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**Reading Harry Potter** Apr 03 2021 The tropes and themes of J. K. Rowling's massively popular series are interpreted within the context of its audience.

Popular Culture Mar 22 2020 Popular Culture: A Reader helps students understand the pervasive role of popular culture and the processes that constitute it as a product of industry, an intellectual object of inquiry, and an integral component of all our lives. The volume is divided into 7 thematic sections, and each section is preceded by an introduction which engages with, and critiques, the chapters that follow. The book contains classic writings from all the 'big names;' plenty of contemporary cultural references that will appeal to students, including skateboarding, hip hop, fashion (Tommy Hilfiger, vintage) websites, Star Trek, Disney, etc; material organized in a skills-focused and learning-focused way; strong pedagogic features throughout, making this an excellent classroom text; pieces drawing on diverse national, disciplinary and subdisciplinary contexts; and sensitivity to issues of gender, race and sexuality.

Cultural Theory and Popular Culture Dec 11 2021 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/storey](http://www.routledge.com/cw/storey), 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.

**An Introduction to Theories of Popular Culture** Feb 19 2020 Among the theories and ideas the book introduces are mass culture, the Frankfurt School and the culture industry, semiology and structuralism, Marxism, feminism, postmodernism and cultural populism.

*Popular Culture and Critical Pedagogy* Oct 09 2021 This collection attempts to incorporate cultural studies into the understanding of schooling, not simply addressing how students read themselves as "members" of a distinct culture, but how they, along with teachers and administrators, read popular texts in general. The purpose of this book is to suggest some alternative directions critical pedagogy can take in its critique of popular culture by inviting multiple reading of popular texts into its analysis of schooling and seeing many forms of popular culture as critical pedagogical texts.

*The St. Martin's Handbook with 2021 MLA Update* Jul 26 2020 This ebook has been updated to provide you with the latest guidance on documenting sources in MLA style and follows the guidelines set forth in the MLA Handbook, 9th edition (April 2021). Andrea Lunsford's comprehensive advice in The St. Martin's Handbook, Eighth Edition, supports students as they move from informal, social writing to both effective academic writing and to writing that can change the world. Based on Andrea's groundbreaking research on the literacy revolution, this teachable handbook shows students how to reflect on the writing skills they already have and put them to use both in traditional academic work and in multimodal projects like blog posts, websites, and presentations. Integrated advice on U.S. academic genres and language follows best practices for helping students from both international and native-speaker backgrounds improve their understanding of academic English. Throughout The St. Martin's Handbook, Andrea Lunsford encourages all of today's students to learn everything they need to communicate effectively with the diverse people sharing their classrooms, workspaces, and civic lives.

**Queer Girls and Popular Culture** Sep 20 2022 Textbook

**Common Culture** Jul 18 2022 From Barbie to the Internet, the Simpsons to the malls, this engaging book on pop culture can help readers develop writing skills while reading and thinking about subjects they find inherently interesting. It contains essays addressing pop culture topics along with suggestions for further reading. Topics covered in the essays include advertising, television, popular music, cyberculture, sports, and movies. Because of its several comprehensive indices, this book is an excellent reference work for writers and analysts of popular culture.

*Reading Popular Culture* Dec 23 2022

*Critical Thinking and Popular Culture* Dec 31 2020

Environmentalism in Popular Culture Nov 17 2019 In this thoughtful and highly readable book, Noël Sturgeon illustrates the myriad and insidious ways in which American popular culture depicts social inequities as “natural” and how our images of “nature” interfere with creating solutions to environmental problems that are just and fair for all. Why is it, she wonders, that environmentalist messages in popular culture so often “naturalize” themes of heroic male violence, suburban nuclear family structures, and U.S. dominance in the world? And what do these patterns of thought mean for how we envision environmental solutions, like “green” businesses, recycling programs, and the protection of threatened species? Although there are other books that examine questions of culture and environment, this is the first book to employ a global feminist environmental justice analysis to focus on how racial inequality, gendered patterns of work, and heteronormative ideas about the family relate to environmental questions. Beginning in the late 1980s and moving to the present day, Sturgeon unpacks a variety of cultural tropes, including ideas about Mother Nature, the purity of the natural, and the allegedly close relationships of indigenous people with the natural world. She investigates the persistence of the “myth of the frontier” and its extension to the frontier of space exploration. She ponders the popularity (and occasional controversy) of penguins (and penguin family values) and questions assumptions about human warfare as “natural.” The book is intended to provoke debates—among college students and graduate students, among their professors, among environmental activists, and among all citizens who are concerned with issues of environmental quality and social equality.

