1. Record Nr. UNINA9910780325903321 Autore Lev Peter <1948-> Titolo American films of the 70s : conflicting visions / / Peter Lev Pubbl/distr/stampa Austin, TX:,: University of Texas Press,, 2000 **ISBN** 9780292778092 0292778090 9780292798373 0292798377 Edizione [First edition.] 1 online resource (63 pages): illustrations Descrizione