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Tom Cruise is a Hollywood
superstar like no other.
World famous since his
debut in the 1980s, he

remains among the highest paid actors. Why has his persona resonated so powerfully with millions of viewers? Using psychoanalytic theory, "Tom Cruise: Performing Masculinity in Post Vietnam Hollywood" demonstrates how his star persona sublimates anxieties about masculinity. Amid Reagan-era military jingoism and concern over declining industrial labour, he represented a new model of American masculinity based on white-collar upward

mobility. Spanning blockbuster films such as *Risky Business* (1983), *Jerry Maguire* (1996) and the *Mission: Impossible* series (1996 - 2011), this book illustrates how his characters exemplify entrepreneurialism, charisma, technological gadgetry and verbal acuity to redefine male success. His newly emotive type - 'help me help you' - also successfully overcomes interpersonal conflicts with patriarchal authority and senior women in the workplace, and navigates

race relations. The first scholarly study of Tom Cruise's celebrity, this book surveys his entire career and builds on Richard Dyer's 'star theory.' It develops the core dynamic of his star persona, a mix of projected character traits and 'real life' trivia or gossip, and establishes that his box office success reflects his persona's ability to work through the psychodynamic preoccupations of his films. This exceptional appeal evolved, at times characterised by

complicity with 1980s materialistic hedonism (Taps, 1981), male spectacle (Magnolia, 1999), or his use of martial technology (War of the Worlds, 2005), and their attendant psychic meanings. Recent shifts in American culture, however, in tandem with Tom Cruise's growing evangelism for the Church of Scientology, may be threatening his appeal. Ultimately, this book offers a picture of how stars reflect the values and crises of their societies, and fills a

substantial gap in scholarship on celebrity studies, critical cultural analysis, masculinity studies, and film theory. Showing Off, Showing Up Cambridge University Press
From Steven Spielberg's Lincoln to Clint Eastwood's American Sniper, this fifth edition of this classic film study text adds even more recent films and examines how these movies depict and represent the feelings and values of American society. One of the few authoritative books about

American film and society, American Film and Society since 1945 combines accessible, fun-to-read text with a detailed, insightful, and scholarly political and social analysis that thoroughly explores the relationship of American film to society and provides essential historical context. The historical overview provides a "capsule analysis" of both American and Hollywood history for the most recent decade as well as past eras, in which topics

like American realism; Vietnam, counterculture revolutions, and 1960s films; and Hollywood depictions of big business like Wall Street are covered. Readers will better understand the explicit and hidden meanings of films and appreciate the effects of the passion and personal engagement that viewers experience with films. This new edition prominently features a new chapter on American and Hollywood history from 2010 to 2017, giving readers an expanded

examination of a breadth of culturally and socially important modern films that serves student research or pleasure reading. The coauthors have also included additional analysis of classic films such as *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1962) and *A Face in the Crowd* (1957).

American Film History
New York ; London : G.P. Putnam's sons
“Magisterial. ... A must read for anyone who wants to work in Hollywood or just know how Hollywood works.” —

The Hollywood Reporter A New York Times bestseller, now updated with an afterword and exclusive new material From the #1 bestselling author behind acclaimed oral histories of Saturday Night Live and ESPN comes “the most hotly anticipated book [in decades]” (Variety): James Andrew Miller’s irresistible insider chronicle of the modern entertainment industry, told through the epic story of Creative Artists Agency (CAA)—the ultimate power player

that has represented the world's biggest stars and shaped the landscape of film, television, comedy, music, and sports. Started in 1975, when five bright and brash upstarts left creaky William Morris to form their own innovative talent agency, CAA would come to revolutionize Hollywood, representing everyone from Tom Cruise, Meryl Streep, Robert De Niro, and Steven Spielberg to Jennifer Lawrence, J.J. Abrams, Will Smith, and Brad Pitt. Over the next decades its tentacles

would spread aggressively into sports, advertising, and digital media. Powerhouse is the fascinating, no-holds-barred saga of that ascent. Drawing on unprecedented and exclusive access to the men and women who built and battled with CAA—including co-founders Michael Ovitz and Ron Meyer and rivals like Ari Emanuel of William Morris Endeavor—as well as the stars themselves, Miller spins a unique and unforgettable tale of

brilliance, ambition, betrayal, and outrageous success.

