

I Quattro Dellave Maria

"A comprehensive reference volume detailing nearly 5300 of the most popular, enduring film genre: feature-length (over 40 minutes) Westerns, including 16mm, 8mm, Super 8mm, videocassettes and videodiscs. Each entry has film title, release company and year, running time, b&w/color notation, cast listing, plot synopsis, brief critical review. It is illustrated with more than 100 photographs"--Provided by publisher. Italian cinema has been an influential, sometimes dominant, force in the world of filmmaking for over 100 years. Many world famous actors and production personnel have made their mark on the Italian screen. This is an encyclopedic reference and filmography to the nearly 5,000 people, Italians and foreigners, who have been involved in Italian filmmaking since 1896. Each entry provides brief biographical information on the person, along with full filmographic data on his or her films in Italy or for Italian filmmakers. The annotated title index includes Italian titles (and year) and English-language titles and alternate titles where appropriate. Conjoined to all of the title index references (to serially numbered personal entries), with the exception of acting credits, are mnemonic codes indicating specific areas of production (e.g., director, producer, camera, music, etc.).

The Western has always been inextricably linked to the USA, and studies have continually sought to connect its historical development to changes in American society and Hollywood innovations. Focusing new critical attention on films produced in Germany, Italy and Britain, this timely book offers a radical rereading of the evolutionary history of the Western and brings a vital international dimension to its study. Lee Broughton argues not only that European films possess a special significance in terms of the genre's global development, but also that many offered groundbreaking and progressive representations of traditional Wild West 'Others': Native Americans, African Americans and so-called 'strong women'. European Westerns investigates how the histories of Germany, Italy and Britain - and the idiosyncrasies of their respective national film industries - influenced representations of the self and 'Other', shedding light on the broader cultural, historical and political contexts that shaped European engagement with the genre.

Ever more popular in the age of DVDs, eBay and online fandom, the Spaghetti Westerns of the 1960s have undergone a mainstream renaissance which has nevertheless left their intimate relationship to the troubled politics of 1960s Italy unexamined. Radical Frontiers reappraises the genre in relation to the revolutionary New Left and the events of 1968 to uncover the complexities of a cinematic milieu too often dismissed as formulaic and homogeneous. Establishing the backdrop of post-war Italy in which the Roman studio system actively blended Italian and American culture, Austin Fisher looks in detail at the works of Damiano Damiani, Sergio Sollima, Sergio Corbucci, Giulio Questi and Giulio Petroni and how these directors reformatted the Hollywood Western to yield new resonance for militant constituencies and radical groups. Radical Frontiers identifies the main variants of these militant Westerns, which brazenly endorsed violent peasant insurrection in the 'Mexico' of the popular imagination, turning the camera on the hitherto heroic colonialists of the West and exposing the brutal mechanisms of a society infested with latent fascism. The ways in which the films' artistic failures reflect the ideological confusions of the radical groups is

examined and the genre's legacy is reappraised, as the revolutionary energy of Italy's New Left becomes subsumed amidst the conflicting agendas of New Hollywood, blaxploitation and the 'grindhouse' revival of Tarantino, Rodriguez and Raimi. Reclaiming the Spaghetti Western from the domain of the merely cool and repositioning it within the spectrum of late-1960s radical cinema, *Radical Frontiers* analyses the genre's narrative and cinematographic inscriptions in their political context to uncover Far Left doctrines in these tales of outlaws and sheriffs, banditry and redemptive violence.

This book is a complete reworking and update of Marga Cottino-Jones' popular *A Student's Guide to Italian Film* (1983, 1993). This guide retains earlier editions' interest in renowned films and directors but is also attentive to the popular films which achieved box office success among the public.

