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Cinema has had a hugely influential role on global culture in the 20th century at multiple levels: social, political, and educational. The part of British cinema in this has been controversial - often derided as a whole, but also vigorously celebrated, especially in terms of specific films and film-makers. In this Very Short Introduction, Charles Barr considers films and filmmakers, and studios and sponsorship, against the wider view of changing artistic, socio-political, and industrial climates over the decades of the 20th Century. Considering British cinema in the wake of one of the most

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familiar of cinematic reference points - Alfred Hitchcock - Barr traces how British cinema has developed its own unique path, and has since been celebrated for its innovative approaches and distinctive artistic language. ABOUT THE SERIES: The Very Short Introductions series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area. These pocket-sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly. Our expert authors combine facts, analysis, perspective, new ideas, and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable. This book looks at aspects of the relationship between British and American cinema covering the period from the First World War until the 1960s. It deals with the ways in which

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the two industries have sought to intervene in the affairs of the other, and examines how British subject matter drawn from history, literature, drama, biography has had a place in the American film since the earliest days. The history of the British cinema - its institutions and its films - has been closely intertwined with the history of the American cinema since films were first made and viewed in the late 19th century. In many ways it has been a one-sided relationship with Hollywood exerting a powerful influence on the British film industry, shap

The politics of race in British screen culture over the last 30 years vis-a-vis the institutional, textual, cultural and political shifts that have occurred during this period. Black Film British Cinema II considers the politics of blackness in contemporary British

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cinema and visual practice. This second iteration of Black Film British Cinema, marking over 30 years since the ground-breaking ICA Documents 7 publication in 1988, continues this investigation by offering a crucial contemporary consideration of the textual, institutional, cultural and political shifts that have occurred from this period. It focuses on the practices, values and networks of collaborations that have shaped the development of black film culture and representation. But what is black British film? How do such films, however defined, produce meaning through visual culture, and what are the political, social and aesthetic motivations and effects? How are the new forms of black British film facilitating new modes of representation, authorship and exhibition? Explored in the context of

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film aesthetics, curatorship, exhibition and arts practice, and the politics of diversity policy, *Black Film British Cinema II* provides the platform for new scholars, thinkers and practitioners to coalesce on these central questions. It is explicitly interdisciplinary, operating at the intersections of film studies, media and communications, sociology, politics and cultural studies. Through a diverse range of perspectives and theoretical interventions that offer a combination of traditional chapters, long-form essays, shorter think pieces, and critical dialogues, *Black Film British Cinema II* is a comprehensive, sustained, wide ranging collection that offers new framework for understanding contemporary black film practices and the cultural and creative dimensions that shape the making of

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blackness and race. Contributors
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Thorsen, Natalie Wreyford

This work examines major box office hits like 'The Full Monty' as well as critically acclaimed films like 'Under the Skin'. It explores the role of distribution and exhibition, the Americanisation of British film culture, Hollywood and Europe, changing representations of sexuality and ethnicity.

British Cinema, Past and Present
The British Cinema Book
The Companion to British and Irish
Cinema

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An Autobiography of British Cinema
British Historical Cinema
Cinema and Society in the British
Empire, 1895-1940

***The Cinema of Britain and
Ireland Wallflower Press***

***The Dream the Kicks is a
classic account of the
prehistory and early years of
cinema in Britain. In this new
paperback edition, which has
been thoroughly revised to
take into account recent
scholarship of early cinema,
Michael Chanan provides a
fascinating account of the
rich and hitherto hidden
history of the origins of film.
Chanan demonstrates that the
theory of 'the persistence of
vision', which led to the
invention of moving pictures,***

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has been superceded by modern scientific findings. In its place, he puts forward a theory of invention as a type of bricolage, and shows that cinematography was a product of the forces of nineteenth century capitalism. He discusses the wealth of influences, both popular and bourgeois, on the culture of early cinema, including diorama, the magic lantern, itinerant entertainers and music hall. He looks at the relationship between film and photography, and considers the nascent film business, the ways in which early cinema was received by its audiences and the developing aesthetics of cinema in its first fifteen

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years.

