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**Profiles of Popular  
Culture** Manchester

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comedy of manners The Man of Mode? Friends as a reworking of Shakespeare's romantic comedy Much Ado About Nothing? Star Wars as an adaptation of Spenser's epic poem, The Faerie Queene? The popular culture that surrounds us in our daily lives bears a striking similarity to some of the great works of literature of the past. In television, movies, magazines, and advertisements we are exposed to many of the same stories as those critics who study the

great books of Western literature, but we have simply been encouraged to look at those stories differently. In Trash Culture, Richard K. Simon examines the ways in which the great literature and cultural work of the past has been rewritten for today's consumer society, with supermarket tabloids such as The National Enquirer and celebrity gossip magazines like People serving as contemporary versions of the great dramatic tragedies of the past. Today's advertising

repeats the tale of the Golden Age, but inverts the value system of a classic utopia; the shopping mall combines bits and pieces of the great garden styles of Western history, and now adds consumer goods; Playboy magazine revises Castiglione's Renaissance courtesy book, The Book of the Courtier; and Cosmopolitan magazine revises the women's coming-of-age novels of Jane Austen, Gustave Flaubert, and Edith Wharton. Trash Culture concludes that the great

books are alive and well, but simply hidden from the critics. It argues for the linking of high and low for the study and appreciation of each form of literature, and the importance of teaching popular culture alongside books of the great tradition in order to understand the critical context in which the books appear.

### **Cult Pop Culture**

University of Toronto Press

This book critically approaches contemporary meanings of materiality

and discusses ways in which we understand, experience, and engage with objects through popular culture in our private, social and professional lives. Appropriating Arjun Appadurai's famous phrase: "the social life of things", with which he inspired scholars to take material culture more seriously and, as a result, treat it as an important and revealing area of cultural studies, the book explores the relationship between material culture and popular practices,

and points to the impact they have exerted on our co-existence with material worlds in the conditions of late modernity.

### Smoking in British Popular Culture 1800-2000

Routledge

This revised edition of a now classic text includes a new introduction by Henry Jenkins, explaining 'Why Fiske Still Matters' for today's students, followed by a discussion between former Fiske students Kevin Glynn, Jonathan Gray, and Pamela Wilson on the theme of 'Reading Fiske

and Understanding the Popular'. Both underline the continuing relevance of this foundational text in the study of popular culture. What is popular culture? How does it differ from mass culture? And what do popular "texts" reveal about class, race, and gender dynamics in a society? John Fiske answers these and a host of other questions in Understanding Popular Culture. When it was first written, Understanding Popular Culture took a groundbreaking approach to studying such cultural

artifacts as jeans, shopping malls, tabloid newspapers, and TV game shows, which remains relevant today. Fiske differentiates between mass culture – the cultural "products" put out by an industrialized, capitalist society – and popular culture – the ways in which people use, abuse, and subvert these products to create their own meanings and messages. Rather than focusing on mass culture's attempts to dominate and homogenize, he prefers to

look at (and revel in) popular culture's evasions and manipulations of these attempts. Designed as a companion to Reading the Popular, Understanding Popular Culture presents a radically different theory of what it means for culture to be popular: that it is, literally, of the people. It is not imposed on them, it is created by them, and its pleasures and meanings reflect popular tastes and concerns – and a rejection of those fostered by mass culture. With wit, clarity,

and insight, Professor Fiske debunks the myth of the mindless mass audience, and demonstrates that, in myriad ways, popular culture thrives because that audience is more aware than anyone guesses.

*Pop Culture Matters*

Popular Press

"While usually associated with facets of commercial culture, pop culture can and must be analyzed as an important part of material, economic, and political culture. The author begins by defining

popular culture, outlining criticisms, and examining the impact of globalization on pop culture. She then explores mass media and popular culture (soap operas, Egyptian melodramas, Afro-Cuban rap music, and virtual communities), artistic expression and popular culture (graffiti art and body art), and gatherings and popular culture (fast food in Japan, equality in sport, and wedding rituals)."--Jacket.