Cosa avranno in comune i Ramones, con la loro ineguagliabile miscela di grezzezza e dolcezza, di brutalità e spensieratezza, di energia e melanconia per il surf, per il pop, per il bubblegum, con le avanguardie artistiche? I "quattro coatti della periferia di Forest Hills", come li definisce Jon Savage, quel frullato accelerato di Beach Boys, Beatles e fabbri ferrai, con il Futurismo e il Dadaismo? Il libro di Pablo Echaurren - pittore, illustratore, scrittore, fumettista - ripercorre i testi della punk band newyorkese, nati dall'incrocio tra un Jukebox e un martello pneumatico, da declamare alla corte del conte di Lautréamont, svelando come la loro estetica elastica come una gomma da masticare fosse un concentrato di arte pura, teatro dell'assurdo, fumetto, cinema d'autore, abilmente dissimulati sotto multistrati di spacconerie, di gaglioffaggini, di castronerie in libertà. Perché stupidità, arbitrarietà, anomalia sono l'unico rimedio all'intelligenza paralizzante e conformista, e nelle canzoni dei Ramones l'ignoranza diventa uno stato di grazia, una condizione aurorale, il paradosso e la buffoneria un modo per liberarsi dall'ossessione della ragione.

Jürgen Müller's overview of the films of the 1960s has over a hundred A to Z entries that include synopses, film stills, cast and crew listings, box office figures, trivia and actor and director biographies. The book covers examples of Italian, French, German and American movies that strongly characterized the 1960s.

Features entries and filmographies for 15,000 actors and actresses, American and foreign, who have been active between 1967 and 1980, regardless of the size of their parts

What links Italian neorealism to *Django Unchained*, French comic books to Third-World insurgency, and Bollywood song-and-dance to Eastern Bloc film distribution? As this volume illustrates, the answers lie in the Spaghetti Western genre. As the reference points of American popular culture became ever more prominent in post-war Europe, the hundreds of films that make up the Italian (or 'Spaghetti') Western documented profound shifts in their home country's cultural outlook, while at the same time denying specifically national discourses. An object of fascination and great affection for fans, filmmakers and academics alike, the Western allitaliana arose from a diverse confluence of cultural strands, and would become a pivotal moment in cinematic history. Reappraising a diverse selection of films, from the internationally famed works of Sergio Leone to the cult cachet of Sergio Corbucci and the more obscure outputs of such directors as Giuseppe Colizzi and Ferdinando Baldi, this comprehensive study brings together leading international scholars in a variety of disciplines to both revisit

the genre's cultural significance and consider its on-going influence on international film industries.

A collection for laypersons and experts alike, this authoritative work includes biographies of the stars, producers, directors, writers, technical information, and more. Non tutte le persone nel Mondo, hanno la fortuna, di portare arrivare alla fine dell'esistenza, in un modo lineare, sereno, come quella che ci attendavano nei primi anni di vita. Ma questo altalenante destino di Carlo, Fabio, Maly' e Sarah, non è solo di disgrazie e frustrazioni, ma quel percorso insolito ai margini sociali, loro imparano insieme a crescere a a capire cosa vuol dire volersi bene. Questo libro insolito, di romanzo a operetta, di sfumature ricche di emozioni e di colpi di scena, potrà far riflettere i lettori in una suggestiva riflessione nella comprensione, quanto un karma, molte volte pesante e doloroso, con le strade scelte per noi da Dio, anche se pesanti e dolorose ci conducono alla miracolosa, inaspettata, salvezza dell'Anima.

This book identifies the most significant Spaghetti Westerns produced and the individuals who contributed to the genre, including actors Clint Eastwood, composers such as Ennio Morricone, and directors like Sergio Leone. The most memorable movies of the genre are also examined, including Django, A Fistful of Dollars, and They Call Me Trinity.

E' comodo definirsi scrittori da parte di chi non ha arte né parte. I letterati, che non siano poeti, cioè scrittori stringati, si dividono in narratori e saggisti. E' facile scrivere "C'era una volta..." e parlare di cazzate con nomi di fantasia. In questo modo il successo è assicurato e non hai rompiballe che si sentono diffamati e che ti querelano e che, spesso, sono gli stessi che ti condannano. Meno facile è essere saggisti e scrivere "C'è adesso..." e parlare di cose reali con nomi e cognomi. Impossibile poi è essere saggisti e scrivere delle malefatte dei magistrati e del Potere in generale, che per logica ti perseguitano per farti cessare di scrivere.

