

# PDF AN INTRODUCTION TO FILM GENRES

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An Introduction to Film Genres, written by leading film scholars specifically for undergraduates who are new to the study of film, provides an introduction that helps students see thirteen film genres in a new light---to help them identify the themes, iconography, and distinctive stylistic traits of each genre.

### The Film Genre Book

A comprehensive introduction to film history, The Film Genre Book allows the reader to create their own narrative of film through history by focusing on seven genres, highlighting a key film from each genre over a ninety-year period--sixty-three films discussed in detail. The reader can trace the developments in a particular genre over time or compare films in a particular decade from the different genres. Each case-study considers issues of historical context, representation and the close textual analysis of significant scenes. Analysing films as diverse as Bambi and Pan's Labyrinth, the book immerses its reader into the full range of film experience. Its breadth of study, and the way in which it bridges the gap between commercial film guides and academic studies, makes it invaluable to teacher, student, and cineaste alike.

### Film Genre

This book provides a detailed account of genre history and contemporary trends in film genre, alongside the critical debates they have provoked.

### Fantasy Film

Fantasy Film proposes an innovative approach to the study of this most popular cinematic genre. Engaging with the diversity of tones, forms and styles that fantasy can take in the cinema, the book examines the value and significance of fantasy across a wide range of key films. This volume extends critical understanding beyond the often narrowly defined boundaries of what is seen as "fantasy". Fantasy Film uses key concepts in film studies - such as authorship, representation, history, genre, coherence and point of view - to interrogate the fantasy genre and establish its parameters. A wide range of films are held up to close scrutiny to illustrate the discussion. Moving from Alfred Hitchcock's dark thrillers to Vincente Minnelli's vibrant musicals, from George Méliès' 1904 Voyage à travers l'impossible to the X-Men series, the creative dexterity and excitement of film fantasy is evoked and explored. The book will be invaluable to students and fans of the fantasy genre.

### Film Genre - An Introduction (BR024)

key Concepts in Film and Media Studies Suitable for AS/A2 Film and Media Studies. The main aims of the pack are to develop students' conceptual understanding of genre as a dynamic and flexible concept that can be useful in understanding some, but not necessarily all, film texts; to support students in thinking and writing about film texts in relation to their generic elements where appropriate. Teachers' notes: Objectives, Teachers' Notes and Essay Questions 1 Introducing Genre 2 Genre Classification 3 Hollywood and Genre 4

## **Science Fiction Film**

Science Fiction Film develops a historical and cultural approach to the genre that moves beyond close readings of iconography and formal conventions. It explores how this increasingly influential genre has been constructed from disparate elements into a hybrid genre. Science Fiction Film goes beyond a textual exploration of these films to place them within a larger network of influences that includes studio politics and promotional discourses. The book also challenges the perceived limits of the genre - it includes a wide range of films, from canonical SF, such as *Le voyage dans la lune*, *Star Wars* and *Blade Runner*, to films that stretch and reshape the definition of the genre. This expansion of generic focus offers an innovative approach for students and fans of science fiction alike.

## **Teen Film**

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## **An Introduction to Film**

This text introduces students to the major aspects of film aesthetics, criticism, and history, while emphasizing the relationship between art, artists, and the film industry itself.

## **The Horror Film**

In this volume, Stephen Prince has collected essays reviewing the history of the horror film and the psychological reasons for its persistent appeal, as well as discussions of the developmental responses of young adult viewers and children to the genre. The book focuses on recent postmodern examples such as *The Blair Witch Project*. In a daring move, the volume also examines Holocaust films in relation to horror. Part One features essays on the silent and classical Hollywood eras. Part Two covers the postWorld War II era and discusses the historical, aesthetic, and psychological characteristics of contemporary horror films. In contrast to horror during the classical Hollywood period, contemporary horror features more graphic and prolonged visualizations of disturbing and horrific imagery, as well as other distinguishing characteristics. Princes introduction provides an overview of the genre, contextualizing the readings that follow. Stephen Prince is professor of communications at Virginia Tech. He has written many film books, including *Classical Film Violence: Designing and Regulating Brutality in Hollywood Cinema, 1930-1968*, and has edited *Screening Violence*, also in the *Depth of Field Series*.

