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Italian Horror Films of the 1960s McFarland
 A much-needed critical introduction to some of the most important Japanese horror films produced over the last fifty years, Japanese Horror Cinema provides an insightful examination of the tradition's most significant trends and themes. The book examines the genre's dominant aesthetic, cultural, political and technological underpinnings, and individual chapters address key topics such as: the debt Japanese horror films owe to various Japanese theatrical and literary traditions; the popular "avenging spirit" motif; the impact of atomic warfare, rapid industrialisation and apocalyptic rhetoric on Japanese visual culture; the extents to which changes in the economic and social climate inform representations of monstrosity and gender; the influence of recent shifts in audience demographics; and the developing relations (and contestations) between Japanese and "Western" (Anglo-American and European) horror film tropes and traditions. Extensive coverage of the central thematic concerns and stylistic traits of Japanese horror cinema makes this volume an indispensable text for a myriad of film and cultural studies courses.

The Horror Film McFarland
 Beloved among cult horror devotees for its signature excesses of sex and violence, Italian giallo cinema is marked by switchblades, mysterious killers, whisky bottles and poetically overinflated titles. A growing field of English-language giallo studies has focused on aspects of production, distribution and reception. This volume explores an overlooked yet prevalent element in some of the best known gialli—an obsession with art and artists in creative production, with a particular focus on painting. The author explores the appearance and significance of art objects across the masterworks of such filmmakers as Dario Argento, Lucio Fulci, Sergio Martino, Umberto Lenzi, Michele Soavi, Mario Bava and his son Lamberto.

Cinema Studies: The Key Concepts McFarland
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Italian Gothic Horror Films, 1980-1989 Edinburgh University Press

The history of Italian cinema includes, in addition to the renowned auteurs, a number of peculiar and lesser-known filmmakers. While their artistry was often plagued with production setbacks, their works—inspired by poetry, playwriting, advertising, literature, comics and a nonconformist, sometimes antagonistic attitude—were original and thought provoking. Drawing from official papers and original scripts, this book includes much previously unpublished information on the works and lives of post-World War II filmmakers Pier Carpi, Alberto Cavallone, Riccardo Ghione, Giulio Questi, Brunello Rondì, Paolo Spinola, Augusto Tretti and Nello Vegezzi.

Universal Horrors Edinburgh University Press

What 151 movies have you never seen—but should? What French film could teach Hollywood how to make a smart, sexy romantic comedy? (page 233) Where will you find a female-centric Western with a gender-bending protagonist? (page 10) What film won a Special Jury Prize at Sundance and then fell off the radar? (page 261) What farcical comedy includes such real-life characters as Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger? (page 50) In what unsung comedy will you find Michael Douglas giving his all-time best performance? (page 130) What debut film from the director of The Dark Knight creates palpable chills—despite a shoestring budget and a no-name cast? (page 79) What John Wayne movie was out of circulation for thirty years—and still qualifies as a sleeper? (page 121) What terrific Heath Ledger movie was released the same month as Brokeback Mountain—and flopped? (page 26) What clever modern-day film noir was made for just half a million dollars? (page 18) What captivating film stars one of the seminal artists of the twentieth century? (page 203)

Untold Horror McFarland

Positioning itself at the intersection of Italian film history, horror studies and cultural studies, this fascinating book asks why, and how, was the protean, transnational and transmedial figure of the vampire appropriated by Italian cinema practitioners between 1956 and 1975? The book outlines both the 1945-85 industrial context of Italian cinema and the political, economic and sociocultural context of the Italian Republic, from post-war reconstruction to the austerity of the mid-1970s. Using case studies of films by directors such as Mario Bava and Riccardo

Freda, it also delves into lesser-known gems of Italian psychotronic cinema from the 1960s and 1970s, like L'amante del vampiro (The Vampire and the Ballerina) and Riti, magie nere e segrete orge nel Trecento . . . (The Reincarnation of Isabel). With original research into hitherto unpublished film production data, censorship data, original screenplays, trade papers, film magazines and vampire-themed paraliterature, the book strongly argues for the cultural legitimacy of Italian film genres like horror, adventure, comedy and erotica, whose study has so far been neglected in favour of the Italian auteur cinema of the 1940s neorealists and their later followers.