### KEY QUESTIONS

University of Texas Press

Providing a comprehensive collection of classic and current papers on popular culture, this volume includes key works from Adorno to Williams, as well as a wide range of international perspectives that engage with the dynamic changes that combine to generate popular culture today. Garbage in Popular Culture Bloomsbury Publishing USA  
Since its birth in the 1960s, the study of popular culture has come a long way in defining its object, its purpose, and its

place in academe. Emerging along the margins of a scholarly establishment that initially dismissed anything popular as unworthy of serious study-trivial, formulaic, easily digestible, escapist-early practitioners of the discipline stubbornly set about creating the theoretical and methodological framework upon which a deeper understanding could be founded. Through seminal essays that document the maturation of the field as

it gradually made headway toward legitimacy, Popular Culture Theory and Methodology provides students of popular culture with both the historical context and the critical apparatus required for further growth. For all its progress, the study of popular culture remains a site of healthy questioning. What exactly is popular culture? How should it be studied? What forces come together in producing, disseminating, and consuming it? Is it always

conformist, or has it the power to subvert, refashion, resist, and destabilize the status quo? How does it differ from folk culture, mass culture, commercial culture? Is the line between "high" and "low" merely arbitrary? Do the popular arts have a distinctive aesthetics? This collection offers a wide range of responses to these and similar questions. Edited by Harold E. Hinds, Jr., Marilyn F. Motz, and Angela M. S. Nelson, Popular Culture Theory

and Methodology charts some of the key turning points in the "culture wars" and leads us through the central debates in this fast developing discipline. Authors of the more than two dozen studies, several of which are newly published here include John Cawelti, Russel B. Nye, Ray B. Browne, Fred E. H. Schroeder, John Fiske, Lawrence Mintz, David Feldman, Roger Rollin, Harold Schechter, S. Elizabeth Bird, and Harold E. Hinds, Jr. A valuable bibliography

completes the volume.

## **POP CULTURE AND CURRICULUM, ASSEMBLE!**

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 In this 7th edition of his  
 award-winning Cultural  
 Theory and Popular  
 Culture: An Introduction,  
 John Storey has  
 extensively revised the  
 text throughout. As  
 before, the book presents

a clear and critical survey of competing theories of and various approaches to popular culture. Its breadth and theoretical unity, exemplified through popular culture, means that it can be flexibly and relevantly applied across a number of disciplines. Also retaining the accessible approach of previous editions, and using appropriate examples from the texts and practices of popular culture, this new edition remains a key introduction to the area. New to this edition: •



Extensively revised, rewritten and updated • Improved and expanded content throughout • A new section on 'The Contextuality of Meaning' that explores how context impacts meaning • A brand new chapter on 'The Materiality of Popular Culture' that examines popular culture as material culture • Extensive updates to the companion website at [www.routledge.com/cw/st](http://www.routledge.com/cw/st) orey, which includes practice questions, extension activities and interactive quizzes, links

to relevant websites and further reading, and a glossary of key terms. The new edition remains essential reading for undergraduate and postgraduate students of cultural studies, media studies, communication studies, the sociology of culture, popular culture and other related subjects.

[The Women Who Transformed Fandom in Film, Television, Comics, and More](#) Routledge

This book examines different aspects of Asian popular culture, including

films, TV, music, comedy, folklore, cultural icons, the Internet and theme parks. It raises important questions such as - What are the implications of popularity of Asian popular culture for globalization? Do regional forces impede the globalizing of cultures? Or does the Asian popular culture flow act as a catalyst or conveying channel for cultural globalization? Does the globalization of culture pose a threat to local culture? It addresses two seemingly contradictory

and yet parallel processes in the circulation of Asian popular culture: the interconnectedness between Asian popular culture and western culture in an era of cultural globalization that turns subjects such as Pokémon, Hip Hop or Cosmopolitan into truly global phenomena, and the local derivatives and versions of global culture that are necessarily disconnected from their origins in order to cater for the local market. It thereby presents a collective argument that,

whilst local social formations, and patterns of consumption and participation in Asia are still very much dependent on global cultural developments and the phenomena of modernity, yet such dependence is often concretized, reshaped and distorted by the local media to cater for the local market.