**Re-reading Popular Culture** Jan 24 2023 Re-reading Popular Culture is an entertaining investigation of the meanings and value of popular culture today. It explores the theme of cultural citizenship by combining textual analysis and media reception theory to analyze popular culture. Includes such contemporary issues as the rewriting of masculinity after the success of feminism, and the layers of meaning in semi-public and private talk of multiculturalism and ethnicity. Traces its topics across a variety of media forms and texts, including sports; detective fiction and police series; and children’s television and games. Clearly and accessibly written for the student, scholar, and general reader.

Reading Beyond the Book Jul 06 2021 Literary culture has become a form of popular culture over the last fifteen years thanks to the success of televised book clubs, film adaptations, big-box book stores, online bookselling, and face-to-face and online book groups. This volume offers the first critical analysis of mass reading events and the contemporary meanings of reading in the UK, USA, and Canada based on original interviews and surveys with readers and event organizers. The resurgence of book groups has inspired new cultural formations of what the authors call “shared reading.” They interrogate the enduring attraction of an old technology for readers, community organizers, and government agencies, exploring the social practices inspired by the sharing of books in public spaces and revealing the complex ideological investments made by readers, cultural workers, institutions, and the mass media in the meanings of

reading.

**Understanding Popular Culture** May 04 2021 BOOK COVER -- TITLE -- COPYRIGHT -- CONTENTS -- ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS -- WHY FISKE STILL MATTERS -- READING FISKE AND UNDERSTANDING THE POPULAR -- NOTES ON CONTRIBUTORS -- PREFACE -- 1 THE JEANING OF AMERICA -- 2 COMMODITIES AND CULTURE -- 3 PRODUCTIVE PLEASURES -- 4 OFFENSIVE BODIES AND CARNIVAL PLEASURES -- 5 POPULAR TEXTS -- 6 POPULAR DISCRIMINATION -- 7 POLITICS -- REFERENCES -- INDEX

*The World is a Text: Writing About Visual and Popular Culture* Aug 27 2020

Wherever we look today, popular culture greets us with “texts” that make implicit arguments; this book helps students to think and write critically about these texts. *The World Is a Text* teaches critical reading, writing, and argument in the context of pop-culture and visual examples, showing students how to “read” everyday objects and visual texts with basic semiotics. The book shows how texts of all kinds, from a painting to a university building to a pair of sneakers, make complex arguments through their use of signs and symbols, and shows students how to make these arguments in their own essays. This new edition is rich with images, real-world examples, writing and discussion prompts, and examples of academic and student writing. The first part of the book is a rhetoric covering argumentation, research, the writing process, and adapting from high-school to college writing, while the second part explores writing about specific cultural topics. Notes, instruction, and advice about research are woven into the text, with research instruction closely tied to the topic being discussed. New to the updated compact edition are chapters on fashion, sports, and nature and the environment.

*Media Journal* Oct 21 2022 In this book we ask students to do three things: (1) To keep a media journal in which they reflect on the uses they make of the voices and images of popular culture; (2) to read and respond to the work of other media critics, to test their own views and experiences against those of the writers included in these pages, and (3) to try their hands at writing media criticism themselves. All three kinds of work ask students to find and write about texts from the media culture around them, to think critically about what they see and hear on their television sets and radios, in magazines and newspapers, on city streets and shopping malls, at the movies, and at concerts and clubs. To put it another way, we believe that a book such as this can provide only some of the materials for a course on writing about popular culture, that the remaining materials must always come from the media themselves and the experiences students have with them. Our aim is not to inculcate students with a certain set of critical methods or terms or to introduce them to the academic study of popular culture, but to offer them opportunities to rethink and write about their own experiences with the media, to come to their own understandings of our common culture.

