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At the Interface

Rutgers University Press
Following on author Peter Rollins' motto "If it isn't popular, it isn't culture," this collection of new essays considers Vince Gilligan's award-winning television series *Breaking Bad* as a landmark of Western culture--comparable to the works of Shakespeare and Dickens in their time--that merits scholarly attention from those who would understand early the 21st century zeitgeist. The essayists explore the series as a critique of American concepts of masculinity, with Walter White discussed as a father archetype--provider, protector, author of a legacy--and as a Machiavellian warrior on the capitalist battleground.

Other topics include the mutual exclusivity of intellect and masculinity in American culture, and the dramatic irony as White's rationales for his criminal life are gradually revealed as a lie. In "round table" chapters, contributors discuss the show's reception, fans who root for "Team Walt," "Skyler-hating" and *Breaking Bad* as a feminist text.

New Femininities
McFarland

This is an excellent guide to Helen Fielding's genre-defining novel. It features a biography of the author, a full-length analysis of the novel, and a great deal more. If you're studying this novel, reading it for your book club, or if you simply want to know more

about it, you'll find this guide informative and helpful. This is part of a new series of guides to contemporary novels. The aim of the series is to give readers accessible and informative introductions to some of the most popular, most acclaimed and most influential novels of recent years - from 'The Remains of the Day' to 'White Teeth'. A team of contemporary fiction scholars from both sides of the Atlantic has been assembled to provide a thorough and readable analysis of each of the novels in question.

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The twenty-first century has seen the emergence of a new style of man: the metrosexual.

Overwhelmingly straight, white, and wealthy, these impeccably coiffed urban professionals spend big money on everything from facials to pedicures, all part of a multi-billion-dollar male grooming industry. Yet as this innovative study reveals, even as the industry encourages men to invest more in their appearance, it still relies on women to do much of the work. *Styling Masculinity* investigates how men's beauty salons have persuaded their clientele to regard them as masculine spaces. To answer this question, sociologist Kristen Barber goes inside *Adonis* and *The Executive*, two upscale men's salons in Southern California. Conducting detailed

observations and extensive interviews with both customers and employees, she shows how female salon workers not only perform the physical labor of snipping, tweezing, waxing, and exfoliating, but also perform the emotional labor of pampering their clients and pumping up their masculine egos. Letting salon employees tell their own stories, Barber not only documents occasions when these workers are objectified and demeaned, but also explores how their jobs allow for creativity and confer a degree of professional dignity. In the process, she traces the vast network of economic and social relations that undergird the burgeoning male

beauty industry. **The Aftermath of Feminism** Indiana University Press Seminar paper from the year 2016 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 2,3, University of Hamburg, language: English, abstract: The enthusiasm for the game of football extends far beyond the crowded bleachers of modern stadiums in metropolitan areas around the globe and handcrafted goal posts on agrarian fields in the British Lake District. The so called "beautiful game" has served as a template for countless movies, books, plays and other cultural goods. One of the most prominent writings on football and football fandom is Nick

Hornby's "Fever Pitch". Besides the topic of football, it is the author's own story about growing up as a British child of the 1960s, an era which was shaped by issues of class and questions about the existence of a British identity. As a semi-autobiographic coming-of-age narrative about love, friendship, labour and Nick Hornby's obsession for football, the luck and success of Arsenal, the author's favourite team, reflects the ups and downs of his own life. According to the author, Fever Pitch is not just about a man's obsession for football: "The book is also, in part, an exploration of some of the meanings that football seems to contain for many of us".

Toxic Geek Masculinity in Media Rodopi

The author offers a scholarly dissection of "chick lit" from a post-feminist perspective. She analyzes the novel *Bridget Jones' Diary* and the HBO series *Sex and the City* while making parallels back to writings of Jane Austen and the Victorian novel in general. She looks at what these works say about women in society and whether they are just an escape or a serious reflection of women's concerns. Femininity and Masculinity Oxfam
How has popular film, television and fiction responded to the realities of an ageing Western population? This volume analyses this field of representation to argue that, while

celebrations of ageing as an inspirational journey are increasing, most depictions still focus on decline and deterioration.

The Violent Woman

John Wiley & Sons
In the 1880s a New York-based faction of militant Irish nationalists conducted the first urban bombing campaign in history, targeting symbolic public buildings in Britain with homemade bombs. This book investigates the people and ideas behind this spectacular new departure in revolutionary violence. Employing a transnational approach, the book reveals connections and parallels between the 'dynamiters' and other revolutionary groups active at the time and demonstrates

how they interacted with currents in revolution, war and politics across Europe, the United States and the British Empire.

Reconstructing the life stories of individual dynamiters and their conceptual and ethical views on violence, it offers an innovative picture of the dynamics of revolutionary organizations as well as the political, social and cultural factors which move people to support or condemn acts of political violence.

