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Smart Pop Explains Marvel Movies and TV Shows

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who is iron man what s an infinity stone when did captain america become the first avenger why does everyone love loki even though he s a bad guy it s easy for new fans to get overwhelmed by the sprawling mythology and complexity of the marvel cinematic universe which now spans more than 20 films and tv shows unlike encyclopedias and guides that offer diehard fans trivia details and deep dives into every on screen moment this first of its kind explainer is an easy fun and accessible introduction to the hundreds of characters plots and interconnected stories that make up one of the greatest pop culture franchises of all time do you want to enjoy spider man but don t quite know what a skrull is maybe you know that it was agatha all along but did maybe wandavision leave you wondering about the multiverse of madness do you need a primer on thor s backstory so you can grasp how the god of thunder became friends with the guardians of the galaxy or maybe you just want to be able to join in when everyone shouts out wakanda forever if you re looking for an easy to access entry into what literally everyone

is talking about this is the book for you as the perfect and unauthorized resource to keep on hand when watching something for the first or tenth time smart pop explains marvel movies and tv shows like no one else could

The American Villain

2020-12-02

the american villain encyclopedia of bad guys in comics film and television seeks to provide one go to reference for the study of the most popular and iconic villains in american popular culture since the 1980s pop culture has focused on what makes a villain a villain the joker darth vader and hannibal lecter have all been placed under the microscope to get to the origins of their villainy additionally such bad guys as angelus from buffy the vampire slayer and barnabas collins from dark shadows have emphasized the desire for redemption in even the darkest of villains various incarnations of lucifer satan have even gone so far as to explore the very foundations of what we consider evil the american villain encyclopedia of bad guys in comics film and television seeks to collect all of those stories into one comprehensive volume the volume opens with essays about villains in popular culture followed by 100 a

z entries on the most notorious bad guys in film comics and more sidebars highlight ancillary points of interest such as authors creators and tropes that illuminate the motives of various villains a glossary of key terms and a bibliography provide students with resources to continue their study of what makes the baddest among us so bad

Halo Effect

2007-03-11

halo effect is an unauthorized collection of essays on the bestselling video game halo examining the halo phenomenon from every angle from profiling the greatest halo player who ever lived to providing a behind the scenes look at the making of the wildly popular virtual reality halo movies this guide is the ultimate companion for anyone who wants to truly understand this amazingly successful video game with discussions on the role of religion and science in the game this collection of essays also looks into the creation of and community reaction to the launch of the halo series

Investigating CSI

2006-09-10

this selection of smart accessible essays covers csi s cutting edge science intriguing mysteries and engaging personal dynamics essays from experts in the field illuminate such processes as dna testing ballistics crime scene photography and autopsy procedure with pieces that focus on the leads varying appeals the history of forensics on television the show s treatment of alternate sexualities and whether the incredible attention to detail actually gives criminals an advantage this anthology provides an in depth investigation that enriches the viewing experience

Smart Pop Explains Peter Jackson's The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit Movies

2022-08-30

return to middle earth ahead of amazon prime s new series the lord of the rings the rings of power if you re feeling lost on the way to mordor let smart pop be your guide literally with this handy crash course into the cinematic world of hobbits and orcs and elves

oh my it s easy for new fans to get overwhelmed by the sprawling mythology and complexity of the six films that make up peter jackson s epic trilogies unlike encyclopedias and guides that offer diehard j r r tolkien fans trivia details and deep dives into every on screen moment this first of its kind explainer is an easy fun and accessible introduction to the characters plots and interconnected stories that make up one of the greatest pop culture franchises of all time smart pop has all of your burning questions covered who is frodo why are there so many rings when did gandalf the grey have time to change outfits and become gandalf the white why does everyone love gollum even though he s a bad guy and more as the perfect and unauthorized resource to keep on hand when rewatching the films for the first or tenth time or as a primer for the upcoming live action series smart pop explains peter jackson s the lord of the rings and the hobbit movies to you like no one could

The History and Politics of Star Wars

2022-08-11

this book provides the first detailed and comprehensive examination of all the materials

making up the star wars franchise relating to the portrayal and representation of real world history and politics drawing on a variety of sources including films published interviews with directors and actors novels comics and computer games this volume explores the ways in which historical and contemporary events have been repurposed within star wars it focuses on key themes such as fascism and the galactic empire the failures of democracy the portrayal of warfare the morality of the jedi and the representations of sex gender and race through these themes this study highlights the impacts of the fall of the soviet union the war on terror and the failures of the united nations upon the galaxy far far away by analysing and understanding these events and their portrayal within star wars it shows how the most popular media franchise in existence aims to speak about wider contemporary events and issues the history and politics of star wars is useful for upper level undergraduates postgraduates and scholars of a variety of disciplines such as transmedia studies science fiction cultural studies and world history and politics in the twentieth and twenty first centuries