**The Photoromance** Feb 13 2022 A fascinating feminist reading of an often scorned medium: the storytelling, cross-platform success, and female fandom of the photoromance. Born in Italy and successfully exported to the rest of the world, photoromances had a readership of millions in the postwar years. By the early 1960s, more than ten million Italians read a photoromance each week.

Despite its popularity, the photoromance—a form of graphic storytelling that uses photographs instead of drawings—was widely scorned as a medium, and its largely female audience derided as naive, pathetic, and uneducated. In this provocative book, Paola Bonifazio offers another perspective, making a case for the relevance of the photoromance for both feminism and media culture. She argues that the photoromance pioneered storytelling across platforms, elevated characters and artists into brands, and nurtured a devoted fan base. Moreover, Bonifazio shows that female readers—condescended to by intellectuals, journalists, and politicians of both the left and the right—powered the Italian photoromance industry's success. Bonifazio examines the “convergence culture” of Italian media as photoromance magazines dispersed their content across multiple formats, narrative conventions, editorial and business strategies, and platforms. The plots of photoromances often resembled the storylines of romantic films, and film stars themselves often appeared in photoromances. Bonifazio discusses the media habits of photoromance readers; the use of photoromances to promote political, religious, and social agendas, including a campaign for “birth control in comics”; and long-term fandom. While publishers built lifelong relationships with their readers, the readers built a common identity and culture.

**Reading Popular Culture in Victorian Print** Feb 25 2023 Reading Popular Culture in Victorian Print: Belgravia and Sensationalism is a comprehensive study of the whole run of the monthly periodical *Belgravia* under the direction of Mary Elizabeth Braddon. It traces the material history of the magazine, its production and global distribution while at the same time placing its history and content in the context of Victorian popular culture and Victorian discursive formations. Among the questions Reading Popular Culture in Victorian Print investigates are the status of authors in the marketplace, the innovative place *Belgravia* holds in the history of print culture, the rhetoric of sensationalism in fiction, journalism and pre-cinema, the representation of trade with India, and the use of urban space as a branding strategy. It makes the claim that the periodical is the sensation novel of the 1860s.

**Literacy and Popular Culture** Mar 02 2021 Most children engage with a range of popular cultural forms outside of school. Their experiences with film, television, computer games and other cultural texts are very motivating, but often find no place within the official curriculum, where children are usually restricted to conventional forms of literacy. This book demonstrates how to use children's interests in popular culture to develop literacy in the primary classroom. The authors provide a theoretical basis for such work through an exploration of related theory and research, drawing from the fields of education, sociology and cultural studies. Teachers are often concerned about issues of sexism, racism, violence and commercialism within the discourse of children's media texts. The authors address each of these areas and show how such issues can be explored directly with children. They present classroom examples of the use of popular culture to develop literacy in schools and include interviews with children and teachers regarding this work. This book is relevant to all teachers and students who want to develop their understanding of the nature and potential role of popular culture within the curriculum. It will also be useful to language co-

ordinators, advisers, teacher educators and anyone interested in media education in the 5-12 age-range.

**Reading India Now** Nov 29 2020 In an age of social media and reality television, reading and consumption habits in India now demand homegrown pulp fictions. Ulka Anjaria categorizes post-2000 Indian literature and popular culture as constituting “the contemporary,” a movement defined by new and experimental forms—where high- and low-brow meet, and genres break down. *Reading India Now* studies the implications of this developing trend as both the right-wing resurges and marginalized voices find expression. Anjaria explores the fiction of Chetan Bhagat and Anuja Chauhan as well as Aamir Khan’s television talk show, *Satyamev Jayate*, plus the work of documentarian Paromita Vohra, to argue how different kinds of texts are involved in imagining new political futures for an India in transition. Contemporary literature and popular culture in India might seem artless and capitalistic, but it is precisely its openness to the world outside that allows these new works to offer significant insight into the experiences and sensibilities of contemporary India.

