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**Stanley Kubrick** Filippo Ulivieri

A comprehensive exploration of American filmmaker Stanley Kubrick's cinematic life's work and creative process featuring film stills, articles and essays by Kubrick and Kubrick scholars, letters, interviews, notes, and photographs.

*The Bloomsbury Companion to Stanley Kubrick* University Press of Kentucky

A full, unauthorised account of one of the most original film-makers of the post war years. Kubrick was one of the few directors during the 1950s to achieve the dignity and stature of the European cinema in an American film. Originally published in 1997.

*Kubrick* Rutgers University Press

THE MIND-BENDING CULT CLASSIC ABOUT A HOUSE THAT'S LARGER ON THE INSIDE THAN ON THE OUTSIDE • A masterpiece of horror and an astonishingly immersive, maze-like reading experience

that redefines the boundaries of a novel. "Simultaneously reads like a thriller and like a strange, dreamlike excursion into the subconscious." —Michiko Kakutani, *The New York Times* "Thrillingly alive, sublimely creepy, distressingly scary, breathtakingly intelligent—it renders most other fiction meaningless." —Bret Easton Ellis, bestselling author of *American Psycho* "This demonically brilliant book is impossible to ignore." —Jonathan Lethem, award-winning author of *Motherless Brooklyn* One of *The Atlantic's* Great American Novels of the Past 100 Years Years ago, when *House of Leaves* was first being passed around, it was nothing more than a badly bundled heap of paper, parts of which would occasionally surface on the Internet. No one could have anticipated the small but devoted following this terrifying story would soon command. Starting with an odd assortment of marginalized youth—musicians, tattoo artists, programmers, strippers, environmentalists, and adrenaline junkies—the book eventually made its way into the hands of older generations, who not only found themselves in those strangely arranged pages but also discovered a way back into the lives of their estranged children. Now made available in book form, complete with the original colored words, vertical footnotes, and second and third appendices, the story remains unchanged.

Similarly, the cultural fascination with *House of Leaves* remains as fervent and as imaginative as ever. The novel has gone on to inspire doctorate-level courses and masters theses, cultural phenomena like the online urban legend of “the backrooms,” and incredible works of art in entirely unrealted mediums from music to video games. Neither Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist Will Navidson nor his companion Karen Green was prepared to face the consequences of the impossibility of their new home, until the day their two little children wandered off and their voices eerily began to return another story—of creature darkness, of an ever-growing abyss behind a closet door, and of that unholy growl which soon enough would tear through their walls and consume all their dreams.

*Resonant Violence* Little Brown GBR

On Kubrick provides an illuminating critical account of the films of Stanley Kubrick, from his earliest feature, *Fear and Desire* (1953), to the posthumously-produced *A.I. Artificial Intelligence* (Steven Spielberg, 2001). The book offers provocative analysis of each of Kubrick's films, together with new information about their production histories and cultural contexts. Its ultimate aim is to provide a

concise yet thorough discussion that will be useful as both an academic text and a trade publication. James Naremore argues that in several respects Kubrick was one of the cinema's last modernists: his taste and sensibility were shaped by the artistic culture of New York in the 1950s; he became a celebrated auteur who forged a distinctive style; he used art-cinema conventions in commercial productions; he challenged censorship regulations; and throughout his career he was preoccupied with one of the central themes of modernist art – the conflict between rationality and its ever-present shadow, the unconscious. War and science are key concerns in Kubrick's oeuvre, and his work has a hyper-masculine quality. Yet no director has more relentlessly emphasized the absurdity of combat, as in *Paths of Glory* (1957) and *Full Metal Jacket* (1987), the failure of scientific reasoning, as in *2001: A Space Odyssey* (1968), and the fascistic impulses in masculine sexuality, as in *Dr Strangelove* (1964) and *Eyes Wide Shut* (1999). The book also argues that while Kubrick was a voracious intellectual and a life-long autodidact, the fascination of his work has less to do with the ideas it espouses than with the emotions it evokes. Often described as 'cool' or 'cold,' Kubrick is best understood as a skillful practitioner of what might be called the aesthetics of the grotesque; he employs extreme forms of caricature and black comedy to create disgusting, frightening yet also laughable images of the human body, creating a sense of unease that leaves viewers unsure of how to react.

