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Screening World Cinema: A Screen Reader brings together a selection of key articles on world cinema published over the past two decades in the internationally renowned journal Screen.

This new collection allows readers to cross-reference the wide-ranging debates on world cinema that have been pursued and developed across many issues of the journal. Themes addressed include: the problem of defining 'World Cinema'; the relationship between 'First' and 'Third' cinemas and criticisms; issues of modernity and modernization; and melodrama as a national and transnational cinematic mode. *Screening World Cinema* also features chapters on important contemporary world cinemas — New Iranian, Latin American and Chinese cinemas among them — as they negotiate issues of globalization and cultural and political modernity; as well as a complete listing of articles and other items on world cinema published in *Screen* since 1976.

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What does it mean to be 'Chinese'? This controversial question has sparked off a never-ending process of image-making in Chinese-speaking communities throughout the twentieth century. This introduction to Chinese national cinema covers three 'Chinas': mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Historical and comparative perspectives bring out the parallel developments in these three Chinas, while critical analysis explores thematic and stylistic changes over time.

As well as exploring artistic achievements and ideological debates, Yingjin Zhang examines how — despite the pressures placed on the industry from state control and rigid censorship — Chinese national cinema remains incapable of projecting a single unified picture, but rather portrays many different Chinas.

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- thematic sections, each with an introduction by the editor
- a general introduction by Graeme Turner
- sections: understanding film, film technology, film industries, meanings and pleasures, identities, audiences and consumption.

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Mexican National Cinema Andrea Noble

Mexican National Cinema offers an account of the development of Mexican cinema from the intense cultural nationalism of the Mexican Revolution, through the 'Golden Age' of the 1940s and the 'nuevo cine' of the 1960s, to the renaissance in Mexican cinema in the 1990s.

The book moves from broad historical and theoretical context, particularly theories of nation, emergent discourses of 'mexicanidad' and the establishment and development of the Mexican industry, towards readings of key film texts and genres. Films considered include:

- Y tu mama también
- ¡Que viva México!
- La mujer del Puerto
- El Castillo de la pureza.

In each case, Andrea Noble considers the representation of nation inherent in these films and genres, placing an emphasis on the ways in which they intersect with debates in cultural history, particularly Mexico's quest for modernity.

Mexican National Cinema provides a thorough and detailed account of the vital and complex relationship between cinema and national identity in Mexico

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Bringing together seminal essays from a wide range of sources, this volume engages with films that fashion their narrative and aesthetic dynamics in relation to more than one national or cultural community, and that reflect the impact of advanced capitalism and new media technologies in an increasingly interconnected world-system. The essays demonstrate that, in an era no longer marked by the sharp divisions between communist and capitalist nation states, or even "first" and "third" worlds, Europe and the U.S. must be factored into the increasingly hybrid notion of "world cinema."

The reader is divided into four sections:

- From National to Transnational Cinema
- Global Cinema in the Digital Age
- Motion Pictures: Film, Migration and Diaspora
- Tourists and Terrorists

When read in juxtaposition, these essays make clear that the significance of crossing borders varies according to the ethnic and/or gendered identity of the traveler, suggesting that the crossing of certain lines generates fundamental shifts in both the aesthetics and the ethics of cinema as a representational art.

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