**Christian Popular Culture from The Chronicles of Narnia to Duck Dynasty** Sep 27 2020 Christian popular culture has tremendous influence on many American churchgoers. When we have a choice between studying the Bible and reading novels, downloading movies, or watching television, we become less familiar with Numbers than with Narnia. This book examines popular Christian narratives with rigorous scholarly methods and assumes that they are just as complex, fascinating, and worthy of investigation as the latest secular Netflix series or dystopian novel. While most scholars focus on the religious aspects of Christian texts, this study takes a new approach by analyzing their social responsibility in portraying the complex dynamics of race, class, and gender in a profoundly unequal America. Close readings of six case studies--The Chronicles of Narnia, Francine Rivers's *Redeeming Love*, Jan Karon's Mitford novels, *Left Behind*, the films of the Sherwood Baptist Church, and *Duck Dynasty*--uncover both harmful stereotypes and Christians serving as leaders in social justice.

*Everything Bad is Good for You* Jan 20 2020 Putting forward an alternative to the endless complaints about reality TV, throwaway movies and violent video games, this book shows that mass culture is actually more sophisticated and challenging than ever before.

**Everyday Readers** Nov 22 2022 This title combines a number of different academic approaches in order to better understand the complex nature of readers' everyday encounters with their books.

**Deny All Knowledge** Oct 29 2020 The X-Files was one of the most subversive and longest-running science fiction series in US television history. Yet very little serious work has been done to examine the hit series. *Deny All Knowledge* examines topics such as: - Why is the series such a hit worldwide? - Why is The X-Files so popular online, generating dozens of websites and chat groups daily? - How does The X-Files' Conspiracy Theory compares to shows from the 1950s? - Can The X-Files be considered a modern-day myth? - What does The X-Files tell us about gender roles today?

*Understanding Religion and Popular Culture* Oct 17 2019 This introductory text

provides students with an extremely useful 'toolbox' of approaches for analyzing religion and popular culture.

Bring on the Books for Everybody Jun 17 2022 *Bring on the Books for Everybody* is an engaging assessment of the robust popular literary culture that has developed in the United States during the past two decades. Jim Collins describes how a once solitary and print-based experience has become an exuberantly social activity, enjoyed as much on the screen as on the page. Fueled by Oprah's Book Club, Miramax film adaptations, superstore bookshops, and new technologies such as the Kindle digital reader, literary fiction has been transformed into best-selling, high-concept entertainment. Collins highlights the infrastructural and cultural changes that have given rise to a flourishing reading public at a time when the future of the book has been called into question. Book reading, he claims, has not become obsolete; it has become integrated into popular visual media. Collins explores how digital technologies and the convergence of literary, visual, and consumer cultures have changed what counts as a "literary experience" in phenomena ranging from lush film adaptations such as *The English Patient* and *Shakespeare in Love* to the customer communities at Amazon. Central to Collins's analysis and, he argues, to contemporary literary culture, is the notion that refined taste is now easily acquired; it is just a matter of knowing where to access it and whose advice to trust. Using recent novels, he shows that the redefined literary landscape has affected not just how books are being read, but also what sort of novels are being written for these passionate readers. Collins connects literary bestsellers from *The Jane Austen Book Club* and *Literacy and Longing in L.A.* to *Saturday* and *The Line of Beauty*, highlighting their depictions of fictional worlds filled with avid readers and their equations of reading with cultivated consumer taste.