The World According to Bridget Jones

Cambridge University Press

The World According to Bridget Jones:

Discourses of Identity in Chicklit Fictions examines the cultural functioning of a popular contemporary

strand in mainstream Anglo-American literature, known as «chicklit». Assuming that the interpretive potential of chicklit novels is connected with the process of identity formation, the book points out the possibility of the reader's identification with certain fictional discourses permeating the convention. The study focuses on complex links between Anglo-American cultural discourses and narrative constructions of identity and explores narrative representations of contemporary family, love, and sexuality. It also tackles the relation between chicklit and consumerism, reconstructing salient characteristics of contemporary

consumer culture and the position of the fictional female consumer within discourses of body, beauty, and shopping. Styling Masculinity John Wiley & Sons Debate over gender and especially the lives of men is currently at a fever pitch, particularly in the United States. New perspectives that capture the complexity of men and a rapidly changing gender landscape are therefore critical today. Psychoanalysis and Contemporary American Men challenges narrow stereotyped views of men by arguing that men are as complex and layered as women. In the light of the recent #MeToo movement, stereotypes of men are being recycled. While

aligned with the spirit of this movement, the authors worry that negative stereotypes of men are being perpetrated at the very time that men are renegotiating their gender experience. The authors present a critical non-heteronormative perspective addressing current gender transformations. Although the lives of men are changing, the stories that dominate the public sphere often represent them as narrowly phallic—controlling, detached, sexist, and homophobic. Seidman and Frank offer a counter point: men are also "guardians" driven to be useful and to do good, to live valued and purposeful lives. They argue that men are not only driven by

a will to power but by an ethically-minded, relationally-oriented sense of responsibility to care for others, whether partners, children, or fellow citizens. Drawing on historical, sociological, and psychoanalytic work, this book provides a nuanced, multidimensional construct of American men today. *Psychoanalysis and Contemporary American Men* will be of interest to psychoanalysts and psychotherapists as well as scholars and students of gender and queer studies. *Working with Paper* Rodopi Looks at how violent women characters disrupt cinematic narrative and challenge cultural ideals.

Gender and the Construction of Hegemonic and Oppositional Femininities Springer
 Basierend auf der Annahme, dass Geschlechterrollen in den letzten Jahrzehnten zunehmend komplexer und differenzierter geworden sind, wird in den Artikeln des Bandes die Konstruktion von Geschlecht in zeitgenössischen Medienprodukten analysiert. Die AutorInnen geben Einblicke in die vielfältigen medien- und genrespezifischen Umsetzungen der Konstruktion, Perpetuierung und Infragestellung von Geschlechterkonzeptionen in audiovisuellen Medien. Dabei betrachten sie das

Zusammenspiel der verschiedenen Ebenen, in denen das »gendering« in diesen Medien angesiedelt ist, und nehmen einem zentralen Ansatz des Bandes folgend eine transmediale Perspektive ein. Das Buch soll durch eingehende Analysen populärer Beispiele aus TV-Serien, Filmen und Musikvideos den Blick der LeserInnen schärfen, wie audiovisuelle Medien auf der einen Seite das Bild von »Weiblichkeit« und »Männlichkeit« beeinflussen und auf der anderen Seite gesellschaftlich verankerte Geschlechternormen reproduzieren.

Constructions of Masculinity in British Literature from the Middle Ages to the Present

Cambridge University Press
If the consumer economy had a sex, it would be female. If the business world had a sex, it would be male. And therein lies the pickle. Women are the engine of the global economy, driving 80 percent of consumer spending in the United States alone. They hold the purse strings, and when they've got a tight grip on them as they do now, companies must be shrewder than ever to win them over. Just when executives have mastered becoming technology literate, they find there's another skill they need: becoming female literate. This isn't always easy. Gender is the most powerful determinant of how a person views the world

and everything in it. It's stronger than age, income, or race. While there are mountains of research done every year segmenting consumers and analyzing why they buy, more often than not it doesn't factor in the one piece of information that trumps them all: the sex of the buyer. It's stunning how many companies overlook the psychology of gender when we all know that men and women look at the world so differently. Bridget Brennan's *Why She Buys* shows decision makers how to bridge this divide and capture the business of the world's most powerful consumers just when they need it most. • No Matter Where You Live, Women Are a Foreign

Country: You'll discover the value in studying women with the same intensity that you would a foreign market. Women grow up within a culture of their own gender, which is often invisible to men. Brennan dissects this female culture and explains the important brain differences between men and women that may cause your female customers to notice things about your products, marketing campaigns, or sales environment that you might have overlooked.

- The High Fives: There are five major trends driving the global female population that are key to determining their wants and needs. These global shifts are just beginning to be tapped by businesses, and learning about

them can provide you with an invaluable blueprint for long-range planning.

