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*New Power* Lioncrest Publishing

How does an iconic brand die? For more than two decades, Blockbuster was America's favorite way to watch movies. Millions of customers visited more than eight thousand stores around the globe every week, providing more data about movie audiences than anyone in history had ever owned. If any company should have predicted the disruptive forces coming down the pike, it was Blockbuster. But as new threats emerged, none of its five CEOs had answers, and the company collapsed long before its time. *Built to Fail* tells the complete inside story of Blockbuster's meteoric rise and catastrophic fall. Beneath the surface of explosive growth lay a shaky foundation of financial difficulty, tunnel vision, and missed opportunities. Written by Alan Payne, the man who built the longest-lasting Blockbuster franchise chain in the country, *Built to Fail* is a cautionary tale for today's disruptive marketplace, explaining why Blockbuster was a broken company long before Netflix ever streamed a single movie.

*Billboard* Savas Beatie

It is often thought that the story of Tutankhamun ended with the thousands of dazzling items discovered by Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon were transported to the Egyptian Museum in Cairo and put on display. But there is far more to the boy-king's story. *Tutankhamun and the Tomb that Changed the World* explores the 100 years of research on Tutankhamun that have taken place since the tomb's discovery, from the several objects in the tomb made of meteoritic iron that came from outer space to new evidence that shows that Tutankhamun may actually have been a warrior who went into battle. Author Bob Brier also takes readers behind the scenes of the recent CT-scans of Tutankhamun's mummy to reveal more secrets of the young pharaoh. The book also illustrates the wide-ranging impact the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb had on fields beyond Egyptology. Brier examines how the discovery of the tomb influenced Egyptian politics and contributed to the downfall of colonialism in Egypt. Outside Egypt, the modern blockbuster exhibitions that raise great sums of monies for museums around the world all began with Tutankhamun, as did the idea of documenting every object discovered in place before it was moved. And to a great extent, the modern fascination with ancient Egypt DL Egyptomania DL was also greatly promoted by the Tutmania that surrounded the discovery of the tomb. Deeply informed by the latest research and presented in vivid detail, *Tutankhamun and the Tomb that Changed the World* is a compelling introduction to the world's greatest archaeological discovery.

*Art and the Global Economy* Pantheon

The glorious tradition of the Broadway musical from Irving Berlin to Jerome Kern and Rodgers and Hammerstein to Stephen Sondheim. And then . . . Cats and Les Miz. Mark Steyn's *Broadway Babies Say Goodnight* is a sharp-eyed view of the whole span of Broadway musical history, seven decades of brilliant achievements the best of which are among the finest works American artists have made. *Show Boat, Oklahoma!, Carousel, Gypsy, and more.* In an energetic blend of musical history, analysis, and backstage chat, Mark Steyn shows us the genius behind the 'simple' musical, and asks hard questions about the British invasion of Broadway and the future of the form. In this delicious book he gives us geniuses and monsters, hits and atomic bombs, and the wonderful stories that prove show business is a business which -- as the song goes --there's no business like.

*Lonely Planet Best of East Coast Australia* Univ of California Press

*Millennials and Media Ecology* explores issues pertaining to millennials and digital media ecology and studies the cultural, pedagogical, and political environments such heterogeneous generation populates. The book questions whether millennials are properly understood as a heterogeneous group, particularly by the institutions and agencies that target them, and whether they are demonstrating the ability to set out a path for themselves and take charge of their own life and future. A diverse team of expert authors review past and current studies with critical assessment of arguments and propositions, and document actual experiences of members of the millennial generation through detailed studies. Engaging with topical subject matter and current research on millennials, the chapters: Question the misunderstanding that digital tools and Internet technologies are making the younger generation 'dumber' and 'disengaging' them from the real world Underscore the legal and economic insights into the commodification of the younger generation as consumers rather than learners Examine the historical trajectory of media technology, and whether new practices are having an empowering effect or one of enslavement to an increasingly irreversible technological and socio-political regime Shed light on issues of critical pedagogy emerging from digital environments in relation to one's mental abilities and degrees of wisdom Discuss the cultural and political implications of millennials' new media trends, the changing relationship between millennials and legacy media, which rely on the younger generation for survival; Offer new insights into the significance of current media trends in relation to issue of credibility and identity. This is an essential book for scholars in the fields of Media and Communications and Popular Culture, and will be vital reading for postgraduate students and specialists in related fields.