*Reading Sounds* May 16 2022 The work of writing closed captions for television and DVD is not simply transcribing dialogue, as one might assume at first, but consists largely of making rhetorical choices. For Sean Zdenek, when captioners describe a sound they are interpreting and creating contexts, they are assigning significance, they are creating meaning that doesn't necessarily exist in the soundtrack or the script. And in nine chapters he analyzes the numerous complex rhetorical choices captioners make, from abbreviating dialogue so it will fit on the screen and keep pace with the editing, to whether and how to describe background sounds, accents, or slurred speech, to nonlinguistic forms of sound communication such as sighing, screaming, or laughing, to describing music, captioned silences (as when a continuous noise suddenly stops), and sarcasm, surprise, and other forms of meaning associated with vocal tone. Throughout, he also looks at closed captioning style manuals and draws on interviews with professional captioners and hearing-impaired viewers. Threading through all this is the novel argument that closed captions can be viewed as texts worthy of rhetorical analysis and that this analysis can lead the entertainment industry to better standards and practices for closed captioning, thereby better serve the needs of hearing-impaired viewers. The author also looks ahead to the work yet to be done in bringing better captioning practices to videos on the Internet, where captioning can take on additional functions such as enhancing searchability.

While scholarly work has been done on captioning from a legal perspective, from a historical perspective, and from a technical perspective, no one has ever done what Zdenek does here, and the original analytical models he offers are richly interdisciplinary, drawing on work from the fields of technical communication, rhetoric, media studies, and disability studies."

*Manufacturing Desire* Dec 19 2019 *Manufacturing Desire* is a study of how the mass media broadcast or spread various popular arts; further, how the media and popular arts play a major role in shaping our everyday lives. The television shows we watch, the movies we see, the radio programs we listen to, and all the comic strips we read influence social behavior. They give us ideas about what is good and evil, about how to solve problems, and about how we should relate to others. If we understand this, says Berger, then the way we think about our media-influenced culture will be far different than if we see popular culture as mindless entertainment. Berger provides an analysis of the way popular culture and the mass media simultaneously reflect and affect various aspects of American culture and society. The book begins with a consideration of theoretical matters related to the study of popular culture and the mass media, and focuses on the important contributions of Gilbert Seldes on the subject. Throughout Berger makes use of a number of different perspectives to show how various disciplines, modes of analysis, philosophical positions, and belief systems help people interpret a given text. He concludes with an analysis of the impact mass media have across America, cross-culturally, and internationally. *Manufacturing Desire* will provide the general reader as well as specialists in communication and information, sociology, and psychology with a better understanding of the effects of mass media and popular culture on contemporary society.

*Shimmering Literacies* Mar 14 2022 This book examines the powerful role of popular culture in the daily online literacy practices of young people. Whether as subject matter, discourse, or through rhetorical patterns, popular culture dominates both the form and the content of online reading and writing. In order to understand not only how but why online technologies have changed literacy and popular culture practices, this book looks at online participatory popular culture from MySpace and Facebook pages to fan forums to fan fiction. Interviews and observations reveal the skills and practices students develop, as they sit multitasking at their computers, across popular culture genres and electronic media. For educators, the book provides significant insights into popular culture literacy practices, thus illuminating how students are making meaning and performing identity every day as they read and write online.

*Reading Rocky Horror* Jun 24 2020 The first scholarly collection devoted to *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, dissecting the film from diverse perspectives including gender and queer studies, disability studies, cultural studies, genre studies, and film studies.

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to the Internet, the Simpsons to the malls, this engaging text on pop culture helps  
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thinking, and writing about subjects they find inherently interesting. Spanning a  
full range of topics, it provides key reading and writing strategies, and contains  
essays addressing a topic generally and then explores related material in depth.  
In addition to the readings, each section begins with a catchy cultural artifact that  
leads students into a detailed introduction, discussion questions, essay topics, and  
suggestions for further reading and research.

**Text Messaging** Feb 01 2021

Everyday Reading Jan 12 2022 Exploring poetry scrapbooks, old-time radio show  
recordings, advertising verse, corporate archives, and Hallmark greeting cards,  
among other unconventional sources, Mike Chasar casts American poetry as an  
everyday phenomenon consumed and created by a vast range of readers. He  
shows how American poetry in the first half of the twentieth century and its  
reception helped set the stage for the dynamics of popular culture and mass  
media today. Poetry was then part and parcel of American popular culture,  
spreading rapidly as the consumer economy expanded and companies exploited  
its profit-making potential. Poetry also offered ordinary Americans creative,  
emotional, political, and intellectual modes of expression, whether through  
scrapbooking, participation in radio programs, or poetry contests. Reenvisioning  
the uses of twentieth-century poetry, Chasar provides a richer understanding of  
the innovations of modernist and avant-garde poets and the American reading  
public's sophisticated powers of feeling and perception.