## **The Power of Movies: An Introduction to Film (First Edition)**

*The Power of Movies: An Introduction to Film* provides students with an engaging array of readings that explore the innovative and beloved world of motion pictures. Students learn the language of film, the

technical process behind movies, how movies have influenced and shaped society and culture, and more. The collection begins by illuminating why individuals are drawn to the movies, positing that films reflect the human condition and society, provide a temporary escape from reality, act as time capsules, motivate audiences, and tap into the parts of us that love storytelling. Over the course of nine chapters, students read articles on cinematic language, film genres, screenplays, the movies as a business and industry, film directors, and visionaries that have influenced the business. Developed to provide students with a foundational understanding of the film industry and its incredible influence in popular culture, *The Power of Movies* is an ideal textbook for introductory courses in film appreciation, screenwriting, and the motion picture industry.

## **Film Noir**

What is film noir? With its archetypal femme fatale and private eye, its darkly-lit scenes and even darker narratives, the answer can seem obvious enough. But as Ian Brookes shows in this new study, the answer is a lot more complex than that. This book is designed to tackle those complexities in a critical introduction that takes into account the problems of straightforward definition and classification. Students will benefit from an accessible introductory text that is not just an account of what film noir is, but also an interrogation of the ways in which the term came to be applied to a disparate group of American films of the 1940s and 1950s.

## **Film Genre**

This is a concise evaluation of film genre, discussing genre theory and sample analyses of the western, science fiction, the musical, horror, comedy, and the thriller. It introduces the topic in an accessible way and includes sections on the principles of studying and understanding "the idea of genre"; genre and popular culture; the narrative and stylistic conventions of specific genres; the relations of genres to culture and history, race, gender, sexuality, class and national identity; and the complex relations between genre and authorship. Case studies include: *42nd Street*, *Pennies from Heaven*, *Red River*, *All That Heaven Allows*, *Night of the Living Dead*, *Die Hard*, *Little Big Man*, *Blue Steel*, and *Posse*.

## **Film Genre Reader IV**

From reviews of the third edition: "Film Genre Reader III lives up to the high expectations set by its predecessors, providing an accessible and relatively comprehensive look at genre studies. The anthology's consideration of the advantages and challenges of genre studies, as well as its inclusion of various film genres and methodological approaches, presents a pedagogically useful overview." —*Scope Since 1986*, *Film Genre Reader* has been the standard reference and classroom text for the study of genre in film, with more than 25,000 copies sold. Barry Keith Grant has again revised and updated the book to reflect the most recent developments in genre study. This fourth edition adds new essays on genre definition and cycles, action movies, science fiction, and heritage films, along with a comprehensive and updated bibliography. The volume includes more than thirty essays by some of film's most distinguished critics and scholars of popular cinema, including Charles Ramírez Berg, John G. Cawelti, Celestino Deleyto, David Desser, Thomas Elsaesser, Steve Neale, Thomas Schatz, Paul Schrader, Vivian Sobchack, Janet Staiger, Linda Williams, and Robin Wood.

## **Historical Film**

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since the silent period. *Historical Film: A Critical Introduction* is concerned not simply with the formal properties of the films at hand, but also the ways in which they have been promoted, interpreted and discussed in relation to their engagement with the past.

## **Renegotiating Film Genres in East Asian Cinemas and Beyond**

This book brings together nine original chapters to examine genre agency in East Asian cinema within the transnational context. It addresses several urgent and pertinent issues such as the distribution and exhibition practices of East Asian genre films, intra-regional creative flow of screen culture, and genre's creative response to censorship. The volume expands the scholarly discussion of the rich heritage and fast-changing landscape of filmmaking in East Asian cinemas. Confronting the complex interaction between genres, filmic narrative and aesthetics, film history and politics, and cross-cultural translation, this book not only reevaluates genre's role in film production, distribution, and consumption, but also tackles several under-explored areas in film studies and transnational cinema, such as the history of East Asian commercial cinema, the East Asian film industry, and cross-media and cross-market film dissemination.