*Blockbuster Video Guide to Movies and Videos 1995* Routledge

Why the future of popular culture will revolve around ever bigger bets on entertainment products, by one of Harvard Business School's most popular professors What's behind the phenomenal success of entertainment businesses such as Warner Bros., Marvel Entertainment, and the NFL—along with such stars as Jay-Z, Lady Gaga, and LeBron James? Which strategies give leaders in film, television, music, publishing, and sports an edge over their rivals? Anita Elberse, Harvard Business School's expert on the entertainment industry, has done pioneering research on the worlds of media and sports for more than a decade. Now, in this groundbreaking book, she explains a powerful truth about the fiercely competitive world of entertainment: building a business around blockbuster products—the movies, television shows, songs, and books that are hugely expensive to produce and market—is the surest path to long-term success. Along the way, she reveals why entertainment executives often spend outrageous amounts of money in search of the next blockbuster, why superstars are paid unimaginable sums, and how digital technologies are transforming the entertainment landscape. Full of inside stories emerging from Elberse's unprecedented access to some of the world's most successful entertainment brands, *Blockbusters* is destined to become required reading for anyone seeking to understand how the entertainment industry really works—and how to navigate today's high-stakes business world at large.

*California* Penguin

The twenty-first century has witnessed the rise of India as a major media producer and consumer

market increasingly engaged with the global economy. Aided by rising incomes, technological remediation, regulatory strategies, and a shifting political terrain, the business of media has been given official recognition as a substantive component of India's economy and as a prominent feature of its economic thinking. In light of these developments, these two pioneering volumes investigate the dynamics of an increasingly integrated media economy encompassing television, film, music, sport, and telecoms. Volume 1: *Industrial Dynamics and Cultural Adaptation* illustrates the distinctive industrial dynamics of India's media economy, tracking the deeply embedded cultural, political, and economic forces that determine its everyday operation. The selection of essays serves to demonstrate the unique patterns of development and the complex field of exchanges that have constituted India's media economy. As a whole, this volume posits a comprehensive approach to understanding the nature of media resources, the negotiation of industrial norms and the cultural context of a media economy firmly situated in the realities of India's distinct regions, cultures, and human networks. Volume 2: *Market Dynamics and Social Transactions* provides a comprehensive analysis of the interlocking markets that constitute the media economy, focusing upon its particular commodity forms, labour conditions, and spaces of consumption. Taking account of a rich set of case studies, this volume argues for the necessary consideration of multiple and interdependent markets in explicating our everyday encounters with media. By foregrounding the social transactions that encapsulate market exchanges, it begins to illustrate some of the novel aspirations, meanings, and relationships arising with India's media economy.

**American Pop: Popular Culture Decade by Decade [4 volumes]** Harper Collins

*Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Power of Yes!* celebrates the empowerment we feel when we say "Yes!" to something that challenges us. Change your life for the better by doing the things that scare you. These 101 true, revealing stories will help you do just that. In a world where "why" is too often asked and "no" is too often an answer, this book encourages us to ask "why not" and celebrates the tremendous power in saying "Yes!" The authors of these 101 stories explain how saying "Yes!" changed their lives for the better. Whether it's something little, like trying a new food or something big, like jumping out an airplane, you'll be ready to shake up your own life after you read about their experiences.

**American Blockbuster** Springer Science & Business Media

Another thrilling Zac Power adventure! Zac is invited to the premiere of a new spy movie - in Hollywood! At first, Zac thinks he's getting a holiday from his spy work, but there's something strange going on. When Zac discovers a mysterious microchip with a prototype brain-washing technology, he realises that there's no time off for a super-spy!

*Encyclopedia of Television* Island Books

This is your illustrated invitation to the moments when movie history was made. Photographers? contact sheets are the permanent record of every shot that they took ? and through Hollywood's golden age, there was often a photographer on set, capturing the scene as actors and directors collaborated to produce classic movies. This book collects the contact sheets from classic movies like *The African Queen* (1951), *Some Like it Hot* (1959), *Taxi Driver* (1976), *Grosse Pointe Blank* (1997) and many more. Capturing legends such as Woody Allen, Audrey Hepburn, Alfred Hitchcock, Marilyn Monroe, and Frank Sinatra at work and at repose, these images offer rare glimpses into the art of moviemaking, the science of movie marketing, and the nature of stardom.