Devastante è farlo senza essere di sinistra. Quando si parla di veri scrittori ci si ricordi di Dante Alighieri e della fine che fece il primo saggista mondiale. Le vittime, vere o presunte, di soprusi, parlano solo di loro, inascoltati, pretendendo aiuto. Io da vittima non racconto di me e delle mie traversie. Ascoltato e seguito, parlo degli altri, vittime o carnefici, che l'aiuto cercato non lo concederanno mai. "Chi non conosce la verità è uno sciocco, ma chi, conoscendola, la chiama bugia, è un delinquente". Aforisma di Bertolt Brecht. Bene. Tante verità soggettive e tante omertà son tasselli che la mente corrompono. Io le cerco, le filtro e nei miei libri compongo il puzzle, svelando l'immagine che dimostra la verità oggettiva censurata da interessi economici ed ideologie vetuste e criminali. Rappresentare con verità storica, anche scomoda ai potenti di turno, la realtà contemporanea, rapportandola al passato e proiettandola al futuro. Per non reiterare vecchi errori. Perché la massa dimentica o non conosce. Denuncio i difetti e caldeggio i pregi italici. Perché non abbiamo orgoglio e dignità per migliorarci e perché non sappiamo apprezzare, tutelare e promuovere quello che abbiamo ereditato dai nostri avi. Insomma, siamo bravi a farci del male e qualcuno deve pur essere diverso!

Giuseppe Colizzi è un nome sicuramente sconosciuto al grande pubblico cinematografico (e forse, in parte, anche al piccolo) ma per ciò che ha inventato l'industria italiana del cinema dovrebbe, almeno, ricordarsi ancora di lui. Ma cosa ha inventato di così eclatante quest'uomo... una formula segreta? Non proprio, ma la formula per attirare il pubblico al cinema quella sì, e ha un nome, anzi due, Terence Hill e Bud Spencer! Se in Dio perdona... io no!, l'esordio cinematografico di Colizzi, la scoperta della coppia è avvenuta per caso, con i film successivi il regista saprà re-inventarla e dosarne le potenzialità all'interno delle sue sceneggiature. Giuseppe Colizzi, però, non può essere identificato solamente come l'inventore di Terence Hill e Bud Spencer, altrimenti passerebbero in secondo piano le sue

doti di regista formatosi con una gavetta cinematografica che lo ha portato a lavorare con registi del calibro di Luigi Zampa, Federico Fellini, Sergio Leone e molti altri. Dietro il carattere ironico dei suoi film si nasconde la figura di un uomo complesso, forse non capito fino in fondo, in ogni caso un uomo dal talento multiforme: ben prima di passare alla regia Colizzi è stato scrittore di buon successo per Mondadori, dimostrando quelle qualità narrative che saranno il punto forte delle sue sceneggiature. Questo libro, attraverso l'analisi dei film, della rassegna stampa, delle fotografie e delle interviste di chi lo ha conosciuto (essenziali per comprendere l'uomo e il passaggio che lo ha portato dalla produzione alla regia) si propone di ricostruire la storia di un autore altrimenti destinato all'anonimato. Inserti a colori

