

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910483421103321
Autore	Kerner Aaron
Titolo	Theorizing Stupid Media : De-Naturalizing Story Structures in the Cinematic, Televisual, and Videogames // by Aaron Kerner, Julian Hoxter
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Cham : , : Springer International Publishing : , : Imprint : Palgrave Macmillan, , 2019
ISBN	3-030-28176-0
Edizione	[1st ed. 2019.]
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (232 pages)
Disciplina	302.23 302.234
Soggetti	Film genres Popular Culture Genre
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Nota di contenuto	1.The Stupider the Better -- 2.The Stupid in the Contemporary Hollywood Vernacular: Spectacularly Stupid Transformers -- 3.The Stupid in Genre Fails -- 4.The Stupid as Narrative Dissonance -- 5.The Stupid as Ludonarrative Dissonance -- 6.Conclusion: Well That Was Stupid.
Sommario/riassunto	This book explores the stupid as it manifests in media—the cinema, television and streamed content, and videogames. The stupid is theorized as media that “fails” to conform to established narrative conventions, often surfacing at evolutionary moments. Each chapter explores different manifestations of the stupid: exemplified in the Transformers franchise the contemporary Hollywood vernacular privileges kinetic qualities over conventional narration, and is often dismissed as being stupid. The stupid is also evident in genre failures. Narrative dissonance, where a story “feels off”, might be perceived as stupid—Adventure Time being a key example. “Ludonarrative dissonance” refers to instances in videogames (e.g., Bioshock) where gameplay seemingly runs counter to the narrative, thus stupefying. The authors take the film Sucker Punch as a concluding exercise, applying the book’s theorization of the stupid. This book is addressed to those

interested in media that is quirky, spectacle-driven, or generally hard to place—stupid! .
