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Pasolini's Lasting Impressions Princeton University Press

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Masculinity and Italian Cinema University of Chicago Press

"This book casts the poet and filmmaker

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Pier Paolo Pasolini in a fresh light: his life and work in relation to the visual and performance arts of his time in both Europe and the US. Lavishly illustrated with both documentary and fine art images, it shows how essentially conservative Pasolini was politically and aesthetically despite his reputation as an avant-garde writer and filmmaker. But it also shows how truly advanced Pasolini was when it comes to interdisciplinary art, making him enormously relevant today"--

Pier Paolo Pasolini U of Minnesota Press

A multigenre investigation of the personal and cultural annals of memory, identity, and spectatorship, both on and off the screen. In exchange for studying what each fraudulent cell looks like under a merciless commercial and commodified lens, viewers enable late-capitalism to run more smoothly by calling in with their votes, as is the case with Reality TV. From the inside, secrecy appears eradicated, as though secrets or coded transparencies comprise the totality of injustice, rather than just one part. Justice is reduced to a vantage point. We see and we see and we see ad infinitum. —from *Picture Cycle* With her debut collection *Beauty Talk & Monsters* (2007), Masha Tupitsyn established a new genre of hybrid writing that melded film criticism, philosophy, and autobiography. *Picture Cycle* continues Tupitsyn's multigenre investigation of the personal and cultural annals of memory, identity, and spectatorship, both on and off the screen. Composed over a ten-year period, *Picture Cycle* is a pioneering collection whose sharp and knowing vignette-like essays form a critical autobiography of the daily images in our lives. Deftly covering a range of theoretical and cinematic frameworks, Tupitsyn traces here the quickly vanishing line between onscreen and offscreen, predigital and postdigital. The result is a unique intellectual study of the uncanny formation of our life's biographies through images.

*A Force from the Past* Patrick Frey Edition

This is a personal account of Pier Paolo Pasolini's cinema and literature, written by the author of 'Antonioni' and 'Rocco

and his Brothers'.

**Contemporary Cinema** Princeton University Press

This cross-disciplinary volume, Pier Paolo Pasolini, *Framed and Unframed*, explores and complicates our understanding of Pasolini today, probing notions of otherness in his works, his media image, and his legacy. Over 40 years after his death Pier Paolo Pasolini continues to challenge and interest us, both in academic circles and in popular discourses. Today his films stand as lampposts of Italian cinematic production, his cinematic theories resonate broadly through academic circles, and his philosophical, essayistic, and journalistic writings—albeit relatively sparsely translated into other languages—are still widely influential. Pasolini has also become an image, a mascot, a face on tote bags, a graffiti image on walls, an adjective (pasolinian). The collected essays push us to consider and reconsider Pasolini, a thinker for the twenty-first century.

**The Passion of Pier Paolo Pasolini** Bloomsbury Publishing USA

Analyses the influential forms of a cinema of poetry in 1970s features by Altman, Herzog, Malick, Scorsese, Weir, Von Trotta, and Tarkovsky.

The Selected Poetry of Pier Paolo Pasolini University of Toronto Press

Most people outside Italy know Pier Paolo Pasolini for his films, many of which began as literary works—*Arabian Nights*, *The Gospel According to Matthew*, *The Decameron*, and *The Canterbury Tales* among them. What most people are not aware of is that he was primarily a poet, publishing nineteen books of poems during his lifetime, as well as a visual artist, novelist, playwright, and journalist. Half a dozen of these books have been excerpted and published in English over the years, but even if one were to read all of those, the wide range of poetic styles and subjects that occupied Pasolini during his lifetime would still elude the English-language reader. For the first time, Anglophones will now be able to discover the

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many facets of this singular poet. Avoiding the tactics of the slim, idiosyncratic, and aesthetically or politically motivated volumes currently available in English, Stephen Sartarelli has chosen poems from every period of Pasolini's poetic oeuvre. In doing so, he gives English-language readers a more complete picture of the poet, whose verse ranged from short lyrics to longer poems and extended sequences, and whose themes ran not only to the moral, spiritual, and social spheres but also to the aesthetic and sexual, for which he is most known in the United States today. This volume shows how central poetry was to Pasolini, no matter what else he was doing in his creative life, and how poetry informed all of his work from the visual arts to his political essays to his films. Pier Paolo Pasolini was "a poet of the cinema," as James Ivory says in the book's foreword, who "left a trove of words on paper that can live on as the fast-deteriorating images he created on celluloid cannot." This generous selection of poems will be welcomed by poetry lovers and film buffs alike and will be an event in American letters.