The early years of film were dominated by competition between inventors in America and France, especially Thomas Edison and the Lumière brothers . But while these have generally been considered the foremost pioneers of film, they were not the only crucial figures in its inception. Telling the story of the white-hot years of filmmaking in the 1890s, Robert Paul and the Origins of British Cinema seeks to restore Robert Paul, Britain's most important early innovator in film, to his rightful place. From improving upon Edison's Kinetoscope to cocreating the

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first movie camera in Britain to building England's first film studio and launching the country's motion-picture industry, Paul played a key part in the history of cinema worldwide. It's not only Paul's story, however, that historian Ian Christie tells here. Robert Paul and the Origins of British Cinema also details the race among inventors to develop lucrative technologies and the jumbled culture of patent-snatching, showmanship, and music halls that prevailed in the last decade of the nineteenth century. Both an in-depth biography and a magnificent look at early cinema and fin-de-siècle Britain, Robert Paul

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***and the Origins of British Cinema is a first-rate cultural history of a fascinating era of global invention, and the revelation of one of its undervalued contributors. A fresh, concise but wide-ranging introduction to and overview of British and Irish cinema, this volume contains 24 essays, each on a separate seminal film from the region. Films under discussion include 'Pink String and Sealing Wax', 'Room at the Top', 'The Italian Job', 'Orlando', and 'Sweet Sixteen'.
Sixties British Cinema
British Feature Films in the United States
The British 'B' Film
Waving the Flag***

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British cinema of the 1950s

Introduction Part I Local Tracks:
Exhibition Culture Chapter 1: The
Local Entertainment Scene Chapter 2:
The Crisis of Total War and New
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Films 1914-1917 Chapter 6: Education
or Entertainment?: Public and Private
Interpretations of Battle of the
Somme (1916) Part III. Artful and
Instructive: Respectability and the
'Superfilms' Chapter 7: "A Soul
Stirring Appeal to Every Briton": The
Reception of The Birth of a Nation
(1915-16) Chapter 8: "A Spectacle
That Thrills and Appalls": Thomas
Ince's Civilization Part IV: Chaplin and
the Transformative Properties of
Comedy Chapter 9: Chaplin: "A

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Transatlantic Vernacular" Chapter 10:
"Imagine Charlie At the Front"
Shoulder Arms (1918) Conclusion
Bibliography Filmography.

Transatlantic Crossings is the first major study of the distribution and exhibition of British films in the USA. Charting the cross-cultural reception of many British films, Sarah Street draws on a wide range of sources including studio records, film posters, press books and statistics. While the relative strength of Hollywood made it difficult for films that crossed the Atlantic, Streets research demonstrates that some strategies were more successful than others. She considers which British films made an impact and analyzes conditions that facilitated a positive reception from critics, censors, exhibitors and audiences. Case studies

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include *Nell Gwyn* (1926), *The Private Life of Henry VIII* (1933), *The Ghost Goes West* (1935), *Henry V* (1946), *Black Narcissus* (1947), *The Red Shoes* (1948), Ealing comedies, *The Horror of Dracula* (1958), *Tom Jones* (1963), *A Hard Days Night* (1964), *Goldfinger* (1964), *The Remains of the Day* (1993), *Four Weddings and a Funeral* (1994) and *Trainspotting* (1996). Against a background of the economic history of the British and Hollywood film industries, *Transatlantic Crossings* considers the many fascinating questions surrounding the history of British films in the USA, their relevance to wider issues of Anglo-American relations and to notions of "Britishness" on screen.

The first substantial overview of the British film industry with emphasis on

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its genres, stars, and socioeconomic context, *British National Cinema* by Sarah Street is an important title in Routledge's new National Cinemas series. *British National Cinema* synthesizes years of scholarship on British film while incorporating the author's fresh perspective and research. Street divides the study of British cinema into four sections: the relation between the film industry and government; specific film genres; movie stars; and experimental cinema. In addition, this beautifully illustrated volume includes over thirty stills from every sphere of British cinema. *British National Cinema* will be of great interest to film students and theorists as well as the general reader interested in the fascinating scope of British film.

To celebrate 100 years of the cinema

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in Britain, this book looks at the history of cinema building from the nineteenth century to the present day. Through a detailed architectural history it also evokes the magic of movie-going.