### **POPULAR CULTURE**

Pop Culture  
The Culture of Everyday Life  
How popular culture is engaged by activists to effect emancipatory

political change One cannot change the world unless one can imagine what a better world might look like. Civic imagination is the capacity to conceptualize alternatives to current cultural, social, political, or economic conditions; it also requires the ability to see oneself as a civic agent capable of making change, as a participant in a larger democratic culture. Popular Culture and the Civic Imagination represents a call for greater clarity about what we're fighting for—not

just what we're fighting against. Across more than thirty examples from social movements around the world, this casebook proposes "civic imagination" as a framework that can help us identify, support, and practice new kinds of communal participation. As the contributors demonstrate, young people, in particular, are turning to popular culture—from Beyoncé to Bollywood, from Smokey Bear to Hamilton, from comic books to VR—for the vernacular through

which they can express their discontent with current conditions. A young activist uses YouTube to speak back against J. K. Rowling in the voice of Cho Chang in order to challenge the superficial representation of Asian Americans in children's literature. Murals in Los Angeles are employed to construct a mythic imagination of Chicano identity. Twitter users have turned to #BlackGirlMagic to highlight the black radical imagination and construct new visions of female

empowerment. In each instance, activists demonstrate what happens when the creative energies of fans are infused with deep political commitment, mobilizing new visions of what a better democracy might look like.

### **Pops in Pop Culture**

Routledge

Explores the cultural politics of garbage in contemporary global society. Garbage in Popular Culture is the first book to explicitly link media discourse, consumer culture and the

cultural politics of garbage in contemporary global society. It makes an original contribution to the areas of consumer culture studies, visual culture, media and communications, and cultural theory through a critical analysis of the ways in which waste and garbage are visually communicated in the public realm. Mehita Iqani examines three key themes evident in the global representation of garbage: questions of agency and activism, cultures of hedonism and

luxury, and anxieties about devastation and its affect. Each theme is explored through a number of case studies, including zero-waste recycling campaigns communicated on Instagram, to fine art made with waste, popular entertainment festivals, tropical beach tourism, and films about oil spills and plastic waste in oceans. Iqani argues that we need a new vocabulary to think about what it means to be human in this new age of consumption-produced

waste, and reflects on what rubbish allows us to learn about our relationship with the natural world. Mehita Iqani is Professor of Media Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, and the author of *Consumption, Media, and the Global South: Aspiration Contested*.

### **AN INTRODUCTION**

Routledge

This edited volume is the first book to engage in the specific connections between pop culture and

the field of curriculum studies, interrogating the production of particular subjectivities and knowledges, posing questions about the educability of those on the outside of humanity, and how our imaginings of structures, institutions, and configurations beyond what seems possible may inform the work and thinking we are currently engaged in. This edited volume has contributions from scholars who mobilize a multiplicity of theoretical frameworks and aesthetic

horizons, including but not limited to post-humanism, africanfuturisms, speculative fiction, cyborg studies, and decolonial studies. The volume concludes with a conversation with Prof. Jack Halberstam (Columbia University), one of the foremost scholars in cultural studies, queer theories, and popular culture, providing a fascinating dialogue with the field of education.

### **POPULAR CULTURE AND POLITICAL**

### **CHANGE IN MODERN AMERICA**

John Wiley & Sons  
A comprehensive, informal overview of world history and popular culture. Popular Culture: From Cavespace to Cyberspace traces the history of people's cultures from primitive to postmodern times. Educational, informative, and absorbing, this book contains interesting facts on such figures as King Tut, Henry Ford, Bill Gates, and Madonna, linking you to the world,

past and present. Popular Culture highlights important historical events such as the American, French, Russian, and Chinese Revolutions while examining world-changing social movements. You will go on a journey through time, exploring the cultures of the world, venturing from cavespace to tomb space, to temple space, then medieval space, to modern space and post-modern epochs, and finally to cyberspace. While moving through cultural history, you will

explore such stories and discoveries as: the 1991 discovery of Oetzi the Ice Man, who is 5,300 years old the legends of the Greeks, Romans, Egyptians, and Americans who or what turned on the light to the Dark Ages the impact of René Descartes: “I think, therefore I am,” and the inspiration of the Enlightenment modernism and the determination to be up to date the incredible 20th century that McDonaldized the world postmodernism and its technology cyburbia and globalism Popular

