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In *Film and Comic Books* contributors analyze the problems of adapting one medium to another; the translation of comics aesthetics into film; audience expectations, reception, and reaction to comic book-based films; and the adaptation of films into comics.

A wide range of comic/film adaptations are explored, including superheroes (Spider-Man), comic strips (*Dick Tracy*), realist and autobiographical comics (*American Splendor*, *Ghost World*), and photo-montage comics (Mexico's *El Santo*).

Essayists discuss films beginning with the 1978 *Superman*. That success led filmmakers to adapt a multitude of comic books for the screen including Marvel's *Uncanny X-Men*, the *Amazing Spider-Man*, *Blade*, and the *Incredible Hulk* as well as alternative graphic novels such as *From Hell*, *V for Vendetta*, and *Road to Perdition*.

Essayists also discuss recent works from Mexico, France, Germany, and Malaysia.

Essays from Timothy P. Barnard, Michael Cohen, Rayna Denison, Martin Flanagan, Sophie Geoffroy-Menoux, Mel Gibson, Kerry Gough, Jonathan Gray, Craig Hight, Derek Johnson, Pascal Lef?vre, Paul M. Malone, Neil Rae, Aldo J. Regalado, Jan van der Putten, and David Wilt

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