The Prehistory and Early Years of Cinema in Britain

Constructing a National Cinema in Britain

Cinemas and Cinema-Going in the United Kingdom: Decades of Decline, 1945–65

British Cinema and the Cold War
A History

The Child in British Cinema

The essays which appear in this book for the most part originated as papers delivered at a conference on Britain and the cinema

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***in the Second World War
held in London in May
1985.***

***"British Film Design" is
about the things that you
see when you close your
eyes and think of British
cinema: "Dr. No's
Hideaway", the buffet of
"Brief Encounter", Vera
Drake's parlour, "Hogwarts
School"...and a thousand
other visions of British
films. This book is also
about the people who have
created those visions. The
physical environments of
films are made by
Production Designers/Art
Directors. Their efforts***

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have tended to go unnoticed by cinema audiences. "British Film Design" offers the first comprehensive historical survey of British art direction. It takes a chronological journey through British film design, starting with the efforts of the film 'primitives' of the silent era and ending with the modern day purveyors of part built/part computer generated 'blended design'. Certain themes recur en route. These include British cinema's obsession with realism; the Production Designer's continual

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struggle for recognition; influence from European artists and the benefits - and perils - of American finance. The book succeeds in expressing the joy of looking at films from inside out; seeing beyond the stars to recognise sets as silent players in the action. British Science Fiction Cinema celebrates the unique themes and concerns that distinguish British science fiction movies from their American counterparts. It considers examples that range from pulp fiction to creature features.

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Over 39 chapters The Routledge Companion to British Cinema History offers a comprehensive and revisionist overview of British cinema as, on the one hand, a commercial entertainment industry and, on the other, a series of institutions centred on economics, funding and relations to government. Whereas most histories of British cinema focus on directors, stars, genres and themes, this Companion explores the forces enabling and constraining the films' production, distribution, exhibition, and

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reception contexts from the late nineteenth century to the present day. The contributors provide a wealth of empirical and archive-based scholarship that draws on insider perspectives of key film institutions and illuminates aspects of British film culture that have been neglected or marginalized, such as the watch committee system, the Eady Levy, the rise of the multiplex and film festivals. It also places emphasis on areas where scholarship has either been especially productive and influential,

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such as in early and silent cinema, or promoted new approaches, such as audience and memory studies.

EMI Films and the Limits of British Cinema

British Science Fiction Cinema

A Companion to British and Irish Cinema

Robert Paul and the Origins of British Cinema

Cinema at the End of Empire

The State, Propaganda and Consensus

"Shaw analyses key films of the period, including High Treason, which put a British

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McCarthyism on celluloid; the fascinatingly ambiguous science fiction thriller *The Quatermass Experiment*; the court-room drama based on the trial of Hungary's Cardinal Mindszenty, *The Prisoner*; the dystopic *The Damned*, made by one of Hollywood's blacklisted directors, Joseph Losey; and the CIA-funded, animated version of George Orwell's classic novel *Animal Farm*. The result is a deeply probing study of how Cold War issues were refracted through British films, compared with their imported American and East European counterparts, and how the British public received this

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'war propaganda'."--BOOK JACKET.

What does it mean to speak of 'national' cinema? Challenging conventional viewpoints, *Waving the Flag* combines detailed analyses of film text with studies of industrial and cultural contexts, to offer a history of British cinema.

This electronic version has been made available under a Creative Commons (BY-NC-ND) open access license. Offers a startling re-evaluation of what has until now been seen as the most critically lacklustre period of the British film history. Covers a variety of genres, such as B-movies, war films, women's

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pictures and theatrical adaptations; as well as social issues which affect film-making, such as censorship. Includes fresh assessment of maverick directors; Pat Jackson, Robert Hamer and Joseph Losey, and even of a maverick critic Raymond Durngat. Features personal insights from those individually implicated in 1950s cinema; Corin Redgrave on Michael Redgrave, Isabel Quigly on film reviewing, and Bryony Dixon of the BFI on archiving and preservation. Presents a provocative challenge to conventional wisdom about 1950s film and rediscovers

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the Festival of Britain
decade.

