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**Ray Bradbury** Bloomsbury Publishing

Make Film History! is an entirely new concept: a "read it–learn it–do it" introduction to the movies. Make Film History! unleashes the filmmaker in you. Reading the book, you enter the history of movies by learning what great filmmakers of the past accomplished and how they did it. Working the webpage, you use simple hands-on filmmaking exercises and software already installed on your computer to introduce yourself to filmmaking by writing, shooting, cutting, and mixing as the great filmmakers did it. Make Film History! is both a book and a hands-on website. The book describes crucial moments when movies fundamentally changed. It explains how yesterday's great filmmakers live on today in contemporary films. On the website, simple hands-on exercises put you in the place of (or next to) great filmmakers as they solved filmmaking problems. You watch — or second-guess — or do it yourself — as the building blocks of movies emerge. Make Film History! is for every movie lover who has ever asked, "How did they do that?" or ever said, "I'd like to make a movie, too!"

*Elvis Cinema and Popular Culture*  
Univ. Press of Mississippi  
Brings popular cinema and Jewish religious texts into a meaningful dialogue. Finalist for the 2017 National Jewish Book Award in Modern Jewish Thought and Experience presented by the Jewish Book Council Movies and Midrash uses cinema as a springboard to discuss central Jewish texts and matters of belief. A number of books have drawn on films to explicate Christian theology and belief, but Wendy I. Zierler is the first to do so from a Jewish perspective, exploring what Jewish tradition, text, and theology have to say about the lessons and themes arising from influential and compelling films. The book uses the method of "inverted midrash": while classical rabbinical midrash begins with exegesis of a verse and then introduces a mashal (parable) as a

means of further explication, Zierler turns that process around, beginning with the culturally familiar cinematic parable and then analyzing related Jewish texts. Each chapter connects a secular film to a different central theme in classical Jewish sources or modern Jewish thought. Films covered include *The Truman Show* (truth), *Memento* (memory), *Crimes and Misdemeanors* (sin), *Magnolia* (confession and redemption), *The Descendants* (birthright), *Forrest Gump* (cleverness and simplicity), and *The Hunger Games* (creation of humanity in God's image), among others. Wendy I. Zierler is Sigmund Falk Professor of Modern Jewish Literature and Feminist Studies at Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion and the author of *And Rachel Stole the Idols: The Emergence of Modern Hebrew Women's Writing*.

**Understanding Movies** University of Texas Press

This collection of essays looks at the spinoffs of *Star Trek* and examines themes found in and among those various manifestations.

*Image and Emotion in Voter Decisions*  
Columbia University Press  
For Vol. 2 of the series CMS Sourcebooks in American Music, Neil Minturn acknowledges the phenomenon of rock and roll with a serious examination of Martin Scorsese's film, *THE LAST WALTZ* (1978), the celebrated "rockumentary" that so artfully captured for posterity the final performance of The Band. From 1861 to 1976, this partnership of one American and four Canadians produced an impressive body of popular song in the rock idiom between 1961 and 1976. Joining its members for their farewell performance are a variety of guests, who, like The Band itself, reflected the rich array of traditions that have nourished rock and roll since its emergence. Minturn approaches the substance of the performances and the film itself in terms of intimacy and tradition. He presents the San Francisco concert as a summation of an extraordinary musical journey and prefaces his "scene-by-scene" analysis with a cogent introduction to documentary filmmaking.

Selected performances are discussed in detail. **An Introduction to Literary Studies** Bucknell University Press

This collection assembles essays by eleven leading Catholic and evangelical theologians in an ecumenical discussion of the benefits — and potential drawbacks — of today's burgeoning corpus of theological interpretation. The authors explore the critical relationship between the earthly world and its heavenly counterpart. Ground-breaking volume of ecumenical debate featuring Catholic and evangelical theologians Explores the core theological issue of how the material and spiritual worlds interrelate Features a diversity of analytical approaches Addresses an urgent need to distinguish the positive and problematic aspects of today's rapidly growing corpus of theological interpretation

**From Concept to Screen** Routledge

This volume is a festschrift dedicated to James J. Jenkins, a pioneer in many areas of experimental psychology. It has three major goals: to provide a forum for debate on current theoretical issues in cognitive psychology, to capture the "state of the art" in reviews of research methods and results, and to generate ideas for new research directions and methodologies. Contributors -- including Jenkins' former students and present colleagues -- ponder fundamental questions such as: \* How do people learn to read? \* What happens during the processes of speech perception? \* How do people acquire problem solving skills? \* How do cognitive and motor skills develop and integrate with one another? Many chapters focus specifically on ecological and applied cognitive psychology. Specific topics covered include visual and speech perception, language, memory, motivation, child development, problem solving, and pedagogy.

