have an Unconscious? Simon and Schuster

Three boys struggle to come to terms with the death of a friend in a drunk-driving auto accident in which all four were involved, in a story told through newspaper stories, diary entries, school announcements, telephone conversations, and classroom assignments.

Fiction and Imagination in Early Cinema Edinburgh University

Press

Žižek and Heidegger offers a radical new interpretation of the work of Slavoj Žižek, one of the world's leading contemporary thinkers, through a study of his relationship with the work of Martin Heidegger. Thomas Brockelman argues that Žižek's oeuvre is largely a response to Heidegger's philosophy of finitude, an immanent critique of it which pulls it in the direction of revolutionary praxis. Brockelman also finds limitations in Žižek's relationship with Heidegger, specifically in his ambivalence about Heidegger's techno-phobia. Brockelman's critique of Žižek departs from this ambivalence - a fundamental tension in Žižek's work between a historicist critical theory of techno-capitalism and an anti-historicist theory of revolutionary change. In addition to clarifying what Žižek has to say about our world and about the possibility of radical change in it, Žižek and Heidegger explores the various ways in which this split at the center of his thought appears within it - in Žižek's views on history or on the relationship between the revolutionary leader and the proletariat or between the analyst and the analysand.

The 'Three Colours' Trilogy Elk Lake Publishing Incorporated

In this provocative and original work, Slavoj Žižek takes a look at the question of human agency in a postmodern world. From the sinking of the Titanic to Hitchcock's *Rear Window*, from the operas of Wagner to science fiction, from

Alien to the Jewish Joke, the author's acute analyses explore the ideological fantasies of wholeness and exclusion which make up human society. Žižek takes issue with analysts of the postmodern condition from Habermas to Sloterdijk, showing that the idea of a 'post-ideological' world ignores the fact that 'even if we do not take things seriously, we are still doing them'. Rejecting postmodernism's unified world of surfaces, he traces a line of thought from Hegel to Althusser and Lacan, in which the human subject is split, divided by a deep antagonism which determines social reality and through which ideology operates. Linking key psychoanalytical and philosophical concepts to social phenomena such as totalitarianism and racism, the book explores the political significance of these fantasies of control. In so doing, *The Sublime Object of Ideology* represents a powerful contribution to a psychoanalytical theory of ideology, as well as offering persuasive interpretations of a number of contemporary cultural formations.

The Book of Disquiet
Springer

Alex Ling employs the philosophy of Alain Badiou, and examples ranging from Hiroshima mon amour to Vertigo to The Matrix, to answer the question central

to all serious film scholarship: 'can cinema be thought?'. *Dragonsinger* Doubleday Books for Young Readers

Pursuing her dream to be a Harper of Pern, Menolly studies under the Masterharper learning that more is required than a facility with music and a clever way with words. *Sequel to Dragonsong*.

The Fright of Real Tears
When watching the latest instalment of Batman, it is perfectly normal to say that we see Batman fighting Bane or that we see Bruce Wayne making love to Miranda Tate. We would not say that we see Christian Bale dressed up as Batman going through the motions of punching Tom Hardy dressed up as Bane. Nor do we say that we see Christian Bale pretending to be Bruce Wayne making love with Marion Cotillard, who is playacting the role Miranda Tate. But if we look at the history of cinema and consider contemporary reviews from the early days of the medium, we see that people thought precisely in this way about early film. They spoke of film as no more than documentary recordings of actors performing on set. In an innovative combination of philosophical aesthetics and new cinema history, Mario Sluga investigates how our default imaginative engagement with film changed over the first two decades of cinema. It addresses not only the importance of imagination for the understanding of early cinema but also contributes to our understanding of what it means

for a representational medium to produce fictions. Specifically, Sluga argues that cinema provides a better model for understanding fiction than literature.

The Fright of Real Tears
Bloomsbury Publishing

Matilda Mroz argues that cinema provides an ideal opportunity to engage with ideas of temporal flow and change. Temporality, however, remains an underexplored area of film analysis, which frequently discusses images as though they were still rather than moving. This book traces the operation of duration in cinema, and argues that temporality should be a central concern of film scholarship. In close readings of Michelangelo Antonioni's *L'Avventura*, Andrei Tarkovsky's *Mirror*, and the ten short films that make up Krzysztof Kieślowski's *Decalogue* series, Mroz highlights how film analysis must consider both particular moments in cinema which are critically significant, and the way in which such moments interrelate in temporal flux. She explores the concepts of duration and rhythm, resonance and uncertainty, affect, sense and texture, to bring a fresh perspective to film analysis and

criticism. Essential reading for students and scholars in Film Studies, this engaging study will also be a valuable resource for critical theorists.

Slavoj Žižek: Live Theory
Routledge

Slavoj Žižek is undoubtedly one of the world's leading cultural critics. His witty, psychoanalytically-inspired analyses of contemporary society have almost single-handedly revived the notion of ideology. His brilliant commentaries on the French psychoanalyst Jacques Lacan and the 19th century German Idealists have brought alive their often difficult ideas for a new generation of readers. But does Žižek have anything to say in his own right? Is there a system of thought that we can properly call "Žižekian"? This book argues that there is, through a reading of two terms in his work—the master-signifier and the act. Featuring an interview with Žižek himself, *Slavoj Žižek: Live Theory* presents a snapshot of the Žižek system ideal for undergraduates in social and cultural theory and philosophy.