Robots in Popular Culture

2021-07-12

robots in popular culture androids and cyborgs in the american imagination seeks to provide one go to reference for the study of the most popular and iconic robots in american popular culture in the last 10 years technology and artificial intelligence ai have become not only a daily but a minute by minute part of american life more integrated into our lives than anyone would have believed even a generation before americans have long known the adorable and helpful r2 d2 and the terrible possibilities of skynet and its army of terminators throughout we have seen machines as valuable allies and horrifying enemies today americans cling to their mobile phones with the same affection that luke skywalker felt for the squat r2 d2 meanwhile our phones personal computers and cars have attained the ability to know and learn everything about us this volume opens with essays about robots in popular culture followed by 100 a z entries on the most famous ais in film comics and more sidebars highlight ancillary points of interest such as authors creators and tropes that illuminate the motives of various robots the volume closes with a glossary of key terms and a

bibliography providing students with resources to continue their study of what robots tell us about ourselves

In the Hunt

2009-02-10

a relative newcomer to the paranormal teen drama scene the hit tv show supernatural has already developed a rabid and deeply committed fan base since its debut in the fall of 2005 when their dad mysteriously disappears brothers dean and sam winchester join forces to bring him home and are pulled headlong into the world he knew best one full of demons spirits monsters and ghouls featuring essays from three lucky fans as well as leading writers and pop culture experts this insightful anthology sheds light on a variety of issues including why such a male centric show has such a large female fan base wincest and homoeroticism how supernatural can be interpreted as a modern day brothers grimm and the questionable nature of john winchester s parenting habits

Coffee at Luke's

2007-04-10

in the fall of 2000 gilmore girls premiered on the wb and viewers were introduced to the quirky world of stars hollow and the gilmores who had made it their home mother daughter best friends lorelai and rory gilmore with the show in its seventh season on the fledgling cw coffee at luke s is the perfect look at what has made the show such a clever beloved part of the television landscape for so long what are the risks of having your mother be your best friend how is gilmore girls anti family at least in the traditional sense what s a male viewer to do when he finds both mother and daughter attractive and how is creator amy sherman palladino like emily gilmore from the show s class consciousness to the way the characters are shaped by the books they read the music they listen to and the movies they watch coffee at luke s looks at the sometimes hilarious sometimes heartbreaking underpinnings of smart viewer s tuesday night television staple and takes them further into stars hollow than they ve ever been before

Mind Candy

2017-02-23

over the years in a variety of venues lawrence watt evans has turned his sharp analytical and slightly crazed mind to everything from

weaponized poetry to why the enterprise doesn't have seatbelts and everyone from Jane Austen to Buffy Summers collected for the first time are twenty three of these essays discussing icons of comic books television novels movies and much more

The Psychology of the Simpsons

2009-06-22

Psychologists turn their attention to the Simpsons one of America's most popular and beloved shows in these essays that explore the function and dysfunctions of the show's characters designed to appeal to both fans of the show and students of psychology. This unique blend of science and pop culture consists of essays by professional psychologists drawn from schools and clinical practices across the country. Each essay is designed to be accessible, thoughtful, and entertaining while providing the reader with insights into both the Simpsons and the latest in psychological thought. Every major area of psychology is covered from clinical psychology and cognition to abnormal and evolutionary psychology while fresh views on eclectic show topics such as gambling addiction, Pavlovian conditioning, family therapy, and lobotomies are explored.

Breaking the Frames

2019-01-09

comics studies has reached a crossroads graphic novels have never received more attention and legitimation from scholars but new canons and new critical discourses have created tensions within a field built on the populist rhetoric of cultural studies as a result comics studies has begun to cleave into distinct camps based primarily in cultural or literary studies that attempt to dictate the boundaries of the discipline or else resist disciplinarity itself the consequence is a growing disconnect in the ways that comics scholars talk to each other or more frequently do not talk to each other or even acknowledge each other's work breaking the frames populism and prestige in comics studies surveys the current state of comics scholarship interrogating its dominant schools questioning their mutual estrangement and challenging their propensity to champion the comics they study marc singer advocates for greater disciplinary diversity and methodological rigor in comics studies making the case for a field that can embrace more critical and oppositional perspectives working through extended readings of some of the most acclaimed comics creators including marjane

satrapi alan moore kyle baker and chris ware singer demonstrates how comics studies can break out of the celebratory frameworks and restrictive canons that currently define the field to produce new scholarship that expands our understanding of comics and their critics