**The Street Kids** Univ of California Press

Before his mysterious murder in 1975, Pier Paolo Pasolini had become famous—and infamous—not only for his groundbreaking films and literary works but also for his homosexuality and criticism of capitalism, colonialism, and Western materialism. In *Pier Paolo Pasolini: Performing Authorship*, Gian Maria Annovi revisits Pasolini's oeuvre to examine the author's performance as a way of assuming an antagonistic stance toward forms of artistic, social, and cultural oppression. Annovi connects Pasolini's notion of authorship to contemporary radical artistic practices and today's multimedia authorship. Annovi considers the entire range of Pasolini's work, including his poetry, narrative and documentary film, dramatic writings, and painting, as well as his often scandalous essays on politics, art, literature, and theory. He

interprets Pasolini's multimedia authorial performance as a masochistic act to elicit rejection, generate hostility, and highlight the contradictions that structure a repressive society. Annovi shows how questions of authorial self-representation and self-projection relate to the artist's effort to undermine the assumptions of his audience and criticize the conformist practices that the culture industry and mass society impose on the author. Pasolini reveals the critical potential of his spectacular celebrity by using the author's corporeal or vocal presence to address issues of sexuality and identity, and through his strategic self-fashioning in films, paintings, and photographic portraits he destabilizes the audience's assumptions about the author.

*Landscapes of Loss* British Film Inst

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of prelude to a fierce battle for national memory that marked so-called *rétro* films of the 1970s and 1980s. The shifting political and historical perspectives toward the nation's more distant past, which also emerged in these years, are explored in the light of the films of one of France's leading directors, Bertrand Tavernier. Finally, the mood of nostalgia and melancholy that appears to haunt contemporary France is analyzed in the context of films about the nation's imperial past as well as those that hark back to a "golden age," a remembered *paradis perdu*, of French cinema itself.

**Pier Paolo Pasolini** University of Toronto Press

This illustrated book accompanies the exhibition *Pier Paolo Pasolini : Subversive Prophet* (Neuberger Museum of Art, February 12 to May 31, 2020). Pier Paolo Pasolini (Italian, 1922-1975) is widely known in Europe for his prolific work as a poet, writer, and film director. A true humanist, his interests encompassed literature, art, history, classic tragedy, psychoanalysis, and politics. For Susan Sontag, Pasolini was "indisputably the most remarkable figure to have emerged in Italian arts and letters since the Second World War. Whatever he did once he did it, had the quality of seeming necessary." Outspoken and subversive, Pasolini made no concessions and at times deliberately provoked his contemporaries, either through challenging political articles or through his films. Violently murdered in 1975 under enigmatic circumstances that shocked Italy and intellectual circles worldwide, Pasolini left three decades of artistic production full of complex and rich themes that are as relevant today as they were then: the universal homogenization of society; the dangers of capitalism; excessive consumption; growing inequality between poor and rich; the relegation of the underprivileged to the outskirts of the

city; hypocrisy and repression in the social and political spheres. The exhibition opens with artistic homages to Pasolini by two Latin American artists: the Chilean, New York-based artist Alfredo Jaar, and the late Uruguayan artist Antonio Frasconi (a former Purchase College professor). Both artists pay tribute to Pasolini's outstanding work and denounce his assassination in 1975. This first section also explores the reception of Pasolini in the Americas: in Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, and the United States—including his first visit to New York, in 1966. A second and larger gallery is devoted to the powerful creativity of Pasolini, featuring his poetry, novels, paintings, and drawings as well as an introduction to his most important films. The exhibition also showcases original film costumes designed in Rome by Farani, including the one used by Pasolini in *The Canterbury Tales*, in which he plays the role of Geoffrey Chaucer, the author of the original book by the same title.

*Urban Narratives and the Spaces of Rome*  
Edinburgh University Press

In *Archaic Modernism*, Daniel Humphrey offers the first book-length, English-language examination of three adaptations of Greek tragedy produced by the gay and Marxist Italian filmmaker Pier Paolo Pasolini: *Oedipus Rex* (1967), *Medea* (1969), and *Notes Towards an African Orestes* (1970/1973). Considering Pasolini's own theories of a "Cinema of Poetry" alongside Jacques Derrida's concept of *écriture*, as well as more recent scholarship by queer theory scholars advocating for an antirelational and antisocial subjectivity, Humphrey maintains that Pasolini's Greek tragedy films exemplify a paradoxical sense of "archaic modernism" that is at the very heart of the filmmaker's project. More daringly, he contends that they ultimately reveal the queer roots of Western civilization's formative texts. *Archaic*

