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in this retelling of one of the great classic tales of the american west james comes across as a complex character a new age type

with an interest in parapsychology and alternative medicine a farmer a family man and a stone cold killer

from his first feature film the duellists to his international successes alien blade runner the helmsman and louise black hawk down gladiator and american gangster ridley scott has directed some of the most compelling films of the last 30 years apart from his work as a film director scott has engaged in a vast range of activities including that as a designer producer film mogul and advertising executive the ridley scott encyclopedia is the first book that focuses on all aspects of his work in a wide ranging career that spans nearly 50 years the entries in this encyclopedia focus on all aspects of his work and are divided into four categories the first focuses on ridley scott s work as a director encompassing his feature films from the duellists to body of lies as well as his work in television including commercials the second category focuses on the people who have been involved in scott s projects including actors directors producers designers writers and other creative personnel the third focuses on general thematic issues raised in scott s work such as gender construction political issues and geographical locations finally the encyclopedia incorporates entries on films by other directors who have influenced scott s approach to his work as a director or producer each entry is followed by a bibliography of published sources both in print and online making this the most comprehensive reference on scott s body of work

the term cult film may be difficult to define but one thing is certain a cult film is any movie that has developed a rabid following for one reason or another from highly influential works of pop art like eraserhead and faster pussycat kill kill to trash masterpieces such as miami connection and fateful findings thousands of movies have earned recognition as cult classics over the years and new movies rise to cult status every year so how do viewers searching for the best or most important cult films decide where to start in 100 greatest cult films christopher j olson highlights the most provocative intriguing entertaining and controversial films produced over the last century the movies included here have either earned reputations as bona fide cult classics or have in some way impacted our understanding of cult cinema often transcending traditional notions of good and bad while featuring memorable characters unforgettably shocking scenes and exceptionally quotable dialogue with detailed arguments for why these films deserve to be

considered among the greatest of all time olson provides readers fodder for debate and a jumping off point for future watching a thought provoking and accessible look at dozens of cinematic treasures this resource includes valuable information on the films creators and institutions that have shaped cult cinema ultimately the 100 greatest cult films offers readers from casual cinephiles film scholars and avid fans alike a chance to discover or re discover some of the most memorable films of all time

explore the enduring influence of the western the quintessential american film genre and its essential role in us and world culture follow the entire history of the western from its roots in the pulp novels of the early 20th century through the serials of the silent era and the mid century classics of john ford and john wayne to the recent award winning revisionist works like unforgiven and no country for old men that provide a more complex and nuanced take on history of the west perhaps more than any other pop culture genre the western allows us to view how americans have seen themselves over the last 150 years build a foundational understanding of the genre with 5 introductory essays exploring the development of the western mythos in the traditional western the heyday of the traditional western in the post wwii period revisionist westerns and the counterculture race and identify and the western outside of the usa close to 100 encyclopedia entries examine one or more movies or television programs and show how their creation and plots demonstrate the overall evolution of the genre easily compare films and tv programs from early genre favorites such as gunsmoke to more recent releases like django unchained with essential facts boxes accompanying each entry with information on the director studio key actors and box office receipts

more than a history of western movies the american west on film intertwines film history the history of the american west and american social history into one unique volume the american west on film chronicles 12 hollywood motion pictures that are set in the post civil war american west including the ox bow incident red river high noon the searchers the magnificent seven little big man and tombstone each film overview summarizes the movie s plot details how the film came to be made the critical and box office reactions upon its release and the history of the time period or actual event this is followed by a comparison and contrast of the filmmakers

version of history with the facts as well as an analysis of the film's significance then and now relying on contemporary accounts and historical analysis as well as perspectives from filmmakers historians and critics the author describes what it took to get each movie made and how close to the historical truth the movie actually got readers will come away with a better understanding of how movies often reflect the time in which they were made and how westerns can offer provocative social commentary hidden beneath old fashioned shoot em ups

ephraim katz's the film encyclopedia is the most comprehensive single volume encyclopedia on film and is considered the undisputed bible of the film industry completely revised and updated this seventh edition features more than 7 500 a z entries on the artistic technical and commercial aspects of moviemaking including directors producers actors screenwriters and cinematographers styles genres and schools of filmmaking motion picture studios and film centers film related organizations and events industry jargon and technical terms inventions inventors and equipment plus comprehensive listings of academy award winning films and artists top grossing films and much more