This is the first
substantial study of British
cinema's most neglected
genre. Bringing together
original work from some of
the leading writers on
British popular film, this
book includes interviews
with key directors Mike
Hodges (Get Carter) and
Donald Cammel (Performance).
It discusses an abundance of
films including: * acclaimed
recent crime films such as
Shallow Grave, Shopping, and
Face. * early classics like
They Made Me A Fugitive *
acknowledged classics such
as Brighton Rock and The
Long Good Friday * 50s

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**seminal works including The
Lavender Hill Mob and The
Ladykillers.**

**British Film Design
Transatlantic Crossings
The Decline of Deference
Sweet sixteen**

**British Cinema Culture in
the Great War, 1914-1918
As Told by the Filmmakers
and Actors who Made it**

*By 1940 going to the
movies was the most
popular form of public
leisure in Britain's
empire. This book explores
the social and cultural
impact of the movies in
colonial societies in the
early cinema age.*

Films recreating or

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addressing 'the past' - recent or distant, actual or imagined - have been a mainstay of British cinema since the silent era. From Elizabeth to Carry On Up The Khyber, and from the heritage-film debate to issues of authenticity and questions of genre, British Historical Cinema explores the ways in which British films have represented the past on screen, the issues they raise and the debates they have provoked. Discussing films from biopics to literary adaptations, and from depictions of

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Britain's colonial past to the re-imagining of recent decades in retro films such as Velvet Goldmine, a range of contributors ask whose history is being represented, from whose perspective, and why.

This is the first book to provide a thorough examination of the British 'B' movie, from the war years to the 1960s. The authors draw on archival research, contemporary trade papers and interviews with key 'B' filmmakers to map the 'B' movie phenomenon both as artefact and as industry

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product, and as a reflection on their times. British films of the 1960s are undervalued. Their search for realism has often been dismissed as drabness and their more frivolous efforts can now appear just empty-headed. Robert Murphy's Sixties British Cinema is the first study to challenge this view. He shows that the realist tradition of the late 50s and early 60s was anything but dreary and depressing, and gave birth to a clutch of films remarkable for their confidence and vitality:

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Saturday Night and Sunday Morning, A Kind of Loving, and A Taste of Honey are only the better known titles. Sixties British Cinema revalues key genres of the period - horror, crime and comedy - and takes a fresh look at the 'swinging London' films, finding disturbing undertones that reflect the cultural changes of the decade. Now that our cinematic past is constantly recycled on television, Murphy's informative, engaging and perceptive review of these films and their cultural

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*and industrial context
offers an invaluable guide
to this neglected era of
British cinema.*

*Britain and the Cinema in
the Second World War
Black Film British Cinema
II*

*British Popular Films
1929-1939*

*A Politics of Transition
in Britain and India
The Cinema of Britain and
Ireland*

*British Cinema of the
1940s*

***This book argues that over
the twentieth and twenty-
first centuries, the cinema in
Britain became the site on***

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which childhood was projected, examined, and understood. Through an analysis of these projections; via case studies that encompass early cinema, pre and post-war film, and contemporary cinema; this book interprets the child in British cinema as a device through which to reflect upon issues of national culture, race, empire, class, and gender. Beginning with a discussion of early cinematic depictions of the child in Britain, this book examines cultural expressions of nationhood

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produced via non-commercial cinemas for children. It considers the way cinema encroaches on the moral edification of the child and the ostensible vibrancy and vitality of the British boy in post-war cinema. The author explores the representational and instrumental differences between depictions of boys and girls before extending this discussion to investigate the treatment of migrant, refugee, and immigrant children in British cinema. It ends by recapitulating these

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arguments through a discussion of internationally successful British blockbuster cinema. The child in this study is a mobile figure, deployed across generic boundaries, throughout the history of British cinema and embodying a range of discourses regarding the health and wellbeing of the nation.