- The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Find out how the best and brightest companies have cracked the female code, and hear horror stories about those that haven't. Through instructive case studies and interviews, *Why She Buys* provides practical, field-proven techniques that you can apply to your business immediately, from giants like Procter & Gamble and Toyota to upstarts like Method home-care products and lululemon athletica apparel. At a time when every company is looking for a competitive advantage, Bridget Brennan offers a new and effective lens for capturing market

share. *Women Artists and Writers* GRIN Verlag Books in Motion addresses the hybrid, interstitial field of film adaptation. The introductory essay integrates a retrospective survey of the development of adaptation studies with a forceful argument about their centrality to any history of culture--any discussion, that is, of the transformation and transmission of texts and meanings in and across cultures. The thirteen especially composed essays that follow, organised into four sections headed 'Paradoxes of Fidelity', 'Authors, Auteurs, Adaptation', 'Contexts, Intertexts, Adaptation' and 'Beyond Adaptation', variously illustrate that claim by

problematizing the notion of fidelity, highlighting the role played by adaptation in relation to changing concepts of authorship and auteurism, exploring the extent to which the intelligibility of film adaptations is dependent on contextual and intertextual factors, and making a claim for the need to transcend any narrowly-defined concept of adaptation in the study of adaptation. Discussion ranges from adaptations of established classics like *A Tale of Two Cities*, *Frankenstein*, *Henry V*, *Le temps retrouvé*, *Mansfield Park*, *Pride and Prejudice*, 'The Dead' or *Wuthering Heights*, to contemporary (popular) texts/films like *Bridget Jones's*

Diary, Fools, The Governess, High Fidelity, The Hours, The Orchid Thief/Adaptation, the work of Doris Dörrie, the first Harry Potter novel/film, or the adaptations made by Alfred Hitchcock, Stanley Kubrick and Walt Disney. This book will appeal to both a specialised readership and to those accessing the dynamic field of adaptation studies for the first time.

Gender and Creative Labour Stanford University Press
 DIVFeminist essays examining postfeminism in American and British popular culture./div
Gender Relations in Frances Burney's "Evelina". The Emergence of 'Modern' Standards of Masculinity and

Femininity Wiley-Blackwell
 Gender and the Construction of Hegemonic and Oppositional Femininities analyzes the construction of femininities within the key social institutions of school, work, and the media. The book draws from previous research to demonstrate how femininities are constructed in school and work and analyzes gendered representations in current fictional media.

Gender and the Media Univ of California Press
 Working with Paper builds on a growing interest in the materials of science by exploring the gendered uses and meanings of paper tools and technologies,

considering how notions of gender impacted paper practices and in turn how paper may have structured knowledge about gender. Through a series of dynamic investigations covering Europe and North America and spanning the early modern period to the twentieth century, this volume breaks new ground by examining material histories of paper and the gendered worlds that made them. Contributors explore diverse uses of paper—from healing to phrenological analysis to model making to data processing—which often occurred in highly gendered, yet seemingly divergent spaces, such as laboratories and kitchens, court rooms

and boutiques, ladies' chambers and artisanal workshops, foundling houses and colonial hospitals, and college gymnasiums and state office buildings.

Together, they reveal how notions of masculinity and femininity became embedded in and expressed through the materials of daily life. *Working with Paper* uncovers the intricate negotiations of power and difference underlying epistemic practices, forging a material history of knowledge in which quotidian and scholarly practices are intimately linked.

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accessible style, with lots of examples from Anglo-American media, Gender and the Media offers a critical introduction to the study of gender in the media, and an up-to-date assessment of the key issues and debates. Eschewing a straightforwardly positive or negative assessment the book explores the contradictory character of contemporary gender representations, where confident expressions of girl power sit alongside reports of epidemic levels of anorexia among young women, moral panics about the impact on men of idealized representations of the 'six-pack', but near silence about the pervasive re-sexualization of

women's bodies, along with a growing use of irony and playfulness that render critique extremely difficult. The book looks in depth at five areas of media - talk shows, magazines, news, advertising, and contemporary screen and paperback romances - to examine how representations of women and men are changing in the twenty-first century, partly in response to feminist, queer and anti-racist critique. Gender and the Media is also concerned with the theoretical tools available for analysing representations. A range of approaches from semiotics to postcolonial theory are discussed, and Gill asks how useful notions such as objectification, backlash, and positive

images are for making sense of gender in today's Western media. Finally, *Gender and the Media* also raises questions about cultural politics - namely, what forms of critique and intervention are effective at a moment when ironic quotation marks seem to protect much media content from criticism and when much media content - from *Sex and the City* to *revenge adverts* - can be labelled postfeminist. This is a book that will be of particular interest to students and scholars in gender and media studies, as well as those in sociology and cultural studies more generally.

Representations of masculinity and femininity in "Bridget Jones's

Diary" Routledge

This book is an important introductory textbook on sexual politics and an original contribution to the reformulation of social and political theory. In a discussion of, among other issues, psychoanalysis, Marxism and feminist theories, the structure of gender relations, and working class feminism, Connell has produced a major work of synthesis and scholarship which will be of unique value to students and professionals in sociology, politics, women's studies and to anyone interested in the field of sexual politics. Visit www.raewynconnell.net
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"From model trains to

board games, this book tells the story of how the attitudes and beliefs of a predominantly white culture of hobbyists still pervades geek culture today"--

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