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Psycho in the Shower: The History of Cinema's Most Famous Scene

By Philip J Skerry

Bloomsbury Publishing PLC, United Kingdom, 2009. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 213 x 140 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. This is a brilliant study of one scene in one movie: the shower scene from Psycho . Every other chapter is an extended interview with someone who either worked on the original film or Gus van Sant's 1998 remake. The non-interview chapters take various approaches to film criticism and the end result is very entertaining. Psycho in the Shower is a multi-dimensional study of the film's astonishing shower scene. Philip J. Skerry shows how it may be the most significant and influential scene of all and substantiates this claim by providing chapters on the evolution of the scene in Hitchcock's career, with particular focus on his methods for creating suspense and terror in the audience. In tracing the evolution of the shower scene, the author discusses and analyzes many films (both Hitchcockian and otherwise) that lead up to Psycho . The book places the shower scene in the cultural and social contexts of American popular culture of the 1950s and 1960s, arguing that it helped to create a revolution in both sensibility and cinematic style. Several unique dimensions help...



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