**Teaching Religion and Film** Cambridge University Press

Updated in a new 12th edition, this book is organized around the elements of film and provides readers valuable insight into how movies communicate and convey meaning to their audiences. This book engages readers in the fascinating language of film and helps further their appreciation and understanding of why and how movie watchers respond as they do to different films. From *Slumdog*

Millionaire to Transformers. this book provides readers with a new way of looking at films that are familiar to them through contemporary coverage

Movies and Midrash Prentice Hall

The new edition of this influential work updates and expands the scope of the original, including more sustained analyses of individual films, from *The Birth of a Nation* to *The Wolf of Wall Street*. An interdisciplinary exploration of the relationship between American politics and popular films of all kinds—including comedy, science fiction, melodrama, and action-adventure—*Projecting Politics* offers original approaches to determining the political contours of films, and to connecting cinematic language to political messaging. A new chapter covering 2000 to 2013 updates the decade-by-decade look at the Washington-Hollywood nexus, with special areas of focus including the post-9/11 increase in political films, the rise of political war films, and films about the 2008 economic recession. The new edition also considers recent developments such as the Citizens United Supreme Court decision, the controversy sparked by the film *Zero Dark Thirty*, newer generation actor-activists, and the effects of shifting industrial financing structures on political content. A new chapter addresses the resurgence of the disaster-apocalyptic film genre with particular attention paid to its themes of political nostalgia and the turn to global settings and audiences. Updated and expanded chapters on nonfiction film and advocacy documentaries, the politics of race and African-American film, and women and gender in political films round out this expansive, timely new work. A companion website offers two additional appendices and further materials for those using the book in class.

University Press of Kentucky

Zhang Yimou's first film, *Red Sorghum*, took the Golden Bear Award in 1988 at the Berlin International Film Festival. Since then Chinese films have continued to arrest worldwide attention and capture major film awards, winning an international following that continues to grow. *Transnational Chinese Cinemas* spans nearly the entire length of twentieth-century Chinese film history. The volume traces the evolution of Chinese national cinema, and demonstrates that gender identity has been central to its formation. Femininity, masculinity and sexuality have been an integral part of the filmic discourses of modernity, nationhood, and history. This volume represents the most comprehensive, wide-ranging, and up-to-date study of China's major cinematic traditions. It is an indispensable source book for modern Chinese and Asian history, politics, literature, and culture.

*Multiculturalism and the Mouse* Springer

Drawing on a decade of their own research from

the 2000 to 2012 U.S. presidential elections, Renita Coleman and Denis Wu explore the image presentation of political candidates and its influence at both aggregate and individual levels. When facing complex political decisions, voters often rely on gut feelings and first impressions but then endeavor to come up with a "rational" reason to justify their actions. *Image and Emotion in Voter Decisions: The Affect Agenda* examines how and why voters make the decisions they do by examining the influence of the media's coverage of politicians' images. Topics include the role of visual and verbal cues in communicating affective information, the influence of demographics on affective agenda setting, whether positive or negative tone is more powerful, and the role of emotion in second-level agenda setting. *Image and Emotion in Voter Decisions* will challenge readers to think critically about political information processing and a new way of systematically thinking about agenda setting in elections.

Stephen King on the Big Screen University of Delaware Press

Traces the rise of college sports in America, drawing on a variety of press accounts, letters, journals, and interviews to discuss how college sports became a mainstay of popular entertainment, the Hollywood influence, and recent scandals

The Star Trek Universe State University of New York Press

When themes of historical and cultural identity appear and repeat in popular film, it is possible to see the real pulse of a nation and comprehend a people, their culture and their history. *National Identity in Global Cinema* describes how national cultures as reflected in popular cinema can truly explain the world, one country at a time.

Transnational Chinese Cinemas McFarland

*Women Through the Lens* raises the question of how gender, especially the image of woman, acts as a visual and discursive sign in the creation of the nation-state in twentieth-century China. Tracing the history of Chinese cinema through the last hundred years from the perspective of transnational feminism, Shuqin Cui reveals how women have been granted a "privileged visibility" on screen while being denied discursive positions as subjects. In addition, her careful attention to the visual language system of cinema shows how "woman" has served as the site for the narration of nation in the context of China's changing social and political climate. Placing gender and nation in a historical framework, the book first shows how early productions had their roots in shadow plays, a popular form of public entertainment. In examining the "Red Classics" of socialist cinema as a mass cultural form, the book shows how the utopian vision of emancipating the entire proletariat, women included, produced a collective ideology that declared an end to gender difference. Cui then documents and discusses the cinematic spectacle of woman as essential to such widely popular films as Chen Kaige's *Farewell My Concubine* and Zhang Yimou's *Ju Do*. Finally, the author brings a feminist perspective to the issues of gender and nation by turning her attention to women directors and their self-representations.