Unlocking the Mysteries of Cataloging

2015-03-03

ideal for students and both beginning and practicing catalogers in public school and academic libraries this updated workbook offers targeted hands on exercises that enhance understanding of description classification subject analysis subject heading application and marc 21 subject analysis like the first edition this updated workbook has a straightforward goal to help expand and improve the effectiveness of library catalogs it is designed to supplement existing textbooks by providing exercises in aacr2r and rda description classification subject analysis and marc protocols particular attention is given to problems that may arise when cataloging books as well as multimedia combinations 3 d items toys natural objects maps printed and performed music bilingual materials and electronic files through the

exercises you will better understand the overall process of cataloging an item and making a record the application of rda in producing records the steps for cataloging new media and the differences in records using rda or aacr2r to enhance the exercises the workbook incorporates photographs of real materials and offers questions for consideration there is also a companion website with enlargeable color graphics the site provides complete answer records and additional indexes for instructors to use in selecting examples for specific elements in the record for students new or advanced selected marc answer records are included as are special lists forms and indexes leading to the tools any cataloger will need student resources exercises the images from the exercises in the book are included in this section in a larger format for closer examination exercises marc template for use in drafting cataloging records for all types of elements marc template instructor s resources marc and rda answer records are provided to instructors upon request please contact customerservice abc clio com for more information

Love You to Death

2010-11-12

presents an episode by episode look at the first season of the vampire diaries and includes the story of l j smith background on the shows creators and biographies of the actors

The Cultural Gutter

2011

science fiction fantasy comics romance genre movies games all drain into the cultural gutter a website dedicated to thoughtful articles about disreputable art media and genres that are a little embarrassing irredeemable worthy of note but rolling like errant pennies back into the gutter the cultural gutter is dangerous because we have a philosophy we try to balance enthusiasm with clear eyed honest engagement with the material and with our readers this book expands on our mission with 10 articles each from science fiction fantasy editor james schellenberg comics editor and publisher carol borden romance editor chris szego screen editor ian driscoll and founding editor and former games editor jim munroe

A New Dawn

2009-11-01

fans of the literary phenomenon known as the twilight series can't help wanting more a new dawn gives it to them inviting readers to join some of their favorite ya authors as they look at the series with fresh eyes and fall in love with Edward, Bella, and the rest of Forks, Wash. all over again edited by bestselling author Ellen Hopkins a new dawn is packed with the same debates readers engage in with friends should Bella have chosen Edward or Jacob how much control do Meyer's vampires and werewolves really have over their own lives the collection also goes further is Edward a romantic or a really hot sociopath how do the Quileute werewolves compare to other Native American wolf myths what does the twilight series have in common with Shakespeare with contributions from Megan McCafferty, Cassandra Clare, Rachel Caine, and many more a new dawn answers these questions and more for a teen and adult audience hungry for clever, view-changing commentary on their favorite series

Mapping the World of the

Sorcerer's Apprentice

2005-12-11

from the dursleys as social commentary to a look at snape s role in less than child friendly fanfiction from the parallels between azkaban and abu ghraib to the role of religion at hogwarts from why dumbledore had to die to why killing harry never should have been part of voldemort s plan to begin with mapping the world of the sorcerer s apprentice offers a comprehensive look at the harry potter series through the eyes of leading science fiction and fantasy writers and religion psychology and science experts this book has not been authorized by j k rowling warner bros or anyone associated with the harry potter books or films

Finding Lost

2006

reveling in the consumerist decadence of amc s infamous advertising house sterling cooper this complementary volume to the groundbreaking series mad men provides behind the scenes revelations episode guides cast biographies and rich sidebar content including how to party like the mad men delving beneath

the glitz and glamour to highlight the workings of a sophisticated modern classic this definitive fan guide also offers fascinating sociological context and cultural analysis

Religion and Science Fiction

2012-09-27

this multidisciplinary book focuses on the intersection between religion and science fiction several perspectives are addressed by scholars from different disciplines theology literature history music and anthropology from frankenstein by way of christian apocalyptic to star wars star trek battlestar galactica and much more and from the united states to china and back again the authors who contribute to this volume serve as guides in the exploration of religion and science fiction as a multifaceted multidisciplinary and multicultural phenomenon

