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*Horizons West: The Western from John
Ford to Clint Eastwood* Reaktion Books
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**ReFocus: The Films of Budd
Boetticher** IPG

The images and memories that matter most are those that are unshakeable, unforgettable. Kenneth Turan's fifty-four favorite films embrace a century of the

world's most satisfying romances and funniest comedies, the most heart-stopping dramas and chilling thrillers. Turan discovered film as a child left undisturbed to watch Million Dollar Movie on WOR-TV Channel 9 in New York, a daily showcase for older Hollywood features. It was then that he developed a love of cinema that never left him and honed his eye for the most acute details and the grandest of scenes. Not to be Missed blends cultural criticism, historical anecdote, and inside-Hollywood controversy. Turan's selection of favorites ranges across all genres. From All About Eve to Seven Samurai to Sherlock Jr., these are all timeless films—classic and contemporary, familiar and obscure, with big budgets and small—each underscoring the truth of

director Ingmar Bergman's observation that "no form of art goes beyond ordinary consciousness as film does, straight to our emotions, deep into the twilight room of the soul."

The Secrets of Story Scarecrow Press
Discussion of international culture and politics in Hollywood films from the mid-1930s to 1960s.

Making Movies with Orson Welles
McFarland

The Western is America's definitive contribution to cinema, a bullet-spattered blueprint for the nation's image of itself and its place in the world.

To watch a western is to witness the birth of a nation, overseen by square-jawed sheriffs and steel-nerved gunfighters, armed with six-guns and a clear moral vision. Their victories against

outlaws and Indians were proof that might was right -- so long as it was in the correct hands. Renegade Westerns shows the shadowy side of this picture, where heroes behaved like villains, where Indians were not always the savages we'd been led to expect. From injustice in The Ox-Bow Incident to racism in The Searchers, numerous films criticised the methods behind the myths and the personalities behind the legends. They questioned the simple belief that the destiny of the United States was to expand right across the continent, regardless of other peoples' claims to the land. The cast of characters includes cynical mercenaries and ageing cowhands, gun-toting cattle queens and teenage outlaws. We encounter western superstars -- John

Wayne and Clint Eastwood, Gary Cooper and Robert Mitchum -- and icons of modern film -- Brad Pitt and Samuel L. Jackson, Johnny Depp and Michael Fassbender. More than 100 films are dissected and discussed, from the hidden depths of High Noon and The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance to the ferocity of The Wild Bunch. There are skewed biopics of Billy the Kid and Jesse James, acid westerns and Cold War parables. The book ranges over 70 years of movie-making, right up to the biggest westerns of recent times -- The Homesman and Slow West, and a double-barrelled blast of Tarantino: Django Unchained and The Hateful Eight. Complete with a foreword by western expert Edward Buscombe and first-hand accounts by Wild Bunch stars Bo Hopkins

and LQ Jones, *Renegade Westerns* offers a fresh perspective on a genre that continues to attract both large audiences and critical acclaim.

Goin' Crazy with Sam Peckinpah and All Our Friends Wildside Press LLC

Scorsese and Religion explores and analyzes the religious vision of filmmaker Martin Scorsese's oeuvre, showing that Scorsese cannot be properly understood without reflecting on the ways that his religious interests are expressed in and through his art.

Made in Mexico Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Almost as famous for the legendary excesses of his personal life as for his films, Sam Peckinpah (1925–1984) cemented his reputation as one of the great American directors with movies

such as *The Wild Bunch* and *Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid*. Max Evans, one of Peckinpah's best friends, experienced the director's mercurial character and personal demons firsthand. In this enthralling memoir we follow Evans and Peckinpah through conversations in bars, family gatherings, binges on drugs and alcohol, struggles with film producers and executives, and Peckinpah's abusive behavior—sometimes directed at Evans himself. Evans's stories—most previously unpublished—provide a uniquely intimate look at Peckinpah, their famous friends (including Lee Marvin, Brian Keith, Joel McCrea, and James Coburn), and the business of Hollywood in the 1960s and 1970s.

Steven Spielberg McFarland

"In 1958, after viewing the noir classic

Touch of Evil, Gary Graver decided he wanted to direct films. He spent many years honing his craft, as both a cinematographer and a director, not to mention writer, actor, and producer—much like his idol, Orson Welles. In 1970, Graver impulsively called the famed director and offered him his services as a cameraman. It was only the second time in Welles's career that he had received such an offer from a cinematographer, the other being from Gregg Toland, who worked on one of the greatest films ever, Citizen Kane."--Back cover.

