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America explores the
historical development of
commercial surveillance
long before computers
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business and the state
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Text & Presentation is an
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devoted to all aspects of
theatre scholarship. It
represents a selection of

the best research presented at the international, interdisciplinary Comparative Drama Conference. This anthology includes papers from the 28th annual conference held in Columbus, Ohio. Topics covered include Euripides, German and Russian theatre, dramatic antecedents of the striptease, surrogate love in *The Glass Menagerie*, surrealist drama, Greek comedy and the American concept musical, and theatre and politics.

The Modern Era, 1893-1945 JHU Press
 To Be Continued... explores the world's most popular form of television drama; the soap opera. From Denver to Delhi, Moscow to Manchester, audiences eagerly await the next episode of *As the World Turns*, *The Rich Also Weep* or *Eastenders*. But the popularity of soap operas in Britain and the US pales in comparison to the role that they play in media cultures in other parts of the world. *To Be Continued...* investigates both the cultural

specificity of television soap operas and their reception in other cultures, covering soap production and soap watching in the U.S., Asia, Europe, Australia and Latin America. The contributors consider the nature of soap as a media text, the history of the serial narrative as a form, and the role of the soap opera in the development of feminist media criticism. *To Be Continued...* presents the first scholarly examination of soap opera as global media phenomenon.

Reflecting on America

Ohio State University Press

With *Amusement for All* is a sweeping interpretative history of American popular culture. Providing deep insights into various individuals, events, and movements, LeRoy Ashby explores the development and influence of popular culture -- from minstrel shows to hip-hop, from the penny press to pulp magazines, from the NBA to NASCAR, and much in between. By placing the evolution of popular amusement in historical

context, Ashby illuminates the complex ways in which popular culture both reflects and transforms American society. He demonstrates a recurring pattern in democratic culture by showing how groups and individuals on the cultural and social periphery have profoundly altered the nature of mainstream entertainment. The mainstream has repeatedly co-opted and sanitized marginal trends in a process that continues to shift the limits of acceptability.

Ashby describes how social control and notions of public morality often vie with the bold, erotic, and sensational as entrepreneurs finesse the vagaries of the market and shape public appetites. Ashby argues that popular culture is indeed a democratic art, as it entertains the masses, provides opportunities for powerless and disadvantaged individuals to succeed, and responds to changing public hopes, fears, and desires. However, it has also

served to reinforce prejudices, leading to discrimination and violence. Accordingly, the study of popular culture reveals the often dubious contours of the American dream. With *Amusement for All* never loses sight of pop culture's primary goal: the buying and selling of fun. Ironically, although popular culture has drawn an enormous variety of amusements from grassroots origins, the biggest winners are most often sprawling corporations with little connection to a

movement's original innovators.
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The Art of Democracy
 Simon and Schuster
 In the Roaring Twenties, New York City nightclubs and speakeasies became hot spots where traditions were flouted and modernity was forged. With powerful patrons in Tammany Hall and a growing customer base, nightclubs flourished in spite of the efforts of civic-minded reformers and federal Prohibition

enforcement. This encounter between clubs and government-generated scandals, reform crusades, and regulations helped to redefine the image and reality of urban life in the United States. Ultimately, it took the Great Depression to cool Manhattan's Jazz Age nightclubs, forcing them to adapt and relocate, but not before they left their mark on the future of American leisure. *Nightclub City* explores the cultural significance of New York City's nightlife

between the wars, from Texas Guinan's notorious 300 Club to Billy Rose's nostalgic Diamond Horseshoe. Whether in Harlem, Midtown, or Greenwich Village, raucous nightclub activity tested early twentieth-century social boundaries. Anglo-Saxon novelty seekers, Eastern European impresarios, and African American performers crossed ethnic lines while provocative comediennes and scantily clad chorus dancers challenged and reshaped notions of femininity.