This book is the first of its kind to trace the development of one of the largest and most important companies in British cinema history, EMI Films. From

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1969 to its eventual demise in 1986, EMI would produce many of the key works of seventies and eighties British cinema, ranging from popular family dramas like *The Railway Children* (Lionel Jeffries, 1970) through to critically acclaimed arthouse successes like *Britannia Hospital* (Lindsay Anderson, 1982). However, EMI's role in these productions has been recorded only marginally, as footnotes in general histories of British cinema. The reasons for this critical neglect raise important questions about

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the processes involved in the creation of cultural canons and the definition of national culture. This book argues that EMI's amorphous nature as a transnational film company has led to its omission from this history and makes it an ideal subject to explore the 'limits' of British cinema. Shafer's study challenges the conventional historical assumption that British feature films during the Thirties were mostly oriented to the middle-class. Instead, he makes the critical distinction between

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films intended for West End and international circulation and those intended primarily for domestic, working-class audiences. Far from being alienated by a 'middle-class institution', working men and women flocked to see pictures featuring such music-hall luminaries as Gracie Fields and George Formby. The British cinema during the 1940s was enjoying an unlikely renaissance. During the Second World War and its aftermath, filmmakers were finding a new freedom to reflect the national mood,

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producing works of unparalleled ambition and boldness. Films like "Henry V", "Brief Encounter", "The Red Shoes" and "The Third Man" have become enduring classics of British and world cinema. Now in paperback and with a new Preface, "The Finest Years" chronicles these seminal years for British cinema through the characters and aspirations of some of its leading personalities. Drawing on extensive interviews and original research, it brings to life the atmosphere, ambience and

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connections of a unique film-making community. It offers a critical but sympathetic, fresh view of well-known individuals such as Carol Reed, David Lean and Michael Balcon. It also introduces readers to some lesser known, equally significant figures, including the flamboyant Italian impresario Filippo Del Giudice, and Robert Hamer, the maverick director of the Ealing comedy masterpiece Kind Hearts and Coronets. Charles Drazin demonstrates with affection and erudition how all of these and many

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***more fine talents made the
1940s British cinema's
renaissance years.***

***British Cinema of the 1950s
The Big Show***

A celebration

British National Cinema

***One Hundred Years of
Cinema Architecture***

British Crime Cinema

British Cinema: Past and Present responds to the commercial and critical success of British film in the 1990s. Providing a historical perspective to the contemporary resurgence of British cinema, this unique

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anthology brings together leading international scholars to investigate the rich diversity of British film production, from the early sound period of the 1930s to the present day. The contributors address: * British Cinema Studies and the concept of national cinema * the distribution and reception of British films in the US and Europe * key genres, movements and cycles of British cinema in the

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1940s, 50s and 60s *
questions of authorship
and agency, with case
studies of individual
studios, stars,
producers and directors
* trends in British
cinema, from propaganda
films of the Second
World War to the New
Wave and the 'Swinging
London' films of the
Sixties * the
representation of
marginalised communities
in films such as
Trainspotting and The
Full Monty * the
evolution of social

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realism from Saturday Night, Sunday Morning to Nil By Mouth * changing approaches to Northern Ireland and the Troubles in films like The Long Good Friday and Alan Clarke's Elephant * contemporary 'art' and 'quality' cinema, from heritage drama to the work of Peter Greenaway, Derek Jarman, Terence Davies and Patrick Keiller.

No Marketing Blurb
In this history of 1950s British cinema, the authors draw extensively

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on previously unknown archive material to chart the growing rejection of post-war deference by both film-makers and cinema audiences.

Cinema-going was the most popular commercial leisure activity in the first half of the twentieth century, peaking in 1946 with 1.6 billion recorded admissions. Though 'going to the pictures' remained a popular pastime, the transition to peacetime altered

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citizens' leisure habits. During the 1950s increased affluence, the growth of television ownership and the diversification of leisure led to rapid declines in attendance. Cinema attendances fell in all regions, but the speed, nature and extent of decline varied widely across the United Kingdom. By linking national developments to detailed case studies of Belfast and Sheffield, this book adds nuance to our understanding of

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regional variations in film exhibition, audience habits and cinema-going experiences during a period of profound social and cultural change. Drawing on a wide range of quantitative and qualitative sources, *Cinema and Cinema-Going* conveys the diverse nature of this important industry, and the significance of place as a determinant of film attendance in post-war Britain.