Flirting with Pride and Prejudice

2010-12

jane austens pride prejudice is one of the most beloved novels of our time transcending

the literary world to earn a spot on every woman's nightstand now flirting with pride and prejudice takes a fresh and humorous look at Austen's classic tale of looking for Mr. Right, marrying rich and finding true love in the process

Nyx in the House of Night

2011-06-07

the house of night is no ordinary school and not just because it's for vampires it's a place where magic, religion, folklore, and mythology from multiple traditions meet and meld to create something incredible and new. in *Nyx in the House of Night*, a 2-color illustrated companion to the *House of Night* series, some of your favorite YA authors plus a few experts help you navigate the influences behind the *House of Night* series in a guide that would get even Damien's seal of approval. travel with P.C. cast as she gets her first tattoo in Ireland, climbs the ruins of Sgiach's castle, and discovers the lore that led to the Isle of Skye. vampires read Kristin Cast's *Defense of Women in History and Mythology*, who like Zoey have made a practice of juggling multiple men. sit in on a vampire lecture by Bryan Lankford, the real-life basis for *House of Night* instructor Dragon Lankford, on the

parallels between wiccan and vampyre circle rituals
tour tulsa s house of night landmarks with local amy h sturgis plus karen mahoney on nyx and other goddesses of the night john edgar browning on vampires in folklore fiction and reality jana oliver on tattoos and other marks ellen steiber on feline familiars yasmine galenorn on priestesses and goddess worship jordon dane on zoey s cherokee heritage jeri smith ready on the raven mockers and kalona s less than heavenly inspiration christine zika on the connection between nyx and the virgin mary triniy faegen on the greek version of the otherworld nyx in the house of night also includes an appendix of character names that reveals the myth behind zoey s last name which house of night cats have ties to camelot egypt and middle earth and more

Screwball Television

2010-04-13

bringing together seventeen original essays by scholars from around the world screwball television offers a variety of international perspectives on gilmore girls adored by fans and celebrated by critics for its sophisticated wordplay and compelling portrayal of a mother daughter relationship this contemporary american tv program finally

gets its due as a cultural production unlike any other one that is beholden to hollywood s screwball comedies of the 1930s steeped in intertextual references and framed as a kinder gentler kind of cult television series in this tightly focused yet wide ranging collection this volume makes a significant contribution to television studies genre studies and women s studies screwball television seeks to bring gilmore girls more fully into academic discourse not only as a topic worthy of critical scrutiny but also as an infinitely rewarding text capable of stimulating the imagination of students beyond the classroom

Mapping the World of the Sorcerer's Apprentice

2015-01-06

from the dursleys as social commentary to a look at snape s role in less than child friendly fanfiction from the parallels between azkaban and abu ghraib to the role of religion at hogwarts from why dumbledore had to die to why killing harry never should have been part of voldemort s plan to begin with mapping the world of the sorcerer s apprentice offers a comprehensive look at the harry potter series through the eyes of leading science fiction and fantasy writers and religion psychology

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Ardeur

2010-03-02

laurell k hamilton s anita blake vampire hunter series is a literary sensation thanks to its strong female hero well fleshed both literally and literarily characters and unabashed attitude toward sex the world hamilton has created is powerfully compelling and stunningly complex and it gets deeper richer and more perilous with every book straddling the series dominant themes of sex and power ardeur gives anita fans a deeper look into the dynamics both personal political that have kept readers fascinated throughout the run of the series why is the ardeur the very best thing that could have happened to anita personally aside from all the sex it requires her to have with hot men how is anita s alternate united states a logical legal extension of our own and as the series continues what other bargains might anita have to make with herself and others in order to keep the people she loves safe from harm the collection includes essay introductions by

hamilton giving context and extra insight into each essay s subject

Investigating Veronica Mars

2014-01-10

during the course of its three seasons veronica mars captured the attention of fans and academics alike the 12 scholarly essays in this collection examine the show s most compelling elements topics covered include vintage television the search for the mother fatherhood the show s connection to classical greek paradigms the anti hero s journey rape narrative and meaning and television fandom collectively these essays reveal how a teen television show equal parts noir romance social realism and father daughter drama became a worthy subject for scholarly study