These havens of liberated sexuality, as well as prostitution and illicit liquor consumption, allowed their denizens to explore their fantasies and fears of change. The reactions of cultural critics, federal investigators, and reformers such as Fiorello La Guardia exemplify the tension between leisure and order. Peretti's research delves into the symbiotic relationships among urban politicians, social reformers, and the business of vice. Illustrated with archival

photographs of the clubs and the characters who frequented them, *Nightclub City* is a dark and dazzling study of New York's bygone nightlife. [Legends from American Burlesque](#) ABC-CLIO Robert Allen's compelling book examines burlesque not only as popular entertainment but also as a complex and transforming cultural phenomenon. When Lydia Thompson and her controversial female troupe of "British Blondes" brought modern burlesque to the United

States in 1868, the result was electric. Their impertinent humor, streetwise manner, and provocative parodies of masculinity brought them enormous popular success--and the condemnation of critics, cultural commentators, and even women's rights campaigners. Burlesque was a cultural threat, Allen argues, because it inverted the "normal" world of middle-class social relations and transgressed norms of "proper" feminine behavior and appearance.

Initially playing to respectable middle-class audiences, burlesque was quickly relegated to the shadow-world of working-class male leisure. In this process the burlesque performer "lost" her voice, as burlesque increasingly revolved around the display of her body. Locating burlesque within the context of both the social transformation of American theater and its patterns of gender representation, Allen concludes that burlesque represents a fascinating example of the potential

transgressiveness of popular entertainment forms, as well as the strategies by which they have been contained and their threats defused. *Surveillance Capitalism in America* Rowman & Littlefield
After a generation of pathbreaking scholarship that has reoriented and enlightened our perception of the American city, the two volumes of the *Encyclopedia of American Urban History* offer both a summary and an interpretation of the field.

With contributions from leading academics in their fields, this authoritative resource offers an interdisciplinary approach by covering topics from economics, geography, anthropology, politics, and sociology.

The Untold History of the Girlie Show Univ of North Carolina Press

This book analyzes the National Police Gazette, the racy New York City tabloid that gained an audience among men and boys of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Looking at how images of sex, crime, and sports reflected and shaped masculinities during this watershed era, this book amounts to a story of what it meant to be an American man at the beginning of the American Century.

Burlesque and American Culture

McFarland

This is a sociocultural history of the visually oriented mass media forms that beguiled American society from the 1890s to the end of World War II. The purpose of the

work is to show how revolutionary technological advances during these years were instrumental in helping create a unique culture of media-made origins. By focusing on the communal appeal of both traditional and new modes of visual expression as welcome diversions from the harsh realities of life, this book also attends to the American people's affinity for those special individuals whose talent, vision, and lifestyle introduced daring new ways to avoid the

ordinariness of life by fantasizing it. Also examined is the sociocultural impact of an ongoing democratization process that through its nurturing of a responsive media culture gradually eroded the polar postures of the elite and mass cultures so that by the mid-1940s signs of a coming postmodern alliance were in the air. Illustrated. Before his retirement Wiley Lee Umphlett served as an administrator/professor at the University of West Florida for more than

twenty-five years. *Show Town* Oxford University Press
The League of Exotic Dancers (LED) are a group of mid-twentieth century burlesque dancers who continue to perform today off the well-known strip in "Old Vegas." Through documentary photography and ethnographic interviews, Regehr and Temperley examine these dancers, who like "Old Vegas" itself, keep performing 60 years past their supposed prime. Women in American

History: A Social, Political, and Cultural Encyclopedia and Document Collection [4 volumes] SUNY Press
In a society that awaits 'the new' in every medium, what happens to last year's new? From player pianos to vinyl records, and from the typewriter to the telephone, 'Residual Media' is an innovative approach to the aging of culture and reveals that, ultimately, new cultural phenomena rely on encounters with the old. *From Weimar Cinema to Zombie Porn* Routledge

The author explores the important role that Jewish performers and middlemen played in the evolution of popular culture throughout the century, from stage and big screen to radio, television, and the music industry. He concludes with a discussion of Jewish values that helps explain the role that Jews continue to play in American popular culture. *Image and Icon in Culture and Cinema* Oxford University Press
The volume explores contemporary and

historical films about “marked women” in various national cinema traditions. The essays focus on the depictions of prostitution and promiscuity in visual media from Silent Film in America to Weimar Cinema in Germany, the Golden Years in Hollywood, to the present. The book also touches on the Western genre, exploitation film, pornography, independent, and exploitation movies. **Burlesque West** University Press of

