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The Films of Wes Anderson

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Best. Movie. Year. Ever. Columbia University Press

Since his explosive debut with the indie sensation *Hard Eight*, Paul Thomas Anderson has established himself as one of contemporary cinema's most exciting artists. His 2002 feature *Punch-Drunk Love* radically reimagined the romantic comedy. Critics hailed *There Will Be Blood* as a key film of the new millennium. In *The Master*, Anderson jarred audiences with dreamy amorphousness and a departure from conventional story mechanics.

Acclaimed film scholar and screenwriter George Toles approaches these three films in particular, and Anderson's oeuvre in general, with a focus on the role of emergence and the production of the unaccountable. Anderson, Toles shows, is an artist obsessed with history, workplaces, and environments but also intrigued by spaces as projections of the people who dwell within. Toles follows Anderson from the open narratives of *Boogie Nights* and *Magnolia* through the pivot that led to his more recent films, Janus-faced masterpieces that orbit around isolated central characters--and advance Anderson's journey into allegory and myth. Blending penetrative analysis with a deep knowledge of filmic storytelling, Paul Thomas Anderson tours an important filmmaker's ever-deepening landscape of disconnection.

No Country for Old Men LAP Lambert Academic Publishing

Can a relationship survive on one person's love for a beard? Can Shakespeare protect a doomed romance from an angry bee stuck in a car? How does an old iron speak to affairs of the heart? And how can we gauge the secret yearnings of the woman who writes

novels about werewolves? Wry and absurd, pithy and profound, the short fiction of Greg Gerke takes the pulse of couples arriving at the end of something, lovers entering the "unendurable zone." Moments of improbable grace are salvaged from bitter break-ups, prolonged languor is punctuated by bursts of panic and violence, and the acute pain of thwarted hopes dissipates into indifference. In each of these forty stories, Gerke diagnoses the poisons of heartache with results that pull in two directions at once: comical and grotesque, caustic and humane, sharp-tongued and stirringly sincere.

Moment of Action Vintage

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Film After Film Newmarket Shooting Scripts

Wes Anderson's films can be divisive, but he is widely recognized as the inspiration for several recent trends in indie films. Using both practical and theoretical lenses, the contributors address and explain the recurring stylistic techniques, motifs, and themes

that dominate Anderson's films and have had such an impact on current filmmaking.

Punch-Drunk Love Abrams

The Grand Budapest Hotel and *Moonrise Kingdom* have made Wes Anderson a filmmaking force. *Rushmore* and *The Royal Tenenbaums* have become quotable cult classics. Yet every new Anderson release brings out droves of critics eager to charge him with stylistic excess and self-indulgent eclecticism. Donna Kornhaber approaches Anderson's style as the necessary product of the narrative and thematic concerns that define his body of work. Using Anderson's focus on collecting, Kornhaber situates the director as the curator of his filmic worlds, a prime mover who artfully and conscientiously arranges diverse components into cohesive collections and taxonomies. Anderson peoples each mise-en-scène in his ongoing "Wesworld" with characters orphaned, lost, and out of place amidst a riot of handmade clutter and relics. Within, they seek a wholeness and collective identity they manifestly lack, with their pain expressed via an ordered emotional palette that, despite being muted, cries out for attention. As Kornhaber shows, Anderson's films offer nothing less than a fascinating study in the sensation of belonging—told by characters who possess it the least. Covering Anderson's entire oeuvre and including an interview with the director, *Wes Anderson* is an entertaining look at one of our most beloved and polarizing filmmakers.

These Dreams of You Europa Editions

The 1990s saw a shock wave of dynamic new directing talent that took the Hollywood studio system by storm. At the forefront of that movement were six innovative and daring directors whose

films pushed the boundaries of moviemaking and announced to the world that something exciting was happening in Hollywood. Sharon Waxman, editor and chief of The Wrap.com and for Hollywood reporter for the New York Times spent the decade covering these young filmmakers, and in *Rebels on the Backlot* she weaves together the lives and careers of Quentin Tarantino, *Pulp Fiction*; Steven Soderbergh, *Traffic*; David Fincher, *Fight Club*; Paul Thomas Anderson, *Boogie Nights*; David O. Russell, *Three Kings*; and Spike Jonze, *Being John Malkovich*.