Star Wars on Trial

2009-06-22

star wars the most significant powerful myth of the twenty first century or morally bankrupt military fantasy six films countless books 20 billion in revenue no one can question the financial value or cultural impact of the star wars film franchise but has

the impact been for the good in star wars on trial s courtroom droid judge presiding star wars stands accused of elitist politics and sexism religious and ethical lapses the destruction of literary science fiction and science fiction film and numerous plot holes and logical gaps supported by a witness list of bestselling science fiction authors david brin for the prosecution and matthew woodring stover for the defense debate these charges and more before delivering their closing statements the verdict that s up to you covering the films from a new hope to revenge of the sith brin and stover provide new forewords that explore the newest generation of star wars films and what jj abrams must do to live up to or redeem the franchise

Literary Cash

2009-06-22

the legendary lyrics of johnny cash are the inspiration for this collection of extraordinarily creative works that provides a new spin on this musical legend for nearly five decades cash captivated audiences with his unique voice and candid portrayal of the gritty life of a working man and his songs continue to strike a chord with listeners today but it is the stories behind the music

that remain with audiences and provide the inspiration for the work in this thoughtful compilation of fiction and non fiction from contributors such as lauren baratz logsted don cusic gretchen moran laskas amanda nowlin and russell rowland

The War of the Worlds

2005

completely unauthorized one of the great classics of literature this ominous tale warns of a martian invasion and their bloodsucking vengeance on humans this essay collection from scientists science fiction writers and social commentators offers a literary critique of the famous tale discusses the book s social and historical influences and admires its continuing relevance in the literary and pop culture spheres contributors include stephen baxter david gerrold mike resnick lawrence watt evans and mercedes lackey a complete and unabridged edition of the war of the worlds also accompanies the essays

The Anthology At The End Of The Universe

2005-03-11

every aspect of the science fiction classic the hitchhiker s guide to the galaxy is analyzed in a variety of quirky ways in this collection of essays topics include the logistics of the restaurant at the end of the universe how the internet is creating the real hitchhiker s guide an assessment of vogon poetry and an analysis of computing the essays are written by both science fiction greats such as cory doctorow lawrence watt evans stephen baxter jacqueline carey and alastair reynolds and up and coming writers

So Say We All

2006-09-10

the science fiction television series battlestar galactica is known for raising thought provoking questions concerning martial law artificial intelligence power and corruption and ultimately what it means to be human what ethical complexities come into play when one mistake could mean the annihilation of the human race how do you maintain faith in the gods when you re involved in an armageddon of your own creation what is the distinction between a terrorist and a freedom fighter these questions are given an intelligent and insightful examination in this engaging collection of essays

Revisiting Narnia

2009-06-22

theologians psychologists academics feminists and fantasists offer humor insight and fresh perspectives on the enchanting and beloved chronicles of narnia series such contributors as fantasists sarah zettel and lawrence watt evans children s literature scholar naomi wood and c s lewis scholars colin duriez and joseph pearce discuss topics such as j r r tolkien and middle earth s influence on the conception of narnia the relevance of allegory for both christians and non christians the idea of divine providence in narnia and narnia s influence on modern day witchcraft fans of the wildly popular series will revel in the examination of all aspects of c s lewis and his magical narnia

Neptune Noir

2007-05-01

neptune noir is a collection of essays on the hit drama veronica mars and is not authorized by cw the creators or producers of veronica mars or any entity associated with the show more than just a high school drama veronica mars is a smart and savvy teen detective show

that offers complex mysteries and rapier wit engaging social commentary and noir sensibilities with the occasional murder thrown in for good measure this collection edited by the creator and executive producer of the show offers supreme insight into the class struggles and love stories of the series essays by top writers intelligently address a multitude of questions such as is veronica a modern day vigilante why is a show that features rape potential incest and a teen girl outsmarting local authorities so popular with america s conservative population and why is veronica and logan s relationship the most important story driving factor in the show

James Bond in the 21st Century

2009-06-22

the staying power of the world s most dashing secret agent and the evolution of the james bond franchise are explored in this smart yet nostalgic collection of essays leading writers including raymond benson j a konrath raelynn hillhouse and john cox discuss the ten sexiest bond girls the best villains and the controversy surrounding the latest actor to play james bond topics covered range from the playful how to build a secret lair and avoid the perennial mistakes made by would be world

dominators to the thought provoking such as bond s place in the modern world his oedipal tendencies and perceived misogyny and the unerring allure of the charming spy