Kentucky
The most beloved American comedic actor of the nineteenth century, Joseph Jefferson made his name as Washington Irving's Rip Van Winkle. In this book, a compelling blend of biography and theatrical and cultural history, Benjamin McArthur chronicles Jefferson's remarkable career and offers a lively and original account of the heroic age of the American theatre. Joe Jefferson's entire life was spent on the stage, from the age of Jackson to the

dawn of motion pictures. He extensively toured the United States as well as Australia and Great Britain. An ever-successful career (including acclaim as painter and memoirist) put him in the company of the great actors, artists, and writers of the day, including Edwin Forrest, Edwin Booth, John Singer Sargent, and William Dean Howells. This book rescues a brilliant figure and places him, appropriately enough, on center stage of a pivotal time for American theatre. McArthur explores the

personalities of the period, the changing theatrical styles and their audiences, the touring life, and the wide and varied culture of theatre. Through the life of Jefferson, McArthur is able to illuminate an era. *Horrible Prettiness* University of Toronto Press Music and queerness interact in many different ways. The Oxford Handbook of Music and Queerness brings together many topics and scholarly disciplines, reflecting the diversity of

current research and methodology. Each of the book's six sections exemplifies a particular rhetoric of queer music studies. The section "Kinds of Music" explores queer interactions with specific musics such as EDM, hip hop, and country. "Versions" explores queer meanings that emerge in the creation of a version of a pre-existing text, for instance in musical settings of Biblical texts or practices of karaoke. "Voices and Sounds" turns in various ways to the

materiality of music and sound. "Lives" focuses on interactions of people's lives with music and queerness. "Histories" addresses moments in the past, beginning with times when present conceptualizations of sexuality had not yet developed and moving to cases studies of more recent history, including the creation of pop songs in response to HIV/AIDS and the Eurovision song contest. The final section, "Cross-cultural Queerness," asks how to understand gender and

sexuality in locations where recent Euro-American concepts may not be appropriate. **National Police Gazette and the Making of the Modern American Man, 1879-1906** U of Minnesota Press
"Cullen's strength comes from his understanding of how the different strands of American society intertwine in imaginative, unpredictable ways ... The shape and vitality of pop culture's next era will depend, at least in part, on commentators like Cullen." —Washington

Post Book World "A thoroughly engaging look at American culture ... Cullen's articulate prose is spiced with wicked wit and he loves a good story ... Demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of complex cultural forces."
—Publishers Weekly
"Reflecting both the strengths and weaknesses of an unusually dynamic area of historical scholarship, The Art of Democracy is one of the best surveys of the history of American popular culture." —Journal of

American History "An exceptionally well-written and engrossing introduction to the nonelitist art forms of American popular culture ... Highly recommended." —Library Journal, starred review "Should be kept on hand to restore our faith in the things that matter to us." —American Studies

Popular culture has been a powerful force in the United States, resonating within the society as a whole and at the same time connecting disparate and even hostile constituencies. The novels

of the late 18th and early 19th centuries, the theater and minstrel shows of the mid-19th century, movies and the introduction of television and computers in the 20th century are the building blocks that Jim Cullen uses to show how unique and vibrant cultural forms overcame initial resistance and enabled historically marginalized groups to gain access to the fruits of society and recognition from the mainstream. This updated edition contains a new preface and final chapter

which traces the history of contemporary computing from its World War II origins as a military tool to its widespread use in the late 20th century as a tool for the masses. Cullen shows how the computer is reshaping popular culture, and how that culture retains its capacity to surprise and disturb. The highly acclaimed first edition of *The Art of Democracy* won the 1996 Ray and Pat Brown Award for "Best Book," presented by the Popular Culture Association.

Why the Jews?

University of Pennsylvania Press

Anthropologists travel back in time and across the globe to understand human culture?but, surprise, there is culture right here in the United States. This second edition of the best-selling textbook and anthology, *Reflecting on America*, again focuses on how we can recognize the common cultural thread running through diverse American phenomena?from heroin addiction and Big

Business?s efforts to shape the identities of children, to Civil War reenactments and the popularity of burlesque in the Midwest. In addition, this second edition includes chapters written especially for this volume on striptease, *Burning Man*, *The Big Bang Theory* TV show, and *Groundhog Phil*. Written throughout with verve and quirky humor, and offering ?Questions for discussion? after every article, this book is perfect for undergraduate classes in anthropology and

American studies. Drawing together twenty-two scholars with expertise in anthropological ideas about culture, *Reflecting on America* examines what it means to be American.

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