Post-Pop Cinema Chicago Review Press
 Iconic, groundbreaking interviews of Alfred Hitchcock by film critic François Truffaut—providing insight into the cinematic method, the history of film, and one of the greatest directors of all time. In *Hitchcock*, film critic François Truffaut presents fifty hours of interviews with Alfred Hitchcock about the whole of his vast directorial career, from his silent movies in Great Britain to his color films in Hollywood. The result is a portrait of one of the greatest directors the world has ever known, an all-round specialist who masterminded everything, from the screenplay and the photography to the editing and the soundtrack. Hitchcock discusses the inspiration behind his films and the art of creating fear and suspense, as well as giving strikingly honest assessments of his achievements and failures, his doubts and hopes. This peek into the brain of one of cinema's greats is a must-read for all film aficionados.

Paul Thomas Anderson State University of New York Press
 First edition of Sinclair's savage satire, loosely based on the life and career of Edward L. Doheny, and the Teapot Dome scandal of the Harding administration.

Although Sinclair's famous novel *The Jungle* deals with Chicago's meatpacking industry, he moved west to Pasadena in 1916 and began writing novels set in California, the best of which was *Oil!*, the story of the education of Bunny Ross, son of wildcat oil man Joe Ross after oil is discovered outside Los Angeles. The novel was the basis for Paul Thomas Anderson's 2007 film *There Will Be Blood*. In *California Classics*, Lawrence Clark Powell called *Oil!* "Sinclair's most sustained and best writing."

Mean Girls Penguin

Winner of the Mystery Writers of America's 2021 Edgar Allan Poe Award for Best Critical/Biographical In 1933, Joan Harrison was a twenty-six-year-old former salesgirl with a dream of escaping both her stodgy London suburb and the dreadful prospect of settling down with one of the local boys. A few short years later, she was Alfred Hitchcock's confidante and one of the Oscar-nominated screenwriters of his first American film, *Rebecca*. Harrison had quickly grown from being the worst secretary Hitchcock ever had to one of his closest collaborators, critically shaping his brand as the "Master of Suspense." Harrison went on to produce numerous Hollywood features before becoming a television pioneer as the producer of *Alfred Hitchcock Presents*. A respected powerhouse, she acquired a singular reputation for running amazingly smooth productions— and defying anyone who posed an obstacle. She built most of her films and series from the ground up. She waged rough-and-tumble battles against executives and censors, and even helped to break the Hollywood blacklist. She teamed up with many of the most respected, well-known directors, writers, and actors of the twentieth century. And she did it all

on her own terms. Author Christina Lane shows how this stylish, stunning woman became Hollywood's most powerful female writer-producer—one whom history has since overlooked.

After Kubrick Wayne State University Press

An illustrated mid-career monograph exploring the 30-year creative journey of the 8-time Academy Award-nominated writer and director Paul Thomas Anderson has been described as "one of American film's modern masters" and "the foremost filmmaking talent of his generation." Anderson's films have received 25 Academy Award nominations, and he has worked closely with many of the most accomplished actors of our time, including Lesley Ann Manville, Julianne Moore, Daniel Day-Lewis, Joaquin Phoenix, and Philip Seymour Hoffman. In *Paul Thomas Anderson: Masterworks*, Anderson's entire career—from *Hard Eight* (1996), *Boogie Nights* (1997), *Magnolia* (1999), *Punch Drunk Love* (2002), *There Will Be Blood* (2007), *The Master* (2012), *Inherent Vice* (2014), and *Phantom Thread* (2017) to his music videos for Radiohead to his early short films—is examined in illustrated detail for the first time. Anderson's influences, his style, and the recurring themes of alienation, reinvention, ambition, and destiny that course through his movies are analyzed and supplemented by firsthand interviews with Anderson's closest collaborators—including producer JoAnne Sellar, actor Vicky Krieps, and composer Jonny Greenwood—and illuminated by film stills, archival photos, original illustrations, and an appropriately psychedelic design aesthetic. *Masterworks* is a tribute to the dreamers, drifters, and evil dentists who populate his world.

See What I See InterVarsity Press

Chappie is a punked-out teenager rejected by his mother and abusive stepfather. Out of school and in trouble with the police, he drifts through crash pads, dooper squats, and malls until he finally settles in an abandoned school bus with Rose, a seven-year-old child, and I-Man, an exiled Rastafarian who will dramatically change his life. Together they begin an amazing journey...