[The Stanley Kubrick Archives](#) Grove Press

Stanley Kubrick is one of the most revered directors in cinema history. His 13 films, including classics such as *Paths of Glory*, *2001: A Space Odyssey*, *A Clockwork Orange*, *Barry Lyndon*, and *The Shining*, attracted controversy, acclaim, a devoted cult following, and enormous critical interest. With this comprehensive guide to the key contexts – industrial and cultural, as well as aesthetic and critical – the themes of Kubrick's films sum up the current vibrant state of Kubrick studies. Bringing together an international team of leading scholars and emergent voices, this Companion provides comprehensive coverage of Stanley Kubrick's contribution to cinema. After a substantial introduction outlining Kubrick's life and career and the film's production and reception contexts, the volume consists of 39 contributions on key themes that both summarise previous work and offer new, often archive-based, state-of-the-art research. In addition, it is specifically tailored to the needs of students wanting an authoritative, accessible overview of academic work on Kubrick.

*The Making of 2001: A Space Odyssey* Pantheon

"The author provides a firsthand portrait of his friend and colleague, Stanley Kubrick, describing the life and career of the legendary director, dispelling myths about him, and reflecting on his influence on the world of filmmaking."--

**The Making of Stanley Kubrick's '2001: a Space Odyssey'** Bloomsbury Publishing USA Profiles the life and career of the legendary filmmaker, and includes interviews with people who have known him from childhood to the present

*Stanley Kubrick* Da Capo Press

Director of some of the most controversial films of the twentieth century, Stanley Kubrick created a reputation as a Hollywood outsider as well as a cinematic genius. His diverse yet relatively small oeuvre—he directed only thirteen films during a career that spanned more than four decades—covers a broad range of the themes that shaped his century and continues to shape the twenty-first: war and crime, gender relations and class conflict, racism, and the fate of individual agency in a world of increasing social surveillance and control. In *Depth of Field*, leading screenwriters and scholars analyze Kubrick's films from a variety of perspectives. They examine such groundbreaking classics as *Dr. Strangelove* and *2001: A Space Odyssey* and later films whose critical reputations are still in flux. *Depth of Field* ends with three viewpoints on Kubrick's final film, *Eyes Wide Shut*, placing it in the contexts of film history, the history and theory of psychoanalysis, and the sociology of sex and power. Probing Kubrick's whole body of work, *Depth of Field* is the first truly multidisciplinary study of one of the most innovative and controversial filmmakers of the twentieth century.

[Depth of Field](#) Bulfinch Press

Few cinematic figures can boast the scope, breadth, talent and influence of Stanley Kubrick.

Visionary, auteur, artist, director . . . his brilliant canon of films is unsurpassed in modern cinema. Now, the astonishing career of this cinematic legend is remembered in perhaps the most fitting way: in pictures. With an accompanying commentary by his widow Christiane, *Stanley Kubrick: A Life In Pictures* is a wide-ranging and wonderful collection. Featuring a wealth of never-before-seen photographs, it offers a fascinating glimpse of Kubrick behind the camera, from his

directorial beginnings in the early 1950s to his final film, *Eyes Wide Shut*, completed just six days before his death in March 1999. Including the definitive cast and credits lists of his films, and featuring an introduction by Steven Spielberg, this beautifully designed book is a fitting tribute to the life and work of Stanley Kubrick, and an essential volume for his vast legion of dedicated fans.

*Eyes Wide Shut* Skyhorse

From his first feature film, *Fear and Desire* (1953), to his final, posthumously released *Eyes Wide Shut* (1999), Stanley Kubrick excelled at probing the dark corners of human consciousness. In doing so, he adapted such popular novels as *The Killing*, *Lolita*, *A Clockwork Orange*, and *The Shining* and selected a wide variety of genres for his films -- black comedy (*Dr. Strangelove*), science fiction (*2001: A Space Odyssey*), and war (*Paths of Glory* and *Full Metal Jacket*). Because he was peerless in unveiling the intimate mysteries of human nature, no new film by Kubrick ever failed to spark debate or to be deeply pondered. Kubrick (1928-1999) has remained as elusive as the subjects of his films. Unlike many other filmmakers he was not inclined to grant interviews, instead preferring to let his movies speak for themselves. By allowing both critics and moviegoers to see the inner workings of this reclusive filmmaker, this first comprehensive collection of his relatively few interviews is invaluable. Ranging from 1959 to 1987 and including Kubrick's conversations with Gene Siskel, Jeremy Bernstein, Gene D. Phillips, and others, this book reveals Kubrick's diverse interests -- nuclear energy and its consequences, space exploration, science fiction, literature, religion, psychoanalysis, the effects of violence, and even chess -- and discloses how each affects his films. He enthusiastically speaks of how advances in camera and sound technology made his films more effective. Kubrick details his hands-on approach to filmmaking as he discusses why he supervises nearly every aspect of production. "All the hand-held camerawork is mine," he says in a 1972 interview about *A Clockwork Orange*. "In addition to the fun of doing the shooting myself, I find it virtually impossible to explain what I want in a hand-held shot to even the most talented and sensitive camera operator. " Neither guarded nor evasive, the Kubrick who emerges from these interviews is candid, opinionated, confident, and articulate. His incredible memory and his gift for organization come to light as he quotes verbatim sections of reviews, books, and articles. Despite his reputation as a recluse, the Kubrick of these interviews is approachable, witty, full of anecdotes, and eager to share a fascinating story. Gene D. Phillips, S.J., is a professor of English at Loyola University in Chicago, where he teaches fiction and the history of film. He is the author of many notable books on film and is a founding member of the editorial board of both *Literature/Film Quarterly* and *The Tennessee Williams Journal*. He was acquainted with Stanley Kubrick for twenty-five years.