**Writing the Romantic Comedy** John Wiley & Sons

Celebrate the impressive career of Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson with this comprehensive visual guide, which chronicles every step from his explosive WWE debut match to his full-blown Superstar status. Dubbed "The Great One," for more than 20 years The Rock has delighted millions of fans with his charisma, catch phrases and championship wins - all captured in this stunning book. Discover The Rock's fascinating family history as the first third-generation WWE Superstar; his training and early years in the ring; his epic wins and greatest moments as The People's Champion; and his impressive movie career including his appearances in *The Scorpion King*, *The Mummy Returns* and the *Fast and Furious* franchise. Stunning photography captures The Rock's career highlights: headlining *WrestleMania* events and reigning supreme in matches against sports entertainment greats such as John Cena, Stone Cold Steve Austin, and Triple H. A must-have for any WWE fan, *The World of The Rock* reveals the whole story behind "The Most Electrifying Man in Sports Entertainment", both in and out of the ring. TM & © 2018 WWE. All Rights Reserved.

*Built to Fail* Catapult

From two influential and visionary thinkers comes a big idea that is changing the way movements catch fire and ideas spread in our highly connected world. For the vast majority of human history, power has been held by the few. "Old power" is closed, inaccessible, and leader-driven. Once gained, it is jealously guarded, and the powerful spend it carefully, like currency. But the technological revolution of the past two decades has made possible a new form of power, one that operates differently, like a current. "New power" is made by many; it is open, participatory, often leaderless, and peer-driven. Like water or electricity, it is most forceful when it surges. The goal with new power is not to hoard it, but to channel it. New power is behind the rise of participatory communities like Facebook and YouTube, sharing services like Uber and Airbnb, and rapid-fire social movements like Brexit and #BlackLivesMatter. It explains the unlikely success of Barack Obama's 2008 campaign and the unlikelier victory of Donald Trump in 2016. And it gives ISIS its power to propagate its brand and distribute its violence. Even old power institutions like the Papacy, NASA, and LEGO have tapped into the strength of the crowd to stage improbable reinventions. In *New Power*, the business leaders/social visionaries Jeremy Heimans and Henry Timms provide the tools for using new power to successfully spread an idea or lead a movement in the twenty-first century. Drawing on examples from business, politics, and social justice, they explain the new world we live in—a world where connectivity has made change shocking and swift and a world in which everyone expects to participate.

*Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Power of Yes!* Lulu.com

From the slapstick shenanigans of Hepburn and Grant in *Bringing Up Baby* to the sexy repartee of Shakespeare in *Love*, romantic comedies have delighted filmgoers -- and challenged screenwriters -- since Hollywood's Golden Age. Whether you're a first time screenwriter, or an intermediate marooned in the rewriting process, this thoroughly charming and insightful guide to the basics of crafting a winning script will take you step by step from "cute meet" all the way to "joyous defeat." You'll learn the screenwriting secrets behind some of the funniest scenes ever written; how to create characters and dialogue that set the sparks flying; why some bedroom scenes sizzle and others fall flat; and much more. *Writing the Romantic Comedy* features case studies drawn from beloved

romantic comedies such as *When Harry Met Sally*, *Annie Hall*, *Tootsie*, and *The Lady Eve*, as well as field-tested writing exercises guaranteed to short-circuit potential mistakes and ensure inspiration.

*Zac Power: Blockbuster* White Lion Publishing

In its 114th year, *Billboard* remains the world's premier weekly music publication and a diverse digital, events, brand, content and data licensing platform. *Billboard* publishes the most trusted charts and offers unrivaled reporting about the latest music, video, gaming, media, digital and mobile entertainment issues and trends.

*Co-Financing Hollywood Film Productions with Outside Investors* Simon and Schuster

A history of the modern blockbuster traces the progression of big summer films from the mid-1970s to the present, discussing how such factors as large Hollywood budgets and technological advances contributed to the industry's rise, in a volume that includes discussions with such figures as Steven Spielberg and George Lucas. 30,000 first printing.

*WWE World of the Rock* Routledge

An extensive biographical and critical survey of more than 300 jazz and popular singers is comprised of provocative, opinionated essays that incorporate the views of peers, fans and critics while assessing key movements and genres.