The Films of Audie Murphy Yale University Press

These were unique, complex, personal and professional relationships between master director John Ford and his two favorite actors, John Wayne and Ward

Bond. The book provides a biography of each and a detailed exploration of Ford's work as it was intertwined with the lives and work of both Wayne and Bond (whose biography here is the first ever published). The book reveals fascinating accounts of ingenuity, creativity, toil, perseverance, bravery, debauchery, futility, abuse, masochism, mayhem, violence, warfare, open- and closed-mindedness, control and chaos, brilliance and stupidity, rationality and insanity, friendship and a testing of its limits, love and hate—all committed by a "half-genius, half-Irish" cinematic visionary and his two surrogate sons: Three Bad Men.

Horizons West; Anthony Mann, Budd Boetticher, Sam Peckinpah McFarland
Reclusive American actor Randolph

Scott, known for his subtle, dignified performances in almost 60 westerns, has been called the “most genuine Westerner.” His career began in 1928 with the first of several bit parts; his first starring role was 1932’s *Heritage of the Desert*. He fought in World War I, studying horsemanship, shooting, and bayoneting, and acted in a variety of films in every genre from musical to swashbuckler. His final film was *Ride the High Country* (1962). Chronologically arranged from his birth in 1898 to his death in 1987, this book covers every film in which Randolph Scott acted. Each section begins with a biographical chapter and then lists Scott’s films from that period: each film’s entry has filmographic information, a synopsis, and detailed commentary, discussing such

topics as the financial aspects, production details, acting, other participants, anecdotes, and critical responses. Quotes from interviews with figures in the industry and published reviews bolster the entries. A bibliographical essay completes the work, which is heavily illustrated with stills and promotional materials.

[The Films of Randolph Scott](#) Rutgers University Press

While the western was a staple of cinema for many decades, the form began to fade as its greatest star, John Wayne, made fewer films of distinction toward the end of his career. In the mid-1960s, the genre was redefined by a handful of directors, including Don Siegel and Italian filmmaker Sergio Leone, who offered something edgier, bloodier, and

more violent. Working with both directors was an actor who had made a name for himself on the small screen in the hit western *Rawhide*. While Clint Eastwood would also star in and direct a number of successes with contemporary settings, his work in westerns represents the most significant part of his film career. In *The Clint Eastwood Westerns*, James L. Neibaur takes a film-by-film look at each of the superstar's signature works, from *A Fistful of Dollars* in 1964 to his modern-day classic *Unforgiven*, which earned him two Academy Awards, including best director. The author discusses in detail the production, impact, influences, and successes (both critical and commercial) of each film. In addition, Neibaur examines the continued success and influence of these

works—how they redefined, challenged, and progressed the western genre. The book also features chapters that look at Eastwood's other films in the context of his overall career. From the spaghetti westerns he made with Leone, including *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*, to his revisionist look at the Old West in *Unforgiven*, *The Clint Eastwood Westerns* shines a spotlight on some of the most thrilling films of the genre. For devotees of Eastwood—the actor or director—or simply fans of the western, this book is an entertaining look at one of Hollywood's most enduring stars.

Guide for the Film Fanatic National Geographic Books

Budd Boetticher (1916-2001) was a bullfighter, a pleasant madman and a talented journeyman filmmaker who

could—with the right material and drive—create a minor Western film classic as easily as he could kill a bull. Yet pain and passion naturally mixed in both endeavors. Drawing on studio archives and featuring insightful interviews with Boetticher and those who worked with him, this retrospective looks at each of his 33 films in detail, covering his cinematic career from his days as an assistant's assistant on the set of Hal Roach comedies to his last documentary some 45 years later.

Shooting Midnight Cowboy Springer This work not only traces Audie Murphy's life as a film actor (from *Beyond Glory*, 1948, to *A Time for Dying*, 1971) but also provides a biography that runs from his birth to his three years in the army, winning every possible combat medal

including the Congressional Medal of Honor—and from his Hollywood debut at James Cagney's invitation to his final dramatic decline, gambling his fortunes away, becoming involved in violent episodes, and dying in a plane crash in 1971. Each of the 49 film entries gives full credits, including casts, characters, crew, date of release, location, and cost, backgrounds for directors and main players, and comments and anecdotes from interviews with Murphy's colleagues. Critical reviews are quoted and the work is richly illustrated with film stills and private photographs.