Diabolika McFarland

The Italian Gothic horror genre underwent many changes in the 1980s, with masters such as Mario Bava and Riccardo Freda dying or retiring and young filmmakers such as Lamberto Bava (Macabro, Demons) and Michele Soavi (The Church) surfacing. Horror films proved commercially successful in the first half of the decade thanks to Dario Argento (both as director and producer) and Lucio Fulci, but the rise of made-for-TV products has resulted in the gradual disappearance of genre products from the big screen. This book examines all the Italian Gothic films of the 1980s. It includes previously unpublished trivia and production data taken from official archive papers, original scripts and interviews with filmmakers, actors and scriptwriters. The entries include a complete cast and crew list, plot summary, production history and analysis. Two appendices list direct-to-video releases and made-for-TV films.

Italian Horror McFarland

This cutting-edge collection features original essays by eminent scholars on one of cinema's most dynamic and enduringly popular genres, covering everything from the history of horror movies to the latest critical approaches. Contributors include many of the finest academics working in the field, as well as exciting younger scholars. Varied and comprehensive coverage, from the history of horror to broader issues of censorship, gender, and sexuality. Covers both English-language and non-English horror film traditions. Key topics include horror film aesthetics, theoretical approaches, distribution, art house cinema, ethnographic surrealism, and horror's relation to documentary film practice. A thorough treatment of this dynamic film genre suited to scholars and enthusiasts alike.

The Strange Case of Dr. Mabuse McFarland

The masters of horror have united to teach you the secrets of success in the scariest genre of all! In On Writing Horror, Second Edition, Stephen King, Joyce Carol Oates, Harlan Ellison, David Morrell, Jack Ketchum, and many others tell you everything you need to know to successfully write and publish horror novels and short stories. Edited by the Horror Writers Association (HWA), a

worldwide organization of writers and publishing professionals dedicated to promoting dark literature, *On Writing Horror* includes exclusive information and guidance from 58 of the biggest names in horror writing to give you the inspiration you need to start scaring and exciting readers and editors. You'll discover comprehensive instruction such as:

- The art of crafting visceral violence, from Jack Ketchum
- Why horror classics like *Dracula*, *The Exorcist*, and *Hell House* are as scary as ever, from Robert Weinberg
- Tips for avoiding one of the biggest death knells in horror writing—predicable clichés—from Ramsey Campbell
- How to use character and setting to stretch the limits of credibility, from *Mort Castle With On Writing Horror*, you can unlock the mystery surrounding classic horror traditions, revel in the art and craft of writing horror, and find out exactly where the genre is going next. Learn from the best, and you could be the next best-selling author keeping readers up all night long.

The Mother of Toads Duke University Press

This study brings together writings on this controversial genre, spanning the history of horror in literature and film. It discusses texts from the United States, Europe, the Caribbean and Hong Kong.

The Horror Megapack Rutgers University Press

Italian Gothic horror films of the 1970s were influenced by the violent giallo movies and adults-only comics of the era, resulting in a graphic approach to the genre. Stories often featured over-the-top violence and nudity and pushed the limits of what could be shown on the screen. The decade marked the return of specialist directors like Mario Bava, Riccardo Freda and Antonio Margheriti, and the emergence of new talents such as Pupi Avati (*The House with the Laughing Windows*) and Francesco Barilli (*The Perfume of the Lady in Black*). The author examines the Italian Gothic horror of the period, providing previously unpublished details and production data taken from official papers, original scripts and interviews with filmmakers, scriptwriters and actors. Entries include complete cast and crew lists, plot summaries, production history and analysis. An appendix covers Italian made-for-TV films and mini-series.

Leonard Maltin's 151 Best Movies You've Never Seen McFarland Until *I vampiri* (*The Vampires*) in 1956, Italian filmmakers generally eschewed horror in favor of fantasy films and big screen spectacles. In the 1960s, the subjects became as varied as the filmmakers, ranging from the comic strip flavor of *The Wild, Wild Planet* (1966) to the surrealistic mixture of horror and social commentary of Fellini's "Toby Dammit" segment of *Spirits of the Dead* (1969). Arranged by English title, each entry includes Italian title, studio, running time, year of release, work the film is based on (when appropriate), and cast and credits. These data are followed by a lengthy essay, blending a plot synopsis with critical commentary and behind-the-scenes information.