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*Pier Paolo Pasolini* Fondazione Cineteca Di Bologna

Rumble offers a comparative study based on the concept of 'aesthetic contamination,' which is fundamental to the understanding of Pasolini's poetics

**Cinema as Happening Pasolini's Primitivism and the Sixties Italian Art Scene** University of Toronto Press

This book foregrounds the works of Pier Paolo Pasolini to study the Roman periphery and examine the relevance of Pasolini's vision in the construction of

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subaltern identity and experience. It analyses the contemporary Italian society to understand the problem of social exclusion of marginal communities. Narrative studies are at the core of the contemporary social science research. This book uses narrative analysis to unpack the deeper meaning of Rome's stigmatized periphery through an interplay of Italian cinema, literature, and social and political climates. It encourages a positive interpretation of the Roman periphery through its characterization as a homogeneous area of marginality as emphasized in Pasolini's writings and films on Rome. This re-evaluation left a lasting impact on the modern periphery and the narratives of ordinary citizens as evident in contemporary street art and popular musical production. Pasolini's revolutionary vision allows us to appreciate the human and aesthetic character of urban life in regions beyond the main urban areas. The respect for subaltern urban communities encouraged by this book can be extended from Rome to other parts of the world. This book presents an interconnection of social theory, geography, poetry, literature, film and the visual arts to study the experience of life in underprivileged urban areas. Written in an accessible style, the book offers a reimagining of the Roman periphery which will appeal to readers in France, Spain, Italy, Australia, areas which have significant interest in Italian studies and the works of Pasolini.

*Archaic Modernism* University of Toronto Press

The Italian film-maker Pier Paolo Pasolini was first and always a poet—the most important civil poet, according to Alberto Moravia, in Italy in the second half of this century. His poems were at once deeply personal and passionately engaged in the political turmoil of his country.

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In 1949, after his homosexuality led the Italian Communist Party to expel him on charges of "moral and political unworthiness," Pasolini fled to Rome. This selection of poems from his early impoverished days on the outskirts of Rome to his last (with a backward longing glance at his native Frill) is at the center of his poetic and filmic vision of modern Italian life as an Inferno. Pier Paolo Pasolini was born in 1922 in Bologna. In addition to the films for which he is world famous, he wrote novels, poetry, and social and cultural criticism. He was murdered in 1975.

**Pasolini's Bodies and Places** Columbia University Press

"Superb. . . . In its careful handling of the biographical and the autobiographical, the factual and the speculative, this book will become a model for how studies of individual directors should be done in the future."—Peter Brunette, author of *Roberto Rossellini Pier Paolo Pasolini, Framed and Unframed* Princeton University Press

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### **The Selected Poetry of Pier Paolo Pasolini**

Rowman & Littlefield

Salò or The Hundred and Twenty Days of Sodom (Salò o Le centoventi giornate di Sodoma, 1975) is one of the most controversial and scandalous films ever made. It was Pier Paolo Pasolini's last film; he was murdered shortly after completing it. An adaptation of Sade's vicious masterpiece, but relocated to Fascist-ruled Italy, Salò is an unflinching, violent portrayal of sexual cruelty which many find too disturbing to watch. But insightful artworks are often disturbing. Beneath the extreme, taboo-breaking surface of Salò, Gary Indiana argues, is a deeply penetrating account of human behavior that resonates not only as an account of fascism but as a picture of the corporate, morally compromised world we live in today.

#### Pier Paolo Pasolini, Framed and Unframed

Guernica Editions

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#### **Picture Cycle Princeton Legacy Library**

More than thirty years after the tragic death of Pier Paolo Pasolini, this volume is intended to acknowledge the significance of his living memory. His artistic and cultural production continues to be a fundamental reference point in any discourse on the state of the arts, and on contemporary political events, in Italy and abroad. This collection of essays intends to continue the recognition of Pasolini's teachings and of his role as engaged intellectual, not only as acute observer of the society in which he lived, but also as semiologist, writer, and filmmaker, always heretical in all his endeavors. Many directors, reporters, and contemporary writers see in the "inconvenient intellectual" personified by Pasolini in his writings, in his films, and in his interviews, an emblematic figure with whom to institute and maintain a constant dialog, both because of the controversial topics he addressed, which are still relevant today, and because of the ways in which he confronted the power structures. His analytical ability made it impossible for him to believe in the myth of progress; instead, he embraced an ideal that pushed him always to struggle on the firing line of controversy.