The Cinema of Paul Thomas Anderson

Simon & Schuster

One of the world's most erudite and entertaining film critics on the state of cinema in the post-digital—and post-9/11—age. This witty and allusive book, in the style of classic film theorists/critics like André Bazin and Siegfried Kracauer, includes considerations of global cinema's most important figures and films, from Lars von Trier and Zia Jiangke to *WALL-E*, *Avatar* and *Inception*.

Paul Thomas Anderson Vintage

David Fincher: *Mind Games* is the definitive critical and visual survey of the Academy Award- and Golden Globe-nominated works of director David Fincher. From feature films *Alien 3*, *Se7en*, *The Game*, *Fight Club*, *Panic Room*, *Zodiac*, *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, *The Social Network*, *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*, *Gone Girl*, and *Mank* through his MTV clips for Madonna and the Rolling Stones and the Netflix series *House of Cards* and *Mindhunter*, each chapter weaves production history with original critical analysis, as well as with behind-the-scenes photography, still-frames, and original illustrations from Little White Lies' international team of artists and graphic designers. *Mind Games* also features interviews with Fincher's frequent collaborators, including Jeff

Cronenweth, Angus Wall, Laray Mayfield, Holt McCallany, Howard Shore and Erik Messerschmidt. Grouping Fincher's work around themes of procedure, imprisonment, paranoia, prestige and relationship dynamics, *Mind Games* is styled as an investigation into a filmmaker obsessed with investigation, and the design will shift to echo case files within a larger psychological profile.

The Hard Sell of Paradise Bloomsbury Publishing USA

There are hundreds of biographies of filmstars and dozens of scholarly works on acting in general. But what about the ephemeral yet indelible moments when, for a brief scene or even just a single shot, an actor's performance triggers a visceral response in the viewer? *Moment of Action* delves into the mysteries of screen performance, revealing both the acting techniques and the technical apparatuses that coalesce in an instant of cinematic alchemy to create movie gold. Considering a range of acting styles while examining films as varied as *Bringing Up Baby*, *Psycho*, *The Red Shoes*, *Godzilla*, and *The Bourne Identity*, Murray Pomerance traces the common dynamics that work to structure the complex relationship between the act of cinematic performance and its eventual perception. Mining the spaces where subjective and objective analyses merge, Pomerance offers both a deeply personal account of film viewership and a detailed examination of the intuitive gestures, orchestrated movements, and backstage maneuvers that go into creating those phenomenal moments onscreen. *Moment of Action* takes us on an innovative exploration of the nexus at which the actor's keen skills spark and kindle the audience's receptive energies.

Post-Pop Cinema Verso Books

"When Jean-Luc Godard, exemplary

director of the French New Wave, wed the ideals of filmmaking to the realities of autobiography and current events, he changed the nature of cinema. Among the greatest cinematic innovations, Godard's films shift fluidly from fiction to documentary, from criticism to art. Similarly, his persona projects shifting images - cultural hero, impassioned loner, shrewd businessman. Hailed by filmmakers as a - if not the - key influence, Godard has entered the modern canon, a figure as mysterious as he is indispensable." "In *Everything is Cinema*, critic Richard Brody has amassed hundreds of interviews with friends, family, and collaborators to demystify the elusive director and paint the fullest picture yet of his life and work. Paying as much attention to Godard's revolutionary technical inventions as to the political and emotional forces of the postwar world, Brody traces an arc from the director's early critical writing, through his popular success with *Breathless* and *Contempt*, to the grand vision of his later years. He vividly depicts Godard's wealthy, conservative family, his fluid and often disturbing politics, his tumultuous dealings with fellow filmmakers, and his troubled relations with women."--Jacket.

Falling Macmillan

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Oil! Vintage Canada

From a veteran culture writer and modern movie expert, a celebration and analysis of the movies of 1999—"a terrifically fun snapshot of American film culture on the brink of the Millennium....An absolute must for any movie-lover or pop-culture nut" (Gillian Flynn). In 1999, Hollywood as we know it exploded: *Fight Club*. *The Matrix*. *Office Space*. *Election*. *The Blair Witch Project*. *The Sixth Sense*. *Being John Malkovich*. *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace*. *American Beauty*. *The Virgin Suicides*. *Boys Don't Cry*. *The Best Man*. *Three Kings*. *Magnolia*. Those are just some of the landmark titles released in a dizzying movie year, one in which a group of daring filmmakers and performers pushed cinema to new limits—and took audiences along for the ride. Freed from the restraints of budget, technology, or even taste, they produced a slew of classics that took on every topic imaginable, from sex to violence to the end of the world. The result was a highly unruly, deeply influential set of films that would not only change filmmaking, but also give us our first glimpse of the coming twenty-first century. It was a watershed moment that also produced *The Sopranos*; Apple's *AirPort*; *Wi-Fi*; and Netflix's unlimited DVD rentals. "A spirited celebration of the year's movies" (Kirkus Reviews), *Best. Movie. Year. Ever.* is the story of not just how these movies were made, but how they re-made our own vision of the world. It features more than 130 new and

