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Editorial Review

Review

"A superb compendium of 34 critical essays on the late French film director ... Truffaut's deeply human and penetrating films come alive for the reader. A splendid 'companion' offering fresh insight and thoughtful analysis on every page. **Summing Up:** Highly recommended. Lower-level undergraduates and above." (*Choice*, 1 September 2013)

Review

"An unprecedented critical tribute to the director who, in France, wound up becoming the most controversial figure of the New Wave he helped found."

Raymond Bellour, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique

"This exciting collection breaks through the widely-held critical view that Truffaut abandoned the iconoclasm of his early work for an academicism he had consistently railed against in his own film criticism. Indeed, if 'fever' and 'fire' were Truffaut's most consistent motifs, the essays in this collection live up to his life-long, burning passion for the cinema. Written by world-famous scholars, the essays exhaustively explore the themes and styles of the films, as well as Truffaut's relationships to Andre Bazin, Alfred Hitchcock, and the directors of the New Wave, his ground-breaking and controversial film criticism, and his position in the complex politics of French cultural life from the Popular Front to 1968 and after."

Angelo Restivo, Georgia State University

From the Back Cover

Although the New Wave, one of the most influential aesthetic revolutions in the history of cinema, might not have existed without him, François Truffaut has largely been ignored by film scholars since his death almost thirty years ago. As an innovative theoretician, an influential critic and a celebrated filmmaker, Truffaut formulated, disseminated and illustrated the ideals of the New Wave with exceptional energy and distinction. Yet no book in recent years has focused on Truffaut's value, and his overall contribution to cinema deserves to be redefined not only to reinstate him in his proper place but to let us rethink how cinema developed during his lifetime.

In this new *Companion*, 34 original essays by leading film scholars offer new readings of individual films, and original perspectives on the filmmaker's background, influences, and consequence. Hugely influential around the globe, Truffaut is assessed by international contributors who delve into the unique quality of his narratives and establish the depth of his distinctively styled work.

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