Pretty People Kensington Books

Like no other book before it, this work delves into the deep, dark and mysterious undertones hidden in Tinsel town's biggest films. Esoteric Hollywood is a game-changer in an arena of tabloid-populated titles. After years of scholarly research, Jay Dyer has compiled his most read essays, combining philosophy, comparative religion, symbolism and

geopolitics and their connections to film. Readers will watch movies with new eyes, able to decipher on their own, as the secret meanings of cinema are unveiled.

My Desire Is to Be With You Routledge

This professional book introduces marketing and luxury brand professionals to a new definition of luxury and the art of designing the ultimate luxury experience in both the physical space (e.g., in-store, hotel, restaurant) and the digital space (e.g., social media,

website, e-commerce). Specifically, it offers an overview of customer experience issues and explores big five experiential strategies that can be applied by luxury houses in order to provide the best luxury experience to their customers. Themes such as quality of customer luxury experience, immersion and co-production/co-creation in luxury, creation and management, digital and immersive marketing, and innovative market research are also

examined. How do consumers define luxury? Is there one luxury or several “luxuries”? What kind of luxury experiences consumers want to live? How can luxury houses design the ultimate luxury experience? More than in any other sector, luxury consumption is a response to a search for emotions, pleasure, uniqueness, consideration and greatest services. The luxury consumer wants to live luxury experiences – not just buy luxury products or services. In this way, this book

presents the luxury consumption experience as a combination of symbolic meaning, subconscious processes and nonverbal cues and characterized by fantasies, feelings and fun. Featuring case studies and interviews from international luxury sectors and brand managers such as Burberry, Dior, Porsche, Breitling, St. Regis Hotels & Resorts, and Louis Vuitton, among others, this book offers both a research and management perspective

on luxury experience to professionals in the luxury sector (e.g., CEOs, brand managers, marketing and communication professionals), as well as marketing professors, students, and people eager to learn more about how to design the ultimate luxury experience. Praise for *The New Luxury Experience* "This book provides a holistic perspective on marketing of luxury brands, offering both useful practical advice as well as illustrating important cases." -- Ravi

Dhar, Director, Yale Center for Customer Insights, Yale University "Wided Batat's book offers a fresh, insightful and comprehensive analysis of the concept of the consumer's experience with luxury whatever that may be. The Five experiential luxury strategies proposed by Wided highlight that luxury management should go above and beyond the design and branding of luxury goods and services. I also commend the consideration given to

the younger generations' approach to luxury and to corporate social responsibility aspects. Luxury marketers should find this book very useful indeed." -- Francesca Dall'Olmo Riley, Professor of Brand Management, Kingston Business School, UK

The Operator Routledge
Presenting a range of perspectives on advertising in a global society, this Second Edition of *Controversies in Contemporary Advertising*, by Kim Bartel Sheehan, examines

economic, political, social, and ethical perspectives and covers a number of topics including stereotyping, controversial products, consumer culture, and new technology. The book is divided equally between macro and micro issues, providing a balanced portrait of the role advertising has in society today. Author Kim Bartel Sheehan's work recognizes the plurality of opinions towards advertising, allowing the reader to form and analyze their own

judgments. It encourages readers to obtain a critical perspective on advertising issues.

Escape from Bridezilla

University of Alabama Press

The celebrity is an ambiguous figure in contemporary culture. Simultaneously celebrated and denigrated, stars represent not only the embodiment of success, but also the ultimate construction of false value. They are a peculiar form of public subjectivity that negotiates the tension between a

democratic culture of access and a consumer capitalist culture of excess. Celebrity and Power examines this dynamic, questioning the cultural forces behind our need to become endlessly embroiled with the construction and collapse of celebrities. Through detailed analysis of figures from Tom Cruise to Oprah Winfrey to the commercial pop music sensation New Kids on the Block, author and cultural critic P. David Marshall investigates the general public's desire to

associate with celebrity. He examines various kinds of stars, questioning the needs each type fulfills in our lives and relating these needs to particular entertainment media. Marshall asks why enigmatic, distant stars populate the silver screen while television constructs approachable "everyman" figures and popular music features audience-identified celebrity personalities. He looks at the significance of stars who amass cultlike followings as well as those who appear to prompt

outright rejection. Celebrity and Power identifies the forces that have enveloped the development of democratic culture and their partial resolution through a redefined public sphere populated by celebrities. Marshall argues that the new concern with the masses that characterizes modern capitalism promotes figures who can be seen as part of the crowd but who are articulated as individuals. As such, they provide a model of self-differentiation that

further an economy in which product consumption is thought to bestow individualism and personality. Bridging the fields of media studies, film studies, communications, and popular culture, Marshall's volume is a unique resource for students and researchers in all of these disciplines as well as for the general reader. P. David Marshall is director of the Media and Cultural Studies Centre in the Department of English, University of Queensland in Australia.