exclusive interviews with such directors and actors as Reese Witherspoon, Edward Norton, Steven Soderbergh, Sofia Coppola, David Fincher, Nia Long, Matthew Broderick, Taye Diggs, M. Night Shyamalan, David O. Russell, James Van Der Beek, Kirsten Dunst, the Blair Witch kids, the Office Space dudes, the guy who played Jar-Jar Binks, and dozens more. It's "the complete portrait of what it was like to spend a year inside a movie theater at the best possible moment in time" (Chuck Klosterman).

Inherent Vice State University of New York Press

There are stories of coincidence and chance and intersections and strange things told. There is the story of a Father, the Young Wife, his Lost Son, the Caretaker, the Boy Genius, his Father, the Game Show Host, the Daughter, the Mother, the Ex-Boy Genius, and the Police Officer in Love. This is a story set in the San Fernando Valley on a day full of rain with no clouds. This is a story about family relationships and bonds that have been broken and need to be mended in one day. The Father (Jason Robards) His Young Wife (Julianne Moore) His Lost Son (Tom Cruise) The Caretaker (Philip Seymour Hoffman) The Boy Genius (Jeremy Blackman) His Father (Michael Bowen) The Game Show Host (Philip Baker Hall) The Daughter (Melora Walters) The Mother (Melinda Dillon) The Ex-Boy Genius (William H. Macy) The Police Officer in Love (John C. Reilly)

Paul Thomas Anderson Macmillan

The Marx Brothers are universally considered to be classic Hollywood's preeminent comedy team and Duck Soup is generally regarded as their quintessential film. A topical satire of dictatorship and government in general, the movie was a critical failure and box-

office let-down on its initial release in 1933. J. Hoberman's study of the film traces its reputation history, from the initial disappointment of its release, to its rise to cult status in the 1960s when the Marx's anarchic, anti-establishment humor seemed again timely. Hoberman places Duck Soup, alongside analogous comedies-Dr. Strangelove (1964), the Beatles films, Morgan! (1966), The President's Analyst (1967) and The Producers (1968). It attained canonical stature as a touchstone for Woody Allen and would be recognized by the Library of Congress in the 1990s. Hoberman's analysis provides a historical and political context as well as an in-depth production history, drawing on primary sources and emphasizing director McCarey's prior work along with the Marx Brothers as well as the situation at Paramount, a substantial synopsis, and an account of the movie's initial reception, concluding with its subsequent elevation to comic masterpiece.

Phantom Lady University of Illinois Press

"Barthelme . . . happens to be one of a handful of American authors, there to make us look bad, who know instinctively how to stash the merchandise, bamboozle the inspectors, and smuggle their nocturnal contraband right on past the checkpoints of daylight 'reality.'" —Thomas Pynchon, from the Introduction Sixty-three rare or previously uncollected works by a master of the American short story form
 *A hypothetical episode of Batman hilariously slowed down to soap-opera speed. *A game of baseball as played by T. S. Eliot and Willem "Big Bull" de Kooning. *A recipe for feeding sixty pork-sotted celebrants at your daughter's wedding. *An outlandishly illustrated account of a scientific quest

for God. These astonishing tropes of the imagination could only have been generated by Donald Barthelme, who—until his death in 1989—seemed intent on goosing American letters into taking a quantum leap. Gleeful, melancholy, erudite, and wonderfully subversive, *The Teachings of Don B.* is a literary testament cum time bomb, with the power to blast any reader into an altered state of consciousness. "A small

education in laughter, melancholy, and the English language." —The New York Times Book Review "Barthelme, who died in 1989, was a distinctive master of fragments . . . Anger, wit, extravagant associations and disassociations; these would be less memorable if it were not for Barthelme's ability to evoke dreams and the tenderness with which he does it." —Los Angeles Times

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