**Popular Culture** May 24 2020 Popular Culture: A User's Guide, International  
Edition ventures beyond the history of pop culture to give readers the vocabulary  
and tools to address and analyze the contemporary cultural landscape that  
surrounds them. Moves beyond the history of pop culture to give students the  
vocabulary and tools to analyze popular culture suitable for the study of popular  
culture across a range of disciplines, from literary theory and cultural studies to  
philosophy and sociology Covers a broad range of important topics including the  
underlying socioeconomic structures that affect media, the politics of pop culture,  
the role of consumers, subcultures and countercultures, and the construction of  
social reality Examines the ways in which individuals and societies act as  
consumers and agents of popular culture

**Reading Popular Culture** Nov 10 2021 Papers presented at the First National  
Conference on Popular Culture, Nov. 17-19, 1988, Ateneo de Manila University.

Gender and Popular Culture Apr 22 2020 About the connection between various  
aspects of gender and popular culture.

**Reading the Popular** Apr 15 2022 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. Beneath the surface of the cultural artifacts that surround us - shopping malls, popular music, the various forms of television - lies a multitude of meanings and ways of using them, not all of them those intended by their designers. In *Reading the Popular*, John Fiske analyzes these popular "texts" to reveal both their explicit and implicit (and often opposite) meanings and uses, and the social and political dynamics they reflect. Fiske's "readings" of these cultural phenomena highlight the conflicting responses they evoke: Madonna may be promoted as a "boy toy", but young girls feel empowered by her ability to toy with boys; Chicago's Sears Tower may be a massive expression of capitalist domination, but it can also allow one to tower over the city. In each case it is the latter option that interests him, for this is where Fiske locates popular culture: it is the point at which people take the goods offered them by industrial capitalism (however oppressive they may seem) and turn them to their own creative, and even subversive, uses. Designed as a companion to *Understanding Popular Culture*, *Reading the Popular* gives the lie to theories that portray a mass audience that mindlessly consumes every product it is offered. Fiske's acute perception and lively wit combine to provide a truly democratic vision of popular culture, one that respects the awareness and the agency of the people who make it.

**Myths of Oz** Aug 07 2021 This book, first published in 1987, sets out to examine and extend our understanding of Australian popular culture, and to counter the long-established, traditional criticism bemoaning its lack. The authors argue that the 'knocker's' view started from an elitist viewpoint, yearning for Australia to aspire to a European culture in art, music, literature and other traditional cultural fields. They argue however that there are other definitions of culture that are more populist, more comprehensive, and which represent a vitality and dynamism which is a true reflection of the lives and aspirations of Australians. *Myths of Oz* offers no comprehensive definition of Australian culture, but rather a way of interpreting its various aspects. The barbeque or the pub, an expedition to the shops or a day at the beach, the home, the workplace or the job queue; all these intrinsic parts of Australian life are examined and conclusions drawn as to how they shape or are shaped by what we call popular culture. The authors look too at monuments and symbols, from Ayers Rock to the Sydney Opera House, which both shape and reflect Australian culture, while a chapter on the Australian accent shows how language and terminology play a powerful role in establishing cultural standpoints. A particular strength of this book is that while delivering a provocative and stimulating series of viewpoints on popular culture, it also makes use of current academic tools and methodology to ensure that we gain new insights into the meanings and pleasures we derive from our everyday experiences.

*Reading Pop Culture* Aug 19 2022 *Reading Pop Culture: A Portable Anthology* is a current, compact, inexpensive collection that taps into students' passionate engagement with popular culture in order to help them to become better writers. Its focus on themes of consumption, advertising, identity, technology, television,

movies, and new media prompts composition students to think and write about issues they care about. This volume in the popular Bedford/St. Martin's series of Portable Anthologies and Guides offers a trademark combination of high quality and great value. -- Provided by publisher.

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