[On Kubrick](#) Vintage

This intimate portrait by his former personal assistant and confidante reveals the man behind the legendary filmmaker—for the first time. Stanley Kubrick, the director of a string of timeless movies from *Lolita* and *Dr. Strangelove* to *A Clockwork Orange*, *2001: A Space Odyssey*, *Full Metal Jacket*, and others, has always been depicted by the media as the Howard Hughes of filmmakers, a weird artist obsessed with his work and privacy to the point of madness. But who was he really? Emilio D'Alessandro lets us see. A former Formula Ford driver who was a minicab chauffeur in London during the Swinging Sixties, he took a job driving a giant phallus through the city that became his introduction to the director. Honest, reliable, and ready to take on any task, Emilio found his way into Kubrick's neurotic, obsessive heart. He became his personal assistant, his right-hand man and confidant, working for him from *A Clockwork Orange* until Kubrick's death in 1999. Emilio was the silent guy in the room when the script for *The Shining* was discussed. He still has the coat Jack Nicholson used in the movie. He was an extra on the set of *Eyes Wide Shut*, Kubrick's last movie. He knew all the actors and producers Kubrick worked with; he observed firsthand Kubrick's working methods down to the smallest detail. Making no claim of expertise in cinematography but with plenty of anecdotes, he offers a completely fresh perspective on the artist and a warm, affecting portrait of a generous, kind, caring man who was a perfectionist in work and life.

*Kubrick* Phaidon

This a highly illustrated guide to the work of film director, Stanley Kubrick.

**Stanley Kubrick** Bloomsbury Publishing

An analysis of Stanley Kubrick's thirteen films is complemented by a photo essay, a brief biography, a detailed filmography and bibliography, and interviews with the director, his casts, and his crews.

**Kubrick** University Press of Mississippi

"Stanley Kubrick, director of the acclaimed films *Path of Glory*, *Spartacus*, *Lolita*, *Dr. Strangelove*,

*2001: Space Odyssey*, *A Clockwork Orange*, *The Shining*, and *Full Metal Jacket*, is arguably one of the"

[2001 between Kubrick and Clarke](#) Macmillan

A film-centric portrait of the extraordinarily gifted movie director whose decades-long influence on American popular culture is unprecedented Everything about me is in my films, Steven Spielberg has said. Taking this as a key to understanding the hugely successful moviemaker, Molly Haskell explores the full range of Spielberg s works for the light they shine upon the man himself. Through such powerhouse hits as *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, *E.T.*, *Jurassic Park*, and *Indiana Jones*, to lesser-known masterworks like *A.I.* and *Empire of the Sun*, to the haunting *Schindler s List*, Haskell shows how Spielberg s uniquely evocative filmmaking and story-telling reveal the many ways in which his life, work, and times are entwined. Organizing chapters around specific films, the distinguished critic discusses how Spielberg s childhood in non-Jewish suburbs, his parents traumatic divorce, his return to Judaism upon his son s birth, and other events echo in his work. She offers a brilliant portrait of the extraordinary director a fearful boy living through his imagination who grew into a man whose openness, generosity of spirit, and creativity have enchanted audiences for more than 40 years.

