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- Covers the narrative, artistic, cultural, economic and political implications of cinema
- Provides conceptual frameworks for understanding a film's relationship to reality
- Explores how people tell stories and communicate ideas in film
- Helps you excel as a student of film

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### ***Learn to:***

- Put cinema into a cultural context based on different genres and styles
- Critique film from a range of theoretical, historical and critical perspectives
- Explore the world through film

### **From Hollywood to Bollywood, explore the fantastic world of film**

Whether you're preparing to study film at university or you simply have a passion for cinema, you're bound to enjoy this book. Here's where you'll learn how people communicate ideas in films, how the industry works and who's on the team, the impact of film on popular culture, the different genres and styles, film theory, the joys of animation and so much more.

- Explore far-reaching effects – examine the narrative, artistic, cultural, economic and political implications of cinema
- Compare and contrast film and reality – explore conceptual frameworks for a film's relationship to reality
- Find out just how they do it – discover how stories are developed in movies and how a storyline is related to broader issues in society
- Work out what it's all about – get to grips with avant-garde cinema and find out what such films really offer
- Take the incredible world tour – sample the unique styles of cinema in Europe, Japan, India and other countries
- Go larger than life – learn about greats in the industry, venture into film analysis and look at the transitions into 21<sup>st</sup> century cinema

### **Open the book and find:**

- How people tell stories in film
- Ways film is used to explore current issues and attitudes
- Responsibilities of cinematographers and producers
- The mysteries of mise-en-scene
- All about digital-age animation
- Auteurs from the 1930s to today
- What poststructuralism and postmodernism really mean
- Ten must-watch movies

About the Author

**James Cateridge** is Senior Lecturer in Film Studies at Oxford Brookes University. He researches and teaches British cinema, film policy and the international film industry. James has also worked with the Arts Council of England and as a film journalist for the London Film Festival.

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