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A Nerd Girl's Guide To Cinema: Reviews Of 200 Cult Classics, Overlooked Gems, And Interesting Failures



Synopsis

Before your next movie night, get a nerd girl's perspective. In *A Nerd Girl's Guide to Cinema*, lifelong movie geek Kelly Cozy offers her insights on 200 cult classics, overlooked gems, and interesting failures – from *All That Jazz* to *Zabriskie Point*, and from the sublime to the ridiculous (and everywhere in between). You'll want to keep this guide handy when you load up your DVD queue or streaming list.

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Customer Reviews

I have to hand it to Kelly! She has some very clever reviews of movies in her book and I enjoyed reading them! She has a clever way with words and has watched some pretty crummy movies, which I probably wouldn't even bother with!

Nice refreshing reviews of movies. Like her take. Will definitely look up her fiction books soon. Very good read. Recommended

Good reviews on some classic movies I've never seen. Lots of humor and good opinions. A good film review book

Excellent book. Very enjoyable!!

A great way to fill in the odd time in airports.

A Nerd Girl's Guide to Cinema by Kelly Cozy is an excellent collection of 200 of her movie reviews. Many, namely the horror ones, appeared first on Horrorview but the others from a variety of genres were written for this collection. Let me be clear up front, I am not in complete agreement with all of Cozy's reviews. That shouldn't come as a surprise, most people don't agree with another person on 200 things even if they have similar ideas, so agreement is not the reason for my rating. These reviews are well-written and quite entertaining in their own right, though I thought the ones I agreed with were far more entertaining, go figure. There is a fair amount of humor in the reviews but it rarely gets in the way of the review, which ultimately is serious. I was a bit puzzled by a statement I saw elsewhere that "horror is NOT a particularly good genre for feminists" (emphasis theirs) since horror was a fairly significant portion of a couple of my Women and Gender Studies film classes and there is some wonderful work done on the topic. The names that immediately come to mind might date me but I would suggest reading some Barbara Creed, Julia Kristeva or Cynthia Freeland. In addition, feminism is not some monolithic entity so one person really has no room to claim a work, whether a review or a work of fiction, is or is not feminist. They are certainly welcome to state their opinion but to dismiss simply because it doesn't match one's own ideas is, well, patriarchal in nature. Having said all that, I agree with that person that this was never meant to be a feminist assessment or critique, either as a whole or specific reviews. There is plenty that could be used in a feminist critique but this is a collection of movie reviews from a fan-reviewer to other film fans. As I mentioned before, I had a few reviews with which I seriously disagreed. What makes this collection better in my view than many others was Cozy's presentation, which makes it clear to the reader how she approached the film. So even in disagreement I could understand why she may have felt the way she did, even if I still believed I would not, even given the same circumstances. I appreciate

someone sharing the hows and whys of their views rather than just pontificating from on high. I would recommend this to any film buff since Cozy makes a point of including many lesser-known films. Reviewed from a copy made available from the publisher through Reading Deals Review Club.

This attention-grabbing manuscript reads like a never-ending blog of movie reviews. Kelly provides information such as the year of production, director, screenplay information, and popular cast members, which makes it easy to locate the movies that piqued my interest. While she shares her views on the movies, she also provides insights, albeit from her point of view, on the performances. She also provides an expanded synopsis, including some quite detailed information about the plot, characterization, and premise. This was not the book I expected and it took me a while to read, as it probably wasn't meant to be read cover to cover. I would recommend this book to anyone (not just nerd girls) who enjoys reading reviews about movies. This is not the type of book to read in one sitting. It is, however, a great resource to peek at when looking for a good movie. Disclaimer: I received a copy of this book through Reading Deals in exchange for an honest review.

First let me say that this is not the normal type of book I tend to read. I'm more of a sci-fi/fantasy/horror person than a nonfiction person. That being said, I really did enjoy this book a lot. The author's reviews ranged from serious to funny. The range of movies was pretty much all genres and not just nerdy movies. Her reviews were very well written and quite informative. I highly recommend this for any movie lover. You may just discover a hidden gem you never knew about...I found quite a few here that I now know I must see and a few I really never want to see. Bottom line...if you're a lover of great (and not so great) movies then this is a book you won't want to miss. *Note: There was even an "intermission" in the middle of the book where the author reviewed some favorite TV shows. Great stuff!" I was provided with a complimentary copy of this book, through Reading Deals, so I could give an honest review."

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