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This book studies American science fiction films depicting invasions of the USA and Earth by extra-terrestrials within the context of imperialism from 1950–2020. It shows how such films imagine America and its allies as objects of colonial control. This trope enables filmmakers to explore the ethics of American interventionism abroad either by defending the status quo or by questioning interventionism. The study shows how these films comment on American domestic hegemonic practices regarding racial or gender hierarchies, as well as hegemonic practices abroad. Beginning with the Cold War consensus in the 1950s, the study shows how hegemony at home and abroad promotes division in the culture. Mark E. Wildermuth is Dunagan Professor of English at the University of Texas Permian Basin in Odessa, Texas, USA, where he has taught since 1992. He has published articles in journals like *The Journal of Popular Film and Television* and *Philosophy and Rhetoric*. He has published 4 books: *Blood in the Moonlight: Michael Mann and Information Age Cinema*; *Print, Chaos and Complexity: Samuel Johnson and Eighteenth-Century Media Culture*; *Gender, Science Fiction Television and the American Security State, 1958–Present*; and *Feminism and the Western in Film and Television*.