Jack Bauer for President

2008

this collection of essays sheds some light on the underlying issues in 24 one of the most gripping dramatic and addictive shows on television with contributors drawn from fields including philosophy psychology political science and counterterrorism the essays reflect distort and comment on our modern political landscape using our current political climate to enrich viewers experience of 24 this book addresses how much of the show is realistic and what it has to say about modern politics and foreign policy in america s fight against terrorism essays look at issues including the show s images of terrorism the ethics and effectiveness of the characters counterterrorism practices the portrayal of government and politics on the show whether it takes a terrorist to fight a terrorist how much the people have a right to know in life threatening circumstances and how effective we really want our heroes to be

The Man from Krypton

2006-04-10

leading writers discuss debate and celebrate the legend of superman in this anthology contending that his legend is a truly american myth superman was an immigrant with little more than the clothes on his back and raised by simple farmers absorbing their humble values he always chose to do the right thing fighting for truth justice and the american way and represents america at its best the in depth analyses of the comics films and cartoons are at turns funny philosophical insightful and personal exploring every aspect of the superman legend

Flirtin' With the Monster

2009-05-01

where is the line between truth and fiction why do love and addiction so often go hand in hand what does the real kristina think about the way her story is told in crank and glass crank and glass have always been more than just stories join their author ellen hopkins and a host of other writers as they delve deep into kristina s story from the straight truth on the physical effects of methamphetamine

addiction to the psychological consequences of keeping secrets and how hopkins books have encouraged so many teens to reveal theirs with an essay by ellen s real life daughter the basis for the character of kristina that tells her version of the events that inspired the books along with perspectives from scott jake and 10 year old hunter the baby from crank flirtin with the monster is a compelling journey through the complexities of hopkins beloved bestselling works

Webslinger

2009-06-22

the tangled web of vengeance love and loss woven by spider man comics and films is explored in this collection of insightful essays by acclaimed writers of comics and science fiction a variety of topics from the superhero s sarcasm to the science behind radioactive spiders are discussed in essays on turning rage into responsibility a psychology of loss love is selfish can a hero afford personal attachments and self identity and costume design the popular rival green goblin the bumbling yet influential media and the part new york city itself plays in stories are skillfully explored as is the overall philosophy of mild mannered peter parker and

spidey s relationship with the rest of the characters in the marvel universe

Perfectly Plum

2007-05-11

speculating about the cultural metaphors in janet evanovich s wildly popular mystery series which includes 11 books from one for the money to eleven on top this anthology takes a look at lingerie buyer turned bounty hunter stephanie plum and catalogs her bad luck with cars she s blown up quite a few her good luck with men her unorthodox approach to weapon storage and the rich tapestry of her milieu trenton new jersey also known as the burg the contributors praise the way the series smartly spoofs that familiar chick lit epiphany i have a bad job and what i really want is a good man in bounty hunting as a metaphor for dating why stephanie should quit her job but never will and nothing better than a bad boy gone good several essays veer from the chick lit perspective and focus instead on the comic theme of luck and chance that ties stephanie to the barroom gamblers and gangster meanies of her home town in luck of the italian skill versus chance

Girl Culture [2 volumes]

2007-12-30

never before has so much popular culture been produced about what it means to be a girl in today's society from the first appearance of nancy drew in 1930 to seventeen magazine in 1944 to the emergence of bratz dolls in 2001 girl culture has been increasingly linked to popular culture and an escalating of commodities directed towards girls of all ages editors claudia a mitchell and jacqueline reid walsh investigate the increasingly complex relationships struggles obsessions and idols of american tween and teen girls who are growing up faster today than ever before from pre school to high school and beyond girl culture tackles numerous hot button issues including the recent barrage of advertising geared toward very young girls emphasizing sexuality and extreme thinness nothing is off limits body image peer pressure cliques gangs and plastic surgery are among the over 250 in depth entries highlighted comprehensive in its coverage of the twenty and twenty first century trendsetters fashion literature film in group rituals and hot button issues that shape and are shaped by girl culture this two volume resource offers a wealth of information to help students educators and interested

readers better understand the ongoing interplay between girls and mainstream culture

Batman Unauthorized

2008-02-09

batman unauthorized explores batman s motivations and actions as well as those of his foes batman is a creature of the night more about vengeance than justice more plagued by doubts than full of self assurance and more darkness than light he has no superpowers just skill drive and a really well made suit one of the most recognized superheroes ever created batman has survived through campy tv shows and films through actors such as adam west michael keaton and christian bale batman unauthorized vigilantes jokers and heroes in gotham city covers expansive territory ranging from the silly to the solemn why is the joker so good at pushing batman s buttons what does batman s technology say about the times why are batman s villains crazier than average and why is batman the perfect iconic american hero

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