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Cinema

Cinemas in Britain

The Cinema of

Reassurance

The Dream That Kicks

British Cinema

The Routledge Companion

to British Cinema

History

The new edition of *The British Cinema Book* has been thoroughly revised and updated to provide a comprehensive introduction to the major periods, genres, studios, film-makers and debates in British cinema from the 1890s to the present. The book has five sections, addressing debates and controversies; industry, genre and representation; British cinema 1895-1939; British cinema from World War II to the 1970s, and contemporary British cinema.

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Within these sections, leading scholars and critics address a wide range of issues and topics, including British cinema as a 'national' cinema; its complex relationship with Hollywood; film censorship; key British genres such as horror, comedy and costume film; the work of directors including Alfred Hitchcock, Anthony Asquith, Alexander Mackendrick, Michael Powell, Lindsay Anderson, Ken Russell and Mike Leigh; studios such as Gainsborough, Ealing, Rank and Gaumont, and recent signs of hope for the British film industry, such as the rebirth of the low-budget British horror picture, and the emergence of a British Asian cinema. Discussions are illustrated with case studies of key films, many of which are new to this edition, including *Piccadilly* (1929) *It Always Rains on Sunday* (1947), *The Ladykillers* (1955), *This Sporting Life* (1963), *The Devils* (1971), *Withnail and I*

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(1986), *Bend it Like Beckham* (2002) and *Control* (2007), and with over 100 images from the BFI's collection. The Editor: Robert Murphy is Professor in Film Studies at De Montfort University and has written and edited a number of books on British cinema, including *British Cinema and the Second World War* (2000) and *Directors in British and Irish Cinema* (2006). The contributors: Ian Aitken, Charles Barr, Geoff Brown, William Brown, Stella Bruzzi, Jon Burrows, James Chapman, Steve Chibnall, Pamela Church Gibson, Ian Conrich, Richard Dacre, Raymond Durnat, Allen Eyles, Christine Geraghty, Christine Gledhill, Kevin Gough-Yates, Sheldon Hall, Benjamin Halligan, Sue Harper, Erik Hedling, Andrew Hill, John Hill, Peter Hutchings, Nick James, Marcia Landy, Barbara Korte, Alan Lovell, Brian McFarlane, Martin McLoone, Andrew Moor, Robert Murphy,

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Lawrence Napper, Michael O'Pray, Jim Pines, Vincent Porter, Tim Pulleine, Jeffrey Richards, James C. Robertson, Tom Ryall, Justin Smith, Andrew Spicer, Claudia Sternberg, Sarah Street, Melanie Williams and Linda Wood.

A guide to British cinema includes entries for major British actors, directors, and films from 1929 to the present.

A stimulating overview of the intellectual arguments and critical debates involved in the study of British and Irish cinemas

British and Irish film studies have expanded in scope and depth in recent years, prompting a growing number of critical debates on how these cinemas are analysed, contextualized, and understood.

A Companion to British and Irish Cinema addresses arguments surrounding film historiography, methods of textual analysis, critical judgments, and the social and economic contexts that are central to

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the study of these cinemas. Twenty-nine essays from many of the most prominent writers in the field examine how British and Irish cinema have been discussed, the concepts and methods used to interpret and understand British and Irish films, and the defining issues and debates at the heart of British and Irish cinema studies.

Offering a broad scope of commentary, the Companion explores historical, cultural and aesthetic questions that encompass over a century of British and Irish film studies—from the early years of the silent era to the present-day. Divided into five sections, the Companion discusses the social and cultural forces shaping British and Irish cinema during different periods, the contexts in which films are produced, distributed and exhibited, the genres and styles that have been adopted by British and Irish films, issues of representation and identity, and

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debates on concepts of national cinema at a time when ideas of what constitutes both 'British' and 'Irish' cinema are under question. A Companion to British and Irish Cinema is a valuable and timely resource for undergraduate and postgraduate students of film, media, and cultural studies, and for those seeking contemporary commentary on the cinemas of Britain and Ireland.

An Autobiography of British Cinema tell the story of British film by those who made it.

The Finest Years

Guide to British Cinema

British Cinema of the 90s

DIVHistory of the relationship between government regulation of the film industry in the UK and the the developing film industry

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and 1940s./div
An A-Z format of British and
Irish films*