**Star Power: The Impact of Branded Celebrity [2 volumes]** Rowman & Littlefield

The respected expert in video sales and rentals offers an extensive reference guide of every film available on video--from new releases, classics and golden oldies to made-for-TV and foreign films. More than 20,000 entries, cross-indexed by title, director, celebrity, category, and more.

**Broadway Babies Say Goodnight** Simon and Schuster

Winner of the Management Accounting section of the American Accounting Association notable contribution to Management Accounting Literature Award Volume One of the Handbook of Management Accounting Research series sets the context for the Handbooks, with three chapters outlining the historical development of management accounting as a discipline and as a practice in three broad geographic settings. Volume Two provides insights into research on different management accounting practices. Volume Three features contributions from some of the most influential researchers in various areas of management accounting research, consolidates the content of volumes one and two, and concludes with examples of management accounting research from around the world. Volumes 1, 2 and 3 are also available as individual product. \* ISBN Volume 1: 978-0-08-044564-9 \* ISBN Volume 2: 978-0-08-044754-4 \* ISBN Volume 3: 978-0-08-055450-1 \*

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*Handbooks of Management Accounting Research 3-Volume Set* Springer Science & Business Media

Pop culture is the heart and soul of America, a unifying bridge across time bringing together generations of diverse backgrounds. Whether looking at the bright lights of the Jazz Age in the 1920s, the sexual and the rock-n-roll revolution of the 1960s, or the thriving social networking

websites of today, each period in America's cultural history develops its own unique take on the qualities define our lives. *American Pop: Popular Culture Decade by Decade* is the most comprehensive reference on American popular culture by decade ever assembled, beginning with the 1900s up through today. The four-volume set examines the fascinating trends across decades and eras by shedding light on the experiences of Americans young and old, rich and poor, along with the influences of arts, entertainment, sports, and other cultural forces. Whether a pop culture aficionado or a student new to the topic, *American Pop* provides readers with an engaging look at American culture broken down into discrete segments, as well as analysis that gives insight into societal movements, trends, fads, and events that propelled the era and the nation. In-depth chapters trace the evolution of pop culture in 11 key categories: Key Events in American Life, Advertising, Architecture, Books, Newspapers, Magazines, and Comics, Entertainment, Fashion, Food, Music, Sports and Leisure Activities, Travel, and Visual Arts. Coverage includes: How Others See Us, Controversies and scandals, Social and cultural movements, Trends and fads, Key icons, and Classroom resources. Designed to meet the high demand for resources that help students study American history and culture by the decade, this one-stop reference provides readers with a broad and interdisciplinary overview of the numerous aspects of popular culture in our country. Thoughtful examination of our rich and often tumultuous popular history, illustrated with hundreds of historical and contemporary photos, makes this the ideal source to turn to for ready reference or research.

**A Companion to Chinese Cinema** ABDO Publishing Company

Over the past two decades, investors from outside the motion picture industry have increasingly supplied equity to U.S. film productions. Today, these so-called co-financing arrangements are a common phenomenon in Hollywood. While the large studios usually carry out the operative tasks of movie production and distribution, the financiers as co-owners of the completed films have rights to the residual profits. Kay H. Hofmann analyzes the conflicts of interest and the organizational problems that may arise between the experienced major studios and investors with comparably low industry expertise. Guided by principal agent theory, the empirical analysis provides evidence for adverse selection and multiple aspects of moral hazard during production as well as distribution. Based on these findings, the author develops solutions that are not only relevant for current and future investors but also for studios and film producers who rely on the long-term availability of external funds.

**Millennials and Media Ecology** ABC-CLIO

Stars do have real power, but not all of them wield it wisely. This work explores how a variety of celebrities developed their brands and how celebrity can become a jumping-off point to entirely unrelated activities. • Connects artists to their frequent collaborators, giving readers the benefit of an expansive introduction that leads logically into an advanced discussion of each star • Documents how pioneering individuals such as Woody Allen and Clint Eastwood expand their professional activities, thereby setting the precedent for what is now commonplace: the performer as writer, director, producer, and brand • Covers a broad range of individuals, including Ezra Pound, Charlie Chaplin, Mario Puzo, Lady Gaga, Oprah Winfrey, Spike Lee, Fran Drescher, and even President Theodore Roosevelt