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From the demise of the studio system in the 1960s and the rise of American underground film, to the 21st century blockbuster superhero, this authoritative collection of introductory and specialized readings explores the core issues and developments in American cinematic history during the second half of the twentieth-century through the present day. The student-friendly structure—that also invites much deeper scholarly consideration—divides coverage into the periods 1960-1975, 1976-1990, and 1991 to the present day, each section opening with an historical overview.

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