Ende der 1960er-Jahre war das Western-Genre zu einer phantasielosen und gewalttätigen Dauerballerei erstarrt – bis Bud Spencer und Terence Hill auftauchten. Mit ihren Filmen "Die rechte und die linke Hand des Teufels" (1970) und "Vier Fäuste für ein Halleluja" (1971) fegten sie den apokalyptischen Trübsinn mit entschlossener Leichtigkeit aus den Kinosälen heraus und sorgten stattdessen für schallendes Gelächter in der staubigen Prärie. Anstelle pathetischer US-Pioniere oder heimtückischer Italo-Outlaws à la Leone traten nun plötzlich zwei völlig neuartige Leinwand-Helden auf den Plan, die das Genre revolutionierten und es zugleich an seinen Endpunkt führten. In parodistischem Affront kreisten ihre Filme um ein ungleiches Brüderpaar, das sich statt blutiger Shootouts lieber skurrile Wortgefechte und schwungvolle Cartoon-Schlägereien lieferte und dabei mit verspielt-naiver Situationskomik die Herzen von Millionen Zuschauern eroberte. Christian Heger nimmt in bewusster Abgrenzung von oberflächlichen Trivial-Infos und sensationsgieriger Star-Reportage eine Einordnung des Phänomens Spencer/Hill in den kulturhistorischen Kontext vor, untersucht die komischen Wirkungsprinzipien ihres dualistischen Spiels und stellt die wichtigsten Köpfe und Motive ihres filmischen Universums vor. Zudem werden sämtliche Filme von Bud Spencer und Terence Hill mit Stabangaben, Inhalt und Kurzkritik besprochen. Ein eigenes Kapitel zur deutschen Verleih- und Synchrongeschichte rundet das Buch ab. Für die durchgesehene Neuauflage des erstmals 2009 erschienenen Bandes wurde die Spencer-/Hill-Filmografie aktualisiert und ergänzt und zudem die Lesefreundlichkeit durch die Übersetzung fremdsprachiger Filmtitel und Zitatpassagen erhöht. Ein zusätzliches Kapitel befasst sich mit dem großen öffentlichen Revival der beiden Leinwand-Helden während der letzten Jahre – geprägt durch Kino-Comebacks, unverhoffte Erfolge jenseits der Leinwand und eine überwältigende Vielzahl popkultureller Würdigungen durch die eingeschworene Fangemeinde.

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Catalogs a variety of sensationalist, low-budget, grade-B movies, including horror, science fiction, Blaxploitation, porn, and spaghetti westerns

The first edition was called "the most valuable film reference in several years" by Library Journal. The new edition published in hardcover in 2001 includes more than 670 entries. The current work is a paperback reprint of that edition. Each entry contains a mini-essay that defines the topic, followed by a chronological list of representative films. From the Abominable Snowman to Zorro, this encyclopedia provides film scholars and fans with an easy-to-use reference for researching film themes or tracking down obscure movies on subjects such as suspended animation, viral epidemics, robots, submarines, reincarnation, ventriloquists and the Olympics ("Excellent" said Cult Movies). The volume also contains an extensive list of film characters and series, including B-movie detectives, Western heroes, made-for-television film series, and foreign film heroes and villains.

This title has two main sections: a discography which contains each composer's productions listed alphabetically by title and an index of the various film and television production titles.

Spaghetti Westerns--mostly produced in Italy or by Italians but made throughout

Europe--were bleaker, rougher, grittier imitations of Hollywood Westerns, focusing on heroes only slightly less evil than the villains. After a main filmography covering 558 Spaghetti Westerns, another section provides filmographies of personnel--actors and actresses, directors, musical composers, scriptwriters, cinematographers. Appendices provide lists of the popular Django films and the Sartana films, a listing of U.S.-made Spaghetti Western lookalikes, top ten and twenty lists and a list of the genre's worst.

The 1960s and 1970s were the heyday of spaghetti westerns--low-budget films about the early American West mostly filmed in Italy. Though sometimes derided as excessively violent imitations of American-made westerns, they attracted a substantial following that has endured. With its classic elements of gunfights, gambling, heroes, sidekicks, love, and death, the genre is now perceived by critics as an intriguing object of study. This book analyzes the construction of the stories presented in spaghetti westerns. It examines the content of the Italian western using concepts and constructs borrowed from scholars studying "pre-industrial" narratives. Plot, the constellation of characters, their relationship to each other, and their motives are studied. Films examined in detail include the seminal *A Fistful of Dollars* as well as *Django*, *For a Few Dollars More* and *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly*. There is also a discussion of the early spaghetti westerns. The study then probes the elements of bounty hunters, the deprived hero, partnerships, betrayal, and comedy. An appendix details the top grossing Italian westerns between 1964 and 1975, including title, director, lead actor and intake. A second appendix provides a list of films quoted by Italian title and then by English title.