Gender and Action Films 2000 and Beyond
 Berghahn Books
 Cultural Studies: An Anthology is a comprehensive collection of classic and contemporary essays in the diverse field of cultural studies. It is designed for classroom use in a variety of settings and departments, from communications and film studies to literature and anthropology. With an international scope and interdisciplinary approach, this book represents the diversity,

depth, and leading scholarship of this complex field. A blockbuster anthology bringing together classic and contemporary essays in the fragmented field of cultural studies Takes an international and interdisciplinary approach, representing the diversity, depth, and leading scholarship of this complex field Offers a range of important perspectives on key topics, including policy, gender, sexuality, ethnicity, identity, visual culture, and diaspora

Provides an overview of the history of the discipline, and argues for better placement of cultural studies within the academy Designed for classroom use in a variety of settings and departments, from communications and film studies to literature and anthropology, contextualizing essays with helpful introductory material and extensive bibliographic citations Michael Ryan is an internationally renowned academic and author; he is supported here by an

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A History of Film Music
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Tom Cruise Bloomsbury Publishing
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"This best-selling text is a succinct guide to thinking critically and writing precisely about film. Both an introduction to film study and a practical writing guide, this brief text introduces students to major film theories as well as film terminology, enabling them to write more thoughtfully and

critically. With numerous student and professional examples, this engaging and practical guide progresses from taking notes and writing first drafts to creating polished essays and comprehensive research projects. Moving from movie reviews to theoretical and critical essays, the text demonstrates how an analysis of a film can become more subtle and rigorous as part of a compositional process. Concise explorations of the most important

approaches to film analysis and writing about film, including auteurs, genres, ideology, kinds of formalism, and national cinemas, give students a quick course in the fundamentals for film theory. A range of film terms and topics, including mise-en-scene, point-of-view, composition, realism, and so on, are introduced, so students understand and use correct terminology. Each chapter concludes with short writing exercises that help students view, evaluate,

and write about film more critically. Guidance on working with electronic sources helps students understand the limitations and pitfalls of electronic research. A comprehensive Glossary allows students to accurately describe their observations of the details of film practice. A wealth of images features captions with pedagogical directions."--The publisher.
Branded Entertainment
 Penguin
 DIVA collection of essays that examine the

production and consumption of Asian American popular culture, from musical expression to television cooking shows./div

Esoteric Hollywood:

University of Georgia Press

Speaking to the Twentieth National Congress of the Communist Party of China, in October 2022, President Xi Jinping reiterated his commitment to the 'opening up' policy of his predecessors — a policy that has burnished the party's political legitimacy

among its citizens by enabling four decades of economic development. Yet, for all the talk of openness, 2022 was a year of both literal and symbolic locks and chains — including, of course, the long, coercive, and often brutally enforced lockdowns of neighbourhoods and cities across China, most prominently Shanghai. Then there was a vlogger’s accidental discovery of the ‘woman in chains’, sparking an anguished, nationwide conversation about

human trafficking. That was part of a broader (if frequently censored) conversation about gendered violence and women’s rights, in a year when women’s representation at the highest levels of power, which was already minimal, decreased even further. There was trouble with supply chains and, with the Fourth Taiwan Strait Crisis, in August, island chains as well. Despite the tensions in the Asia-Pacific, the People’s Republic of China expanded its diplomatic

initiatives among Pacific island nations and celebrated fifty years of diplomatic links with both Japan and Australia. As the year drew to a close, a tragic fire in a locked-down apartment building in Ürümqi triggered a series of popular protests that brought an end to three years of ‘zero COVID’. The China Story Yearbook: Chains provides informed perspectives on these and other important stories from 2022. *Cultural Studies* Tom Cruise Child characters are