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## **Genre and Hollywood**

*Genre and Hollywood* provides a comprehensive introduction to the study of genre. In this important new book, Steve Neale discusses all the major concepts, theories and accounts of Hollywood and genre, as well as the key genres which theorists have written about, from horror to the Western. He also puts forward new arguments about the importance of genre in understanding Hollywood cinema. Neale takes issue with much genre criticism and genre theory, which has provided only a partial and misleading account of Hollywood's output. He calls for broader and more flexible conceptions of genre and genres, for more attention to be paid to the discourses and practices of Hollywood itself, for the nature and range of Hollywood's films to be looked at in more detail, and for any assessment of the social and cultural significance of Hollywood's genres to take account of industrial factors. In detailed, revisionist accounts of two major genres - film noir and melodrama - Neale argues that genre remains an important and productive means of thinking about both New and old Hollywood, its history, its audiences and its films.

## **The Horror Film**

A lively and reliable narrative account of the horror genre, featuring new and revised material throughout *The Horror Film: An Introduction* surveys the history, development, and social impact of the genre. Covering American horror cinema from its earliest period to the present, this reader-friendly volume explores the many ways horror movies have been received by filmmakers, critics, and general audiences throughout the decades. Concise, easily accessible chapters describe historical instances of the genre's social reception based on primary research, analyze landmark films such as *Frankenstein*, *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, and *The Texas Chain Saw Massacre*, and more. Incorporating recent scholarship on the genre, the second edition of *The Horror Film* contains new discussion and context for Hollywood horror films in the 1980s and 1990s, as

well as notable developments in the genre such as “torture porn,” found-footage horror, remakes and reboots of past horror films, zombies, and the “elevated horror” debate. This edition explores the rise of new filmmakers such as Ari Aster, Robert Eggers, and Jordan Peele, surveys horror films made by women and African American filmmakers, and investigates contemporary issues in the production and consumption of horror films. Combining historical narrative with close readings of significant works, *The Horror Film: Covers major works in the genre such as Cat People, Halloween, and Bram Stoker's Dracula Examines important antecedents including gothic literature and the Grand Guignol Theater Offers thorough analyses of the style, context, and themes of specific horror milestones Provides examples of close analysis that can be applied to a wide range of other horror films Discusses important representative titles across the genre's evolution, including more recent films such as 2017's Get Out The Horror Film: An Introduction, Second Edition, is an ideal textbook for undergraduate surveys of the horror genre and other courses in American film history, and an invaluable resource for scholars, lecturers, and general readers with an interest in the subject.*

## **Nollywood**

The English-language branch of the Nigerian film industry, Nollywood, has become the third largest in the world. Nollywood films saturate Nigeria and have spread across the African continent, achieving an astonishing extent and depth of cultural influence. They are the most important modern cultural form to come out of Africa. In this book, Jonathan Haynes aims to map out the cultural terrain of Nollywood films much more comprehensively and ambitiously than has been to date. He in effect establishes a canon for Nollywood films. The book is organized around the historical development of Nollywood film culture, which is explored with close attention to the recent history of Nigeria. Throughout the book, genre (defined with reference to common usage in Nigerian film markets) is the principal framework. Thus after establishing a sense of the material and social circumstances out of which Nollywood was born and exploring a few landmark films, Haynes analyzes the durable set of themes and plot types that dominate the industry and reveal deeply embedded tensions in contemporary Nigerian life. These genres include family films and romances, village films, cultural epics, political films, films made in or about the Nigerian diaspora, and campus films. Haynes concludes by offering some remarks on the future of Nollywood, exploring the buzz around a New Nollywood of films with higher budgets fit for international film festivals and widespread screening in cinemas in Nigeria and abroad."