**Stanley Kubrick** Rutgers University Press

The story of how “2001: A Space Odyssey” came to be made is in many ways as epic as the events portrayed in the film itself—and until now, just as mysterious. In 1964, with “Dr. Strangelove” ready for release, Stanley Kubrick was uncertain about what his next project would be, and considered making a film dealing with several contemporary themes. It was only when he encountered Arthur C. Clarke that he decided to make a science fiction film. Yet it took more than four years for “2001: A Space Odyssey” to reach the screen—a productive and creative odyssey that involved experimentation, last-minute rethinks, strokes of genius, quarrels, ultimatums, feats of will, and mental breakdowns. Drawing extensively from never before seen material, including production documents and private correspondences, “2001 between Kubrick and Clarke” gives for the first time a complete account of the two authors’ creative collaboration; one which casts lights on their on-again, off-again relationship, as well as revealing new information about the genesis, production, and reception of the first and most important film about space, the origin of humankind and its destiny among the stars.

[Stanley Kubrick](#) Random House

The definitive biography of the creator of *2001: A Space Odyssey*, *The Shining*, and *A Clockwork Orange*, presenting the most in-depth portrait yet of the groundbreaking film-maker. The enigmatic and elusive filmmaker Stanley Kubrick has not been treated to a full-length biography in over twenty years. *Stanley Kubrick: An Odyssey* fills that gap. This definitive book is based on access to the latest research, especially Kubrick's archive at the University of the Arts, London, as well as other private papers plus new interviews with family members and those who worked with him. It offers comprehensive and in-depth coverage of Kubrick's personal, private, public, and working life. *Stanley Kubrick: An Odyssey* investigates not only the making of Kubrick's films, but also about those he wanted (but failed) to make like *Burning Secret*, *Napoleon*, *Aryan Papers*, and *A.I.* Revealingly, this immersive biography will puncture the controversial myths about the reclusive filmmaker who created some of the most important works of art of the twentieth century

**The Shadow Knows** Simon and Schuster

This vintage book contains two pioneering volumes on the subject of film making by V.I. Pudovkin. Considered two of the most valuable manuals of the practice and theory of film making ever written, these texts will prove invaluable for the student or film enthusiast, and are not to be missed by discerning collectors of such literature. The chapters of this volume include: 'The Film Scenario and Its Theory', 'Film Director and Film Material', 'Types Instead of Actors', 'Close-Ups in Time', 'Asynchronism as a Principle of Sound Film', 'Rhythmic Problems in my First Sound Film', 'Notes and Appendices', 'Film Acting', et cetera. Vsevolod Illarionovich Pudovkin (1893 - 1953) was a Russian film director, screenwriter, and actor, famous for developing influential theories of montage. This volume is being republished now complete with a new prefatory biography of the author.

*Stanley Kubrick* Yale University Press

Stanley Kubrick's *The Shining* (1980) is both a successful mainstream horror film and an esoteric object for cult audiences who are convinced that the film means something totally different. This book investigates what has made *The Shining* a key cult film while also addressing the range of meanings and interpretations assigned to it.

#### Stanley Kubrick Simon & Schuster

The definitive story of the making of 2001: A Space Odyssey, acclaimed today as one of the greatest films ever made, and of director Stanley Kubrick and writer Arthur C. Clarke—"a tremendous explication of a tremendous film....Breathtaking" (The Washington Post). Fifty years ago a strikingly original film had its premiere. Still acclaimed as one of the most remarkable and important motion pictures ever made, 2001: A Space Odyssey depicted the first contacts between humanity and extraterrestrial intelligence. The movie was the product of a singular collaboration

between Stanley Kubrick and science fiction visionary Arthur C. Clarke. Fresh off the success of his cold war satire Dr. Strangelove, Kubrick wanted to make the first truly first-rate science fiction film. Drawing from Clarke's ideas and with one of the author's short stories as the initial inspiration, their bold vision benefited from pioneering special effects that still look extraordinary today, even in an age of computer-generated images. In Space Odyssey, author, artist, and award-winning filmmaker Michael Benson "delivers expert inside stuff" (San Francisco Chronicle) from his extensive research of Kubrick's and Clarke's archives. He has had the cooperation of Kubrick's

widow, Christiane, and interviewed most of the key people still alive who worked on the film. Drawing also from other previously unpublished interviews, Space Odyssey provides a 360-degree view of the film from its genesis to its legacy, including many previously untold stories. And it features dozens of photos from the making of the film, most never previously published. "At last! The dense, intense, detailed, and authoritative saga of the making of the greatest motion picture I've ever seen...Michael Benson has done the Cosmos a great service" (Academy Award-winning actor Tom Hanks).

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