Culture contains a wide collection of stories covering cultural phenomena such as Tutmania, the Crusades, the Ninja Turtles, Hamburger University, elitism, Shakespeare, America's Frontier Thesis, The Global Village, and the coming millennium. You will be intrigued by the plethora of fascinating links that Professor Fishwick makes in this comprehensive guide to ever-changing popular culture.  
[Adaptation from Panel to Frame Duke University](#)

Press

This three-volume collection of original essays examines cult pop culture, the often-seedy underbelly of American popular culture. \* 60 essays examine cult topics based on linked subject matter \* Organization by subject enables readers to quickly find what interests them most \* A "Further Reading" section, including websites, films, and multimedia sources, helps readers to delve into cult pop culture topics in greater depth

Consumption and the Aesthetics of Waste

Broadview Press  
Surveying a range of topics, this lively and informative survey provides an up-to-date, thematic global history of popular culture focusing on the period since the end of the Second World War.

The Cultural Spaces of Childhood

SUNY Press (Applause Books). No doubt about it, New York City is the pop culture capital of the world. And for good reason. Movies, TV shows, iconic

photographs, works of literature, landmark buildings, amazing sculptures, and historic cultural events they all happen here. While other NYC guidebooks can get you to Central Park, they won't tell you where in the park to find the exact spots where over a hundred of your favorite movies were filmed or dozens of famous album covers were shot. That's why every pop-culture-loving explorer needs a copy of this one-of-a-kind treasure map to all the famous places you've

heard or read about over the years. Ready to explore? Featuring a multitude of maps and addresses to thousands of locations where some of the greatest moments in pop culture took place, Pop Culture New York City will lead you to: \* The locations of classic films like Breakfast at Tiffany's and The Godfather , and popular TV shows such as Friends and Gossip Girl \* Buildings where hundreds of celebrities live, including Celebrity Row along Central Park West \* The epicenters of cultural

revolutions like the Studio 54 nightclub and the Stonewall Inn \* Hundreds of iconic buildings and sculptures you can see for free \* And so much more! So whether you like movies, TV, theater, music, sports, comics, video games, or literature this book will take you on an exhilarating, not-to-be-forgotten adventure. **Popular Culture and the Great Tradition** ABC-CLIO The first introductory textbook to situate popular culture studies in the United States as an

academic discipline with its own history and approach to examining American culture, its rituals, beliefs, and the objects that shape its existence.

Media, Arts, and Lifestyle

Routledge

Postmodernism and Popular Culture brings together eleven recent essays by Angela McRobbie in a collection which deals with the issues which have dominated cultural studies over the last ten years. A key theme is the notion of postmodernity



as a space for social change and political potential. McRobbie explores everyday life as a site of immense social and psychic complexity to which she argues that cultural studies scholars must return through ethnic and empirical work; the sound of living voices and spoken language. She also argues for feminists working in the field to continue to question the place and meaning of feminist theory in a postmodern society. In addition, she examines the new youth cultures as

images of social change and signs of profound social transformation. Bringing together complex ideas about cultural studies today in a lively and accessible format, Angela McRobbie's new collection will be of immense value to all teachers and students of the subject. *How the Fringe Became Mainstream* Routledge "Adapted from *Popular Culture: A User's Guide*, Third Edition [published in 2014 by Nelson Education]." *People, Politics, and*

*Power* London : Routledge We immerse ourselves daily in expressions of popular culture—YouTube videos, hip hop music, movies, adverts, greeting cards, videogames, and comics, to name just a few possibilities—and far too often we pay only scant critical attention to them. The essays in this collection redress this situation by probing a wide range of topics within the field of popular culture studies. Written in engaging and jargon-free prose, contributions critically examine various

offerings in film, television, social media, music, literature, sports, and related areas. Moreover, they often pay special attention to the ways in which these pop culture artefacts intersect with issues of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual

orientation, age, and ability. Providing a rich mixture of broad perspectives and intriguing case studies, the essays form a compelling mosaic of findings and viewpoints on popular culture. Exploring everything from toxic masculinity in

twenty-first century television programmes to gendered greeting cards and adult colouring books, this provocative volume is essential reading for anyone interested in that fabricated and all-pervasive environment we call popular culture.

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