*Hitchcock and the Cinema of Sensations*

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Macmillan

and the first to consider in detail films like *Creepshow*, *Sleepwalkers* and *1408*. The style, whilst critically rigorous, is designed to be accessible to discerning readers of King and fans of films based on his work." --Book Jacket.

Cognition and the Symbolic Processes Pendragon Press

When we talk of 'seeing' a film, we do not refer to a purely visual experience. Rather, to understand what we see on screen, we rely as much on non-visual senses as we do on sight. This new book rethinks the body in the cinema seat, charting the emergence of embodied film theory and drawing on developments in philosophy, neuroscience, body politics and film theory. Through the prism of Alfred Hitchcock's films, we explore how our bodies and sensual memory enable us to quite literally 'flesh out' what we see on screen: the trope of nausea in *"Frenzy"*, pollution and smell in *"Shadow of a Doubt"*, physical sound reception in the *"Psycho"* shower scene and the importance of corporeality and closeness in *"Rear Window"*. We see how the body's sensations have a vital place in cinematic reception and the study of film.

Deep Focus (Engaging Culture) McFarland

An introduction to the art of the film, emphasizing an aesthetic approach. Objective is to teach any student how to analyze any film by using the various analytical methods outlined in the book.

*Projecting Politics* Baker Academic

Written by an Emmy-award-winning producer and director, this book focuses on the underlying principles of film and television production, emphasizing the creative rather than the technical aspects. The book describes how a film is created - from conception to screen - and provides a comprehensive overview of the entire production process. Not intended as a "how-to" book, this book presents only a limited amount of detailed technical information. Instead, it emphasizes the underlying principles and processes of primarily four kinds of films: feature, independently financed, made-for-network-television, and made-for-cable movies. For anyone interested in writing, directing, producing or acting for film/TV.

*Make Film History* Bloomsbury Publishing USA

Winner of the Popular Culture Association's 2018 John G. Cawelti Award for the Best Textbook / Primer

What is popular culture? Why study popular culture in an academic context? *An Introduction to Popular Culture in the US: People, Politics, and Power* introduces and explores the history and contemporary analysis of popular culture in the United States. In situating popular culture as lived experience through the activities, objects, and distractions of everyday life, the authors work to broaden the understanding of culture beyond a focus solely on media texts, taking an interdisciplinary approach to analyze American culture, its rituals, beliefs, and the objects that shape its existence. After building a foundation of the history of popular culture as an academic discipline, the book looks

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broadly at cultural myths and the institutional structures, genres, industries, and people that shape the mindset of popular culture in the United States. It then becomes more focused with an examination of identity, exploring the ways in which these myths and mindset are internalized, practiced, and shaped by individuals. The book concludes by connecting the broad understanding of popular culture and the unique individual experience with chapters dedicated to the objects, communities, and celebrations of everyday life. This approach to the field of study explores all matters of culture in a way that is accessible and relevant to individuals in and outside of the classroom.

### MOVING CAMERAS AND LIVING MOVIES

Bloomsbury Publishing USA

The Film Experience is a comprehensive introduction to film that treats students as the avid movie fans they are while surpassing all other texts in helping them understand the art form's full scope, breadth, and depth. Like other introductory texts, it offers strong coverage of film's formal elements, but goes further by situating this formal knowledge in the larger cultural contexts that inform the ways that we all view film. The authors' rich narrative integrates the cultural history of film throughout and demonstrates how the elements, practices, economics, and history of the medium contribute to a film's many possible meanings. The outstanding art program — now in full color — visually reinforces all the key concepts and techniques discussed in the text.

### Documenting Ourselves Lexington Books

In this classic beginner's guide to English literature, Mario Klarer offers a concise and accessible discussion of central issues in the study of literary texts, looking at: definitions of key terms such as literature and text the genres of fiction, poetry, drama, and film periods and classifications of literature theoretical approaches to texts the use of secondary resources guidelines for writing research essays The new and expanded edition is fully updated to include: a wider range of textual examples from world literature additional references to contemporary cinema, a section on comparative literature an extended survey of literary periods and genres recent changes in MLA guidelines information on state-of-the-art citation management software the use and abuse of online resources. The book also features suggestions for further reading as well as an extensive glossary of key terms.