This guide covers every aspect of world cinema from Russian silents to Ealing comedies, classic documentaries to Japanese animated films, B-movie horror and major British and American releases since 1968. More than 660 new reviews are included in the 2002 edition, which covers the 2000/2001 Oscar and Bafta awards, prizes from the Berlin, Cannes and Venice festivals and a discussion of the topic Home entertainment: where are we now? The guide also includes the cinema centenary and Time Out readers' Top One Hundred polls.

This book provides wide-ranging commentary on depictions of the black male in mainstream cinema. O'Brien explores the extent to which counter-representations of black masculinity have been achieved within a predominately white industry, with an emphasis on agency, the negotiation and malleability of racial status, and the inherent instability of imposed racial categories. Focusing on American and European cinema, the chapters highlight actors (Woody Strode, Noble Johnson, Eddie Anderson, Will Smith), genres (jungle pictures, westerns, science fiction) and franchises (Tarzan, James Bond) underrepresented in previous critical and scholarly commentary in the field. The author argues that although the characters and performances generated in these areas invoke popular genre types, they display complexity, diversity and ambiguity, exhibiting aspects that are positive, progressive and subversive. This book will appeal to

both the academic and the general reader interested in film, race, gender and colonial issues.

Hollywood film scores underwent a supersonic transformation from the 1950s through the 1970s. This genre-by-genre overview of film and television soundtrack music covers a period of tremendous artistic and commercial development in the medium. Film and television composers bypassed the classical tradition favored by earlier screen composers to experiment with jazz, rock, funk and avant-garde styles. This bold approach brought a rich variety to film and television productions that often took on a life of its own through records and CDs. From Bernard Herrmann to Ennio Morricone, the composers of the "Silver Age" changed the way movie music was made, used, and heard. The book contains more than 100 promotional film stills and soundtrack cover art images.

"40 years ago as a graduate student I wrote a book about Spaghetti Westerns, called *10,000 Ways to Die*. It's an embarrassing tome when I look at it now: full of half-assed semiotics and other attenuated academic nonsense. In the intervening period I have had the interesting experience of being a film director. So now, when I watch these films, I'm looking at them from a different perspective. A professional perspective, maybe . . . I'm thinking about what the filmmakers intended, how they did that shot, how the director felt when his film was recut by the studio, and he was creatively and financially screwed. *10,000 Ways to Die* is an entirely new book about an under-studied subject, the Spaghetti Western, from a director's POV. Not only have these films stood the test of time; some of them are very high art." —Alex Cox

A History of Italian Cinema, 2nd edition is the much anticipated update from the author of the bestselling *Italian Cinema* - which has been published in four landmark editions and will celebrate its 35th anniversary in 2018. Building upon decades of research, Peter Bondanella and Federico Pacchioni reorganize the current History in order to keep the book fresh and responsive not only to the actual films being created in Italy in the twenty-first century but also to the rapidly changing priorities of Italian film studies and film scholars. The new edition brings the definitive history of the subject, from the birth of cinema to the present day, up to date with a revised filmography as well as more focused attention on the melodrama, the crime film, and the historical drama. The book is expanded to include a new generation of directors as well as to highlight themes such as gender issues, immigration, and media politics. Accessible, comprehensive, and heavily illustrated throughout, this is an essential purchase for any fan of Italian film.

The second book in the internationally bestselling fantasy series, *Day Watch* begins where *Night Watch* left off, set in a modern-day Moscow where the 1,000-year-old treaty between Light and Dark maintains its uneasy balance through careful vigilance from the Others. The forces of darkness keep an eye during the day, the *Day Watch*, while the agents of Light monitor the nighttime.

Very senior Others called the Inquisitors are the impartial judges insisting on the essential compact. When a very potent artifact is stolen from them, the consequences are dire and drastic for all sides. Day Watch introduces the perspective of the Dark Ones, as it is told in part by a young witch who bolsters her evil power by leeching fear from children's nightmares as a counselor at a girls' summer camp. When she falls in love with a handsome young Light One, the balance is threatened and a death must be avenged. Day Watch is replete with the thrilling action and intricate plotting of the first tale, fuelled by cunning, cruelty, violence, and magic. It is a fast paced, darkly humorous, haunting world that will take root in the shadows of your mind and live there forever.

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