The Symbolic, the Sublime, and Slavoj Žižek's Theory of Film
Duke University Press

Slavoj Žižek is the most popular and discussed philosopher in the world today. His prolific writings – across philosophy, psychoanalysis, political and social theory, film, music and religion – always engage and provoke. The power of his ideas, the breadth of his references, his capacity for playfulness and confrontation, his willingness to change his mind and his refusal fundamentally to alter his argument – all have worked to build an extraordinary international readership as well as to elicit much critical reaction. The *Žižek Dictionary* brings together leading Žižek commentators from across the world to present a companion and guide to Žižekian thought. Each of the 60 short essays examines a key term and, crucially, explores its development across Žižek's work and how it fits in with other concepts and concerns. The dictionary will prove invaluable both to readers coming to Žižek for the first time and to those already embarked on the Žižekian journey.

Of Elephants and Toothaches
Wilfrid Laurier Univ. Press
Shakespeare, Cinema and Desire
explores the desires and the futures of Shakespeare's language

and cinematographic adaptations of Shakespeare. Tracing ways that film offers us a rich new understanding of Shakespeare, it highlights issues such as media technology, mourning, loss, the voice, narrative territories and flows, sexuality and gender.

NO TEARS FOR MY FATHER
Theory Interpretation Narrativ
This appreciative account of the 'Three Colours' trilogy communicates the power and imagery of the films, and demonstrates how Kieslowski's art is brought to bear in their moving renditions of the lives of its characters. An interview with Kieslowski shortly before his death concludes this tribute.
The Žižek Dictionary
Oxford University Press

In this bold intervention into the understanding of the diasporic experience within cultural studies, McCarthy challenges a critical position emergent over the last thirty years (what he calls the 'new marginalism'). He confronts the liberal orthodoxies that prevail in this area, exposing contradictions in the thinking of its major theorists.

Digimodernism
Bloomsbury Publishing USA

A wide-ranging and accessible approach to Godard's later work, and a major intervention in the study of film and ethics. *Encounters with Godard* takes the reader on a personal voyage into the sensory pleasures and polyphonic rhythms of Jean-Luc Godard's multimedia work since the late 1970s, from his

feature films and video essays to his published writings, art books, and media performances. Godard, suggests James S. Williams, lays ethical claim to the cinematic, defined in the broadest terms as relationality and artistic resistance. An introductory chapter on the extended history of *La Chinoise* (1967), a film explicitly of montage, is followed by seven different types of critical encounters with Godard, encompassing the fields of art and photography, music and literature, and foregrounding themes of gender and sexuality, race and violence, mystery and emotion. The Godard who emerges here is a restless and radical experimenter who establishes new cinematic thresholds through new technology and expands the creative potential and free exchange of the archives. Williams examines works including *Nouvelle vague* (1990), *Film socialisme* (2010), *H é las pour moi* (1993), and the magnum opus *Histoire(s) du cin é ma* (1988 – 98). Wide-ranging and accessible, *Encounters with Godard* marks a major intervention in the study of film aesthetics and ethics while forging a vital dialogue with literature, history and politics, art and art history, music and musicology, philosophy, and aesthetics. James S. Williams is Professor of Modern French Literature and Film at Royal Holloway, University of London. His books include *Space and Being in Contemporary French Cinema*; *Gender and French Cinema* (coedited with Alex Hughes); and *The Erotics of Passage: Pleasure, Politics, and Form in the Later Work of Marguerite Duras*. *Making It Like a Man* Prabhat Prakashan

Alain Resnais, director of 'Hiroshima mon amour' (1959) and 'L'Annee dernière à Marienbad' (1961), has transformed the representation of memory, fantasy and desire in modern cinema. This illuminating introduction to his work, extending from his earliest documentaries to the musical films of the last decade, traces the evolving patterns of his filmmaking, its changing reflections on mortality, guilt, chance and human doubt. Exploring questions of the time-image, of trauma, of the senses, this volume sets Resnais' films in the context of important current debates in film theory, and provides a concise account of critical discussions of his work in France and beyond. Yet it also offers a highly personal and detailed engagement with individual images and scenes in Resnais' films. A passionate and partial defence of Resnais' work, old and new, this volume stands apart in its attention to the more tangible and moving pleasures of his films, their pathos, rigour and visual beauty.

Fright Night Routledge

A theory of the soundtrack is concerned with what belongs to the soundtrack, how a soundtrack is effectively organized, how its status in a multimedia object affects the nature of the object, the tools available for its analysis, and the interpretive regime that the theory mandates for determining the meaning, sense, and structure that sound and music bring to film and other audiovisual media. Beyond that, a theory may also delineate the range of possible uses of sound and music, classify the types of relations that films have used for image and sound, identify the central problems, and reflect on and describe effective uses of sound in film. This book summarizes and critiques major theories of the soundtrack from roughly 1929 until today. Rather than providing an exhaustive historical survey, it sketches out the range of theoretical approaches that have been applied to the soundtrack since the commercial introduction of the sound film. The basic theoretical framework of each approach is presented, taking into account the explicit and implicit claims about the soundtrack and its relation to other theories. The organization is both chronological and topical, the former in that the chapters move steadily from early film theory through models of the classical system to more recent critical theories; the latter in that the chapters highlight central issues for each

generation: the problem of film
itself, then of image and sound,
of adequate analytical-
descriptive models, and finally
of critical-interpretative models.