## **The Fantasy Film**

The Fantasy Film provides a clear and compelling overview of this revitalized and explosively popular film genre. Includes analyses of a wide range of films, from early classics such as *The Wizard of Oz* and *Harvey* to *Spiderman* and *Shrek*, and blockbuster series such as *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy and *The Harry Potter* films Provides in-depth historical and critical overviews of the genre Fully illustrated with screen shots from key films

## **Exploring Movie Construction and Production**

*Exploring Movie Construction & Production* contains eight chapters of the major areas of film construction and production. The discussion covers theme, genre, narrative structure, character portrayal, story, plot, directing style, cinematography, and editing. Important terminology is defined and types of analysis are discussed and demonstrated. An extended example of how a movie description reflects the setting, narrative structure, or directing style is used throughout the book to illustrate building blocks of each theme. This approach to film instruction and analysis has proved beneficial to increasing students' learning, while enhancing the creativity and critical thinking of the student.

## **Horror Film**

Throughout the history of cinema, horror has proven to be a genre of consistent popularity, which adapts to different cultural contexts while retaining a recognizable core. *Horror Film: A Critical Introduction*, the newest in Bloomsbury's Film Genre series, balances the discussions of horror's history, theory, and aesthetics as no introductory book ever has. Featuring studies of films both obscure and famous, *Horror Film* is international in its scope and chronicles horror from its silent roots until today. As a straightforward and convenient critical introduction to the history and key academic approaches, this book is accessible to the beginner but still of interest to the expert.

## **World Cinema through Global Genres**

*World Cinema through Global Genres* introduces the complex forces of global filmmaking using the popular concept of film genre. The cluster-based organization allows students to acquire a clear understanding of core issues that apply to all films around the world. Innovative pedagogical approach that uses genres to teach the more unfamiliar subject of world cinema A cluster-based organization provides a solid framework for students to acquire a sharper understanding of core issues that apply to all films around the world A “deep focus” section in each chapter gives students information and insights about important regions of filmmaking (India, China, Japan, and Latin America) that tend to be underrepresented in world cinema classes Case studies allow students to focus on important and accessible individual films that exemplify significant traditions and trends A strong foundation chapter reviews key concepts and vocabulary for understanding film as an art form, a technology, a business, an index of culture, a social barometer, and a political force. The engaging style and organization of the book make it a compelling text for both world cinema and film genre courses

## **Introduction to Film Studies**

This is a comprehensive textbook for students of cinema. It provides a guide to the main concepts used to analyse the film industry and film texts, and also introduces some of the world's key national cinemas.

## **Teen Film**

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## **Film: A Very Short Introduction**

Offers a wealth of insight into the paradoxical nature of film, considering its role and impact on society in the

20th century as well as its future in the digital age. Original.

## **Beginning film studies**

Beginning film studies offers the ideal introduction to this vibrant subject. Written accessibly and with verve, it ranges across the key topics and manifold approaches to film studies. Andrew Dix has thoroughly updated the first edition, and this new volume includes new case studies, overviews of recent developments in the discipline, and up-to-the-minute suggestions for further reading. The book begins by considering some of film's formal features - mise-en-scène, editing and sound - before moving outwards to narrative, genre, authorship, stardom and ideology. Later chapters on film industries and on film consumption - where and how we watch movies - assess the discipline's recent geographical 'turn'. The book references many film cultures, including Hollywood, Bollywood and contemporary Hong Kong. Case studies cover such topics as sound in *The Great Gatsby* and narrative in *Inception*. The superhero movie is studied; so too is Jennifer Lawrence. Beginning film studies is also interactive, with readers enabled throughout to reflect critically upon the field.