praise for canada's most overrated bank robber standing at the foot of the scantling was a thick freckle faced man whose prison cap could not hide his flaming head it was red ryan ernest hemingway a malicious little bastard ryan's childhood friend norman ryan is a vicious dangerous and resourceful thief toronto police chief s j dickson ryan is well liked in kingston prison a fine handsome clean cut man he stands out as a giant among the inmates athol gow toronto star we narrowly escaped meeting him if we had we fear we might like nearly everybody else have succumbed to his fatal charm j v mcree the globe and mail i m glad he is dead senator h a mullins dubbed the jesse james of canada norman red ryan was infamous in the 1920s and 30s until he was gunned down in an attempted robbery in sarnia ontario ernest hemingway wrote about ryan's escape from kingston penitentiary for the toronto star morley callaghan based a novel on him and stories of ryan and his daring crimes filled newspapers and airwaves one of the first canadians to be granted parole he was held up by prime minister r b bennett as a model of rehabilitation and became a regular guest

at toronto police picnics all the while however ryan continued a crime spree on the side with skepticism humour and an often scathing examination of his own profession journalist jim brown tells the incredible story of red ryan a larger than life criminal whose fame and legend were much encouraged by the media leading to deadly results

these new westers johnson reveals line dance and two step listen to garth brooks and george strait drink beer from long neck bottles wear clothes ordered from sheplers watch rodeo on espn play wild west arcade games eat fajitas and tacos in stuccoed mexican cafes collect western art and native american crafts and vacation in and move to the west new westers rewrite the history and biography of the west they reimagine the west in cowboy sagas and poetry native american novels mexican american drama nature writing revisionist films eclectic visual artwork and neo traditional music they flock to movies like thelma and louise unforgiven and dances with wolves watch mini series like lonesome dove and read bestsellers like the crossing and all the pretty horses new westers are men and women who may or may not have ever hitched up a horse but who crave connection with the west at the end of a century of urbanization technological change and cultural confusion they seek a more natural home a fuller and wider sense of place and a deeper and more colorful personal identity they also want to revive the dream of the mythic west but on different terms they overrun the old west and yet strive to preserve it raising troubling new concerns about the differences between the mythic and the real between traditional and contemporary cultural influences

shanghai noon open range cold mountain the missing the proposition brokeback mountain deadwood broken trail 3 10 to yuma the assassination of jesse james by the coward robert ford no country for old men these recent films all produced during the last ten years were either commercial or critical successes or both involving such big names as jackie chan nicole kidman tommy lee jones cate blanchett russel crowe and brad pitt they are all in some way or the other connected to the oldest film genre of all the western does this prove that the western is still not dead yet that there is a life after kevin costner s dances with wolves and clint eastwood s unforgiven in recent westerns robert spindler provides a concise overview of the western genre and its historical background he

introduces all of the major westerns produced since the year 2000 four of these open range the missing 3 10 to yuma and the assassination of jesse james by the coward robert ford are picked out for an in depth analysis covering such aspects as the western formula violence mythology ethnicity gender wild west heroes outlaws etc this essential guide to the contemporary western illustrates the genre s present appearance in a comprehensive and compact form

by his longtime friend and a pulitzer prize winning journalist the definitive biography of larry mcmurtry the legendary author and screenwriter of lonesome dove the last picture show and brokeback mountain who transformed our vision of the west before larry mcmurtry became one of the most celebrated writers of the twentieth century he worked on his family s ranch in rural texas at night he heard vivid stories of his cowboy uncles driving herds of cattle across the plains where there once were bison and native americans mcmurtry means beef as one ranching magazine put it by the time he died in 2021 mcmurtry had published forty books won a pulitzer for lonesome dove and an oscar for his cowritten adaptation of annie proulx s brokeback mountain and seen his work made into such classic films as hud and terms of endearment now mcmurtry means great stories for all his fame mcmurtry was an elusive figure he loved women but was married to his typewriter he was wary of critics and distrustful of other men except david streitfeld when mcmurtry gave the pulitzer prize winning journalist the keys to his past streitfeld dug into every archive and interviewed everyone who would talk he found that even as mcmurtry s work criticized the old cowboy myths he loved making up stories about himself western star reveals the real and complicated life of a storyteller who was both an icon and critic of texas the favorite of presidents confidant to movie stars like diane keaton and cybill shepherd friend to ken kesey and husband to his widow faye an obsessive bookseller and the most enduring voice of the american west

1883 part 3 the finale of jack s old west adventure the tumultuous year 1883 comes to a close with the final showdown between smiling jack candle and the sheriff without a gun

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