surprisingly common in horror, fantasy, and science fiction literature and films. Children represent innocence and virtue and symbolize the classic question of fantastic literature: What is the future of the human race, and how will science and society improve or impair that future? This collection of essays explores the roles of children in the literature and film of the fantastic. The works vary in critical approach from textual analyses to psychological, historical, and gender-

and ethnicity-based interpretations and draw their subject matter from contemporary and classic literary and film pieces. "The Triumph of Teen Prop: Terminator II and the End of History" is a playful discussion of teen propaganda movies and social issues. "E.T. as Fairy Tale" examines how Stephen Spielberg's combination of science fiction, fantasy, and fairy tale elements blends logic and childhood magic. Howard M. Lenhoff connects mythical creatures with biology in

"A Real-World Source for the 'Little People': A Comparison of Fairies to Individuals with Williams Syndrome." The literary selection ranges from Alida Allison's study of childhood in Isaac Bashevis Singer's writings to Bud Foote's interpretation of childhood roles in the characters of selected Stephen King works. Other essays consider Henry James's *The Turn of the Screw*, Anne Rice's *The Witching Hour*, and the childhood classic *Peter Pan*.

Alien Encounters Emerald Group Publishing
First published in 1995. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

Where the Boys are Watson-Guptill
A provocative, contemporary anthology examining the construction of boys' identity in modern cinema.

Pictures Your Heart Remembers Thomas Dunne Books
In *More Than a Movie*, producer and entertainment attorney F.

Miguel Valenti presents a compelling argument for the creative community to consider the consequences of its products, from movies to TV to the Internet. Valenti refrains from attacking the industries in which he himself works, but argues for reflection on the part of those who create media. *More Than a Movie* takes a pioneering first step toward outlining the issues in an insider fashion, and provides the tools to make ethical decisions about creating for the big and small

screens. Edited by veteran media writer Les Brown and media consultant Laurie Trotta, *More Than a Movie* is written to stimulate debate in professional and academic arenas, and for the enjoyment of everyone who loves entertainment. The book contains a foreword by noted author and director Peter Bogdanovich, and commentary from producers Christine Vachon and David Brown. Mediascope, a Studio City, California-based media policy organization,

commissioned the book upon discovering that ethical discussions seldom occur in film and television schools, although they are staples for studying law, medicine, business and journalism. Issues range from ethnic and gender stereotyping to excessive and gratuitous violence. "It's not about censorship -- it's about having a responsibility for what we do," says author Valenti (no relation to MPAA's Jack Valenti). "The book outlines how we are helping to shape societal

values and individual behavior with the artistic choices we make." A team of writers from across the nation offer essays: Neil Hickey, editor, Columbia Journalism Review ; Annette Insdorf, Columbia University; Ted Pease, professor and columnist; Jack Pitman, Variety; Martin Koughan, Emmy Award-winning documentarian. The essays in More Than a Movie are interspersed with stories of actual ethical dilemmas told by noted screenwriters, directors and other

practitioners in interviews by Manhattan writer Laura Blum.

The Men Who Would Be King Rutgers University Press

Emily Briggs is transformed into the Bride from Hell when her mother gets a little too involved with her wedding plans, a gorgeous blonde begins stalking their Tribeca loft, and she becomes attracted to the one man who will listen to her tales of woe--artist J3 Hopper. Reprint.

New York Magazine
John Wiley & Sons

Andrew Morton uncovers the true story of the biggest celebrity of our age. Everyone knows Tom Cruise—or at least what he wants us to know. We know that the man behind the smile overcame a tough childhood to star in astonishing array of blockbusters: Top Gun, Rain Man, Born on the Fourth of July, A Few Good Men, Jerry Maguire, several Mission: Impossible movies, and

more. We know he has taken artistic chances, too, earning him three Academy Award and Golden Globe nominations. But beyond that, the picture becomes a bit less clear... We know that Tom is a devoted follower of the Church of Scientology. We know that, despite persistent rumors about his sexuality, he has been married to Mimi Rogers, Nicole Kidman, and Katie

Holmes. But it was not until he jumped on Oprah's couch to proclaim his love for Katie and denounced Brooke Shields for turning to the "Nazi science" of psychiatry that we began to realize how much we did not know about the charming, hardworking star. For all the headlines and the rumors, the real Tom Cruise has remained surprisingly hidden—until now.

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