## **Anime**

"From mecha robots to shojo anime's hearts and flowers, *Anime: A Critical Introduction* investigates the wild, wonderful and often misunderstood worlds of Japan's animation genres"--

## **Movies and Meaning**

This comprehensive introduction to film focuses on three topics: how movies express meanings, how viewers understand those meanings, and how cinema functions globally as both an art and a business. Using clear, accessible, and jargon-free writing, this is the only introductory film text to examine the elements of film style and the viewer's contribution to the cinema experience. How do viewers interpret the effects filmmakers create? How do filmmakers anticipate, and build on, the likely ways viewers will react to certain kinds of stories and audio-visual designs? The text examines both how filmmakers create images and sounds, and the mechanisms and processes by which viewers make sense of images and stories on screen. This approach helps students understand not only the basic concepts but also how their own reactions and opinions impact the overall film experience. New to the Fourth Edition Includes a new chapter on Cinema in Multiple Contexts to provide in-depth coverage of the various modes of filmmaking, including animation, documentary, and independent and international film as well as a discussion of diverse filmmakers (i.e. women in film and African American film). Updated film examples and case studies throughout the text, explaining terms and concepts by using examples film students know, including *Sin City*, *Fahrenheit 911*, *The Passion of the Christ*, *"* and *"Capturing the Friedmans."* Offers expanded coverage of film genres, including science fiction, the war film, and film noir. Discusses hand-held camerawork, Steadicam, digital intermediates, the role of sound in contemporary film, and cinema in the DVD era to provide students with up-to-date coverage of new technologies and their impact on filmmaking. Provides an updated discussion of blockbusters, the film industry, and current box office trends to provide a more timely view of the business of film. Praise for *"Movies and Meaning"* *"I think "Movies and Meaning" is still the best all-around introductory film text on the market today. I will continue to use it with pleasure."* ~Thomas Sobchack, *"University of Utah"* *"This text is user friendly in its size and weight, relatively compact, and manageable to transport and read. It has nice integration of photos with the text; overall the layout is inviting, engaging, dynamic. The writing is generally clear, accessible yet challenging. And the book covers most of what I consider to be important for students to successfully complete the course."* ~David Laderman, *"College of San Mateo"* *"This book has very good coverage of the topics, and it is well written. It is also organized well, with the earlier chapters supporting the material in later chapters about criticism and theory. The chapters on the studio system and how Hollywood influences and is influenced by international cinema are also very good."* ~Jay Cofield, *"University of Montevallo"*

## **Cold War Film Genres**

A hands-on approach to historical linguistics working through 101 problems in five different categories

## **Film Studies: An Introduction: Teach Yourself**

An unpretentious guide for all those who want to learn to analyse, understand and evaluate films. *Film Studies: An Introduction* provides an overview of the key areas in film studies, including aesthetics, narrative, genre, documentary films and the secrets of film reviewing. From Hitchcock and Tarantino to Spielberg and Bigelow, you will gain a critical understanding of legendary directors and the techniques and skills that are used to achieve cinematic effects. Whether you are a film studies student or just a film buff wanting to know more, this book will give you an invaluable insight into the exciting and incredibly fast-moving world of film. *Understand Film Studies* includes: Chapter 1: Film aesthetics: formalism and realism Chapter 2: Film structure: narrative and narration Chapter 3: Film authorship: the director as auteur Chapter 4: Film genres: defining the typical film Chapter 5: The non-fiction film: five types of documentary Chapter 6: The reception of film: the art and profession of film viewing

## **Re-envisaging the First Age of Cinematic Horror, 1896-1934**

This is a ground-breaking exploration that runs generally against the critical grain in identifying a burgeoning production of films of fear and horror before the admission of the horror film genre per se. It is a study that reveals and emphasises the formative and innovative power of film, from Georges Méliès's *Le Manoir du Diable* (1896) to Edgar G. Ulmer's superbly reflexive *The Black Cat* (1934). With its focus on twenty-one key films, and referencing other relevant productions, the present study involves an inclusive and sensitive approach. It reveals an awareness of the heterogeneity of horror production with the discussion spanning the period of the invention of movies, the expansion from single-reelers to longer and continuous productions, and the advent of talkies. Stepping beyond the bounds of Anglo-American studios, in its seven chapters the book involves the work of directors from France, Spain, England, Moravia, Germany, Italy, Denmark, Mexico and the USA, to consider and compare films that have not previously received serious attention.

