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argues, is made all the more urgent by the technologies of the digital age, which have profoundly altered our ability to represent and

contemplate death through moving images, resulting in an entirely new cultural logic of death. To draw out this new logic, Pustay presents accessible readings of otherwise dense and difficult philosophical approaches to death? such as those found in existentialism, psychoanalysis, and critical theory? by reading them through the lens of contemporary media. From art-house films like Irrversible and The Fountain to blockbusters like the Matrix trilogy, from television commercials for M&M's to pay-cable dramas like The Sopranos and Breaking Bad, from first-person shooters like Bioshock to indie-games like LIMBO, Pustay shows how moving images have shifted our understanding of death in general and our recognition of our own finiteness in particular."--