The Cultural Cold War Routledge

In an eclectic career spanning four decades, Italian director Riccardo Freda (1909-1999) produced films of remarkable technical skill and powerful visual style, including the swashbuckler *Black Eagle* (1946), an adaptation of *Les Misérables* (1947), the peplum *Theodora, Slave Empress* (1954) and a number of cult-favorite Gothic and horror films such as *I Vampiri* (1957), *The Horrible Dr. Hichcock* (1962) and *The Ghost* (1963). Freda was first championed in the 1960s by French critics who labeled him "the European Raoul Walsh," and enjoyed growing critical esteem over the years. This book covers his life and career for the first time in English, with detailed analyses of his films and exclusive interviews with his collaborators and family.

Italian Gothic Horror Films, 1970-1979 McFarland

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Japanese Horror Cinema Edinburgh Companions to the Go Tonino Valerii is one of Italy's best genre film directors. Starting out as Sergio Leone's assistant on *For a Few Dollars More* (1965), he went on to direct spaghetti westerns that stand out among the most accomplished in their class—*Day of Anger* (1967), *The Price of Power* (1969), *A Reason to Live, a Reason to Die!* (1972) and *My Name Is Nobody* (1973). He also directed the outstanding giallo *My Dear Killer* (1972). This book examines Valerii's life and career in depth for the first time, with exclusive interviews with the filmmaker, scriptwriters and actors, and critical analysis of his films.

The Haunted World of Mario Bava McFarland

DIABOLIKA lists the Italian films and TV series based on (or inspired by) comics, graphic novels and photonovels, as well as movies not directly adapted from comic books sport a distinct comics feel in style, characters and plot.

The Horror Reader Dark Horse Comics

During the Cold War, freedom of expression was vaunted as liberal democracy's most cherished possession—but such freedom was put in service of a hidden agenda. In *The Cultural Cold War*, Frances Stonor Saunders reveals the extraordinary efforts of a secret campaign in which some of the most vocal exponents of intellectual freedom in the West were working for or subsidized by the CIA—whether they knew it or not. Called "the most comprehensive account yet of the [CIA's] activities between 1947 and 1967" by the *New York Times*, the book presents shocking evidence of the CIA's undercover program of cultural interventions in Western Europe and at home, drawing together declassified documents and exclusive interviews to expose the CIA's astonishing campaign to deploy the likes of Hannah Arendt, Isaiah Berlin, Leonard Bernstein, Robert Lowell, George Orwell, and Jackson Pollock as weapons in the Cold War. Translated into ten languages, this classic work—now with a new preface by the author—is "a real contribution to popular understanding of the postwar period" (*The Wall Street Journal*), and its story of covert cultural efforts to win hearts and minds continues to be relevant today.

Italian Gothic Horror Films, 1957-1969 McFarland

She was called "The Mother of Toads" and Pierre braved the dark woods to see her... (note: a very short story)

Federico Fellini McFarland

A stimulating and unusually wide-ranging collection of essays overviewing ways in which music functions in film soundtracks. *Vampires in Italian Cinema, 1956-1975* eStar Books The endangered and dangerous female figures of "Rebecca", of "Jagged Edge" and "What Lies Beneath" have a deserved and endures fascination. Helen Hanson re-examines these gothic heroines of Hollywood and their meanings, in two of Hollywood's key generic cycles, film noir and the female gothic film. Starting at the beginning, with the origin of these cycles and the ways in which they represented women in the American film industry and culture of the 1940s, she traces their revival in neo-noir and neo-gothic films from the 1980s to the present. She also places the female figures of the femme fatale, female investigator and gothic heroine within the shifting contexts of the film industry and debates in feminist film criticism. Hanson examines a wide range of films from both periods, including 'Suspicion', 'Gaslight' and 'Pacific Heights', and gives particular attention to their presentation of female stories, actions and perspectives. She reveals a diversity of female figures, representations and actions in film noir and the female gothic film, and argues that these women are part of a negotiation of female identities, desires and roles across a long historical period. "Hollywood Heroines" therefore offers us new ways of thinking about classic and contemporary Hollywood heroines, and about the interrelationships of gender and genre.

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