## **Popular Music Genres**

An accessible introduction to the study of popular music, this book takes a schematic approach to a range of popular music genres, and examines them in terms of their antecedents, histories, visual aesthetics, and sociopolitical contexts. Within this interdisciplinary and genre-based focus, readers will gain insights into the relationships between popular music, cultural history, economics, politics, iconography, production techniques, technology, marketing, and musical structure.

## **Genre and performance: film and television**

Looking at contemporary film and television, this book explores how popular genres frame our understanding of on-screen performance. Previous studies of screen performance have tended to fix upon star actors, directors, or programme makers, or they have concentrated upon particular training and acting styles. Moving outside of these confines, this book provides a truly interdisciplinary account of performance in film and television and examines a much neglected area in our understanding of how popular genres and performance intersect on screen. Each chapter concentrates upon a particular genre or draws upon generic case studies in examining the significance of screen performance. Individual chapters examine contemporary film noir, horror, the biopic, drama-documentary, the western, science fiction, comedy performance in 'spoof news' programmes and the television 'sit com' and popular Bollywood films.

## **Blockbusters**



Examines twelve major film genres, their identifying characteristics, history and development, and representative films, for film students and fans alike.

## **Looking at Movies**

Disc 1 offers 25 short 'tutorials,' helping students see what the text describes. Disc 2 includes an anthology of 12 short films, from 5 to 30 minutes in length. Together, the DVDs offer nearly five hours of pedagogically useful moving-image content.

## **Hollywood Genres: Formulas, Filmmaking, and The Studio System**

The central thesis of this book is that a genre approach provides the most effective means for understanding, analyzing and appreciating the Hollywood cinema. Taking into account not only the formal and aesthetic aspects of feature filmmaking, but various other cultural aspects as well, the genre approach treats movie production as a dynamic process of exchange between the film industry and its audience. This process, embodied by the Hollywood studio system, has been sustained primarily through genres, those popular narrative formulas like the Western, musical and gangster film, which have dominated the screen arts throughout this century.

## **Film Genre**

Offering an accessible introduction to the study of film genres and genre films, this book examines the use of genre in cinema from its beginnings to the present day. This book explains the various elements of genre, the importance of genre in popular culture, problems of definition, Hollywood and the studio system, ideology and genre, national cinema and genre, authorship and genre, and debates about representation. The book also provides an in-depth examination of four key genres: the Western, the horror film, the film musical, and the documentary film. Each chapter provides a historical overview of the genre and a summary of important critical debates, and concludes with a case study that builds on the historical and theoretical aspects already introduced and provides a model for subsequent analyses. Featured boxes throughout the text highlight specific cycles, filmmakers, and trends, and each chapter concludes with a list of suggestions for further reading. *Film Genre: The Basics* is an invaluable resource for those new to studying film and for anyone interested in the history and ongoing significance of film genres and genre films.

## **Film Genre for the Screenwriter**

*Film Genre for the Screenwriter* is a practical study of how classic film genre components can be used in the construction of a screenplay. Based on Jule Selbo's popular course, this accessible guide includes an examination of the historical origins of specific film genres, how and why these genres are received and appreciated by film-going audiences, and how the student and professional screenwriter alike can use the knowledge of film genre components in the ideation and execution of a screenplay. Explaining the defining elements, characteristics and tropes of genres from romantic comedy to slasher horror, and using examples from classic films like *Casablanca* alongside recent blockbuster franchises like *Harry Potter*, Selbo offers a compelling and readable analysis of film genre in its written form. The book also offers case studies, talking points and exercises to make its content approachable and applicable to readers and writers across the creative field.

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