Dvd Savant McFarland

Probably the most prominent living filmmaker, and one of the foremost directors of the postwar era, Jean Luc-Godard has received astonishingly little

critical attention in the United States. With *Speaking about Godard*, leading film theorist Kaja Silverman and filmmaker Harun Farocki have made one of the most significant contributions to film studies in recent memory: a lively set of conversations about Godard and his major films, from *Contempt* to *Passion*. Combining the insights of a feminist film theorist with those of an avant-garde filmmaker, these eight dialogues—each representing a different period of Godard's film production, and together spanning his entire career—get at the very heart of his formal and theoretical innovations, teasing out, with probity and grace, the ways in which image and text inform one another throughout Godard's oeuvre. Indeed, the dialogic format here serves as the

perfect means of capturing the rhythm of Godard's ongoing conversation with his own medium, in addition to shedding light on how a critic and a director of films respectively interpret his work. As it takes us through Godard's films in real time, *Speaking about Godard* conveys the sense that we are at the movies with Silverman and Farocki, and that we, as both student and participant, are the ultimate beneficiaries of the performance of this critique. Accessible, informative, witty, and, most of all, entertaining, the conversations assembled here form a testament to the continuing power of Godard's work to spark intense debate, and reinvigorate the study of one of the great artists of our time.

Werner Herzog Public Affairs

Dave Kehr's writing about film has garnered high praise from both readers and fellow critics. Among his admirers are some of his most influential contemporaries. Roger Ebert called Kehr "one of the most gifted film critics in America." James Naremore thought he was "one of the best writers on film the country as a whole has ever produced." But aside from remarkably detailed but brief capsule reviews and top-ten lists, you won't find much of Kehr's work on the Internet, and many of the longer and more nuanced essays for which he is best known have not yet been published in book form. With *When Movies Mattered*, readers welcomed the first collection of Kehr's criticism, written during his time at the *Chicago Reader*. *Movies That Mattered* is its sequel, with

fifty more reviews and essays drawn from the archives of both the *Chicago Reader* and *Chicago* magazine from 1974 to 1986. As with *When Movies Mattered*, the majority of the reviews offer in-depth analyses of individual films that are among Kehr's favorites, from a thoughtful discussion of the sobering Holocaust documentary *Shoah* to an irresistible celebration of the raucous comedy *Used Cars*. But fans of Kehr's work will be just as taken by his dissections of critically acclaimed films he found disappointing, including *The Shining*, *Apocalypse Now*, and *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. Whether you're a long-time reader or just discovering Dave Kehr, the insights in *Movies That Mattered* will enhance your appreciation of the movies you already love—and may even make

you think twice about one or two you hated.

The Films of Budd Boetticher Da Capo Press

"Much more than a page-turner. It's the first essential work of cultural history of the new decade." —Charles Kaiser, *The Guardian* One of *The Washington Post's* 50 best nonfiction books of 2021 | A *Publishers Weekly* best book of 2021 The Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and *New York Times*-bestselling author of the behind-the-scenes explorations of the classic American Westerns *High Noon* and *The Searchers* now reveals the history of the controversial 1969 Oscar-winning film that signaled a dramatic shift in American popular culture. Director John Schlesinger's *Darling* was nominated for five Academy Awards, and

introduced the world to the transcendently talented Julie Christie. Suddenly the toast of Hollywood, Schlesinger used his newfound clout to film an expensive, Panavision adaptation of *Far from the Madding Crowd*. Expectations were huge, making the movie's complete critical and commercial failure even more devastating, and Schlesinger suddenly found himself persona non grata in the Hollywood circles he had hoped to conquer. Given his recent travails, Schlesinger's next project seemed doubly daring, bordering on foolish. James Leo Herlihy's novel *Midnight Cowboy*, about a Texas hustler trying to survive on the mean streets of 1960's New York, was dark and transgressive. Perhaps something about the book's

unsparing portrait of cultural alienation resonated with him. His decision to film it began one of the unlikeliest convergences in cinematic history, centered around a city that seemed, at first glance, as unwelcoming as Herlihy's novel itself. Glenn Frankel's *Shooting Midnight Cowboy* tells the story of a modern classic that, by all accounts, should never have become one in the first place. The film's boundary-pushing subject matter—homosexuality, prostitution, sexual assault—earned it an X rating when it first appeared in cinemas in 1969. For *Midnight Cowboy*, Schlesinger—who had never made a film in the United States—enlisted Jerome Hellman, a producer coming off his own recent flop and smarting from a failed marriage, and Waldo Salt, a formerly

blacklisted screenwriter with a tortured past. The decision to shoot on location in New York, at a time when the city was approaching its gritty nadir, backfired when a sanitation strike filled Manhattan with garbage fires and fears of dysentery. Much more than a history of Schlesinger's film, *Shooting Midnight Cowboy* is an arresting glimpse into the world from which it emerged: a troubled city that nurtured the talents and ambitions of the pioneering Polish cinematographer Adam Holender and legendary casting director Marion Dougherty, who discovered both Dustin Hoffman and Jon Voight and supported them for the roles of "Ratso" Rizzo and Joe Buck—leading to one of the most intensely moving joint performances ever to appear on screen. We follow

Herlihy himself as he moves from the experimental confines of Black Mountain College to the theatres of Broadway, influenced by close relationships with Tennessee Williams and Anaïs Nin, and yet unable to find lasting literary success. By turns madcap and serious, and enriched by interviews with Hoffman, Voight, and others, *Shooting Midnight Cowboy: Art, Sex, Loneliness, Liberation, and the Making of a Dark Classic* is not only the definitive account of the film that unleashed a new wave of innovation in American cinema, but also the story of a country—and an industry—beginning to break free from decades of cultural and sexual repression.

[A Short History of Film, Third Edition](#)
McFarland

The story behind *The Magnificent Seven* could have been a movie in itself. It had everything—actors' strike, writers' strike, Mexican government interference and a row between the screenwriters that left one removing his name from the credits, all under the lingering gloom of post-McCarthy era Hollywood. A flop on release, it later became a box office hit. This book tells the behind-the-scenes story: how Yul Brynner became the biggest independent producer in Hollywood; why John Sturges was not the first choice after Brynner surrendered the director's chair; why Sturges quit; the truth about the Mirisch Company (producers); the details of the film's botched release and unlikely redemption; the creation of Elmer Bernstein's classic score; and how

internecine fighting prevented the making of the television series in 1963. Myths about Steve McQueen, his feud with Brynner and the scene-stealing antics of the cast are debunked. A close examination of the various screenplay drafts and the writers' source material—Akira Kurosawa's *Seven Samurai*—shows who wrote what. Extensive analysis of Sturges' directorial work is provided.

Scorsese and Religion Univ of California Press

On cover: A critical checklist of more than 1600 must-see midnight movies, classics, silents, epics, camp favorites, cult picks, sleepers, video smashes, and more.

The American Cinema Applause Theatre & Cinema Books

From "The Rounders" to "Support Your Local Sheriff" to "White Hunter, Black Heart," Burt Kennedy's films and screenplays symbolize a two-fisted Hollywood in its prime. He rode with 'em all: Clint, the Duke, the King, the Chairman, and dozens of other living and lost legends. *Hollywood Trail Boss* is a tribute to a half-century of hard-hitting, comic-action filmmaking the likes of which we haven't seen since. Hear the story from the man himself-and find out who the real legend is.

ReFocus: The Films of Elaine May British Film Institute

THE WESTERN READER

Where Are the Elephants? Touchstone
One of the most important yet overlooked of Hollywood auteurs, Budd Boetticher was responsible for a number

of classic films, including his famous 'Ranown' series of westerns starring Randolph Scott. With influential figures like Martin Scorsese and Clint Eastwood acknowledging Boetticher's influence, and with growing academic interest in his work, Gary D. Rhodes and Robert Singer present a vital collection of essays on the director's long career, from a range of international scholars. Looking at celebrated films like

Buchanan Rides Alone (1958) and Comanche Station (1960), as well as at lesser-known works like *Escape in the Fog* (1945) and *Behind Locked Doors* (1948), this book also addresses Boetticher's influential television work on the James Garner series *Maverick*, and Boetticher's continuing aesthetic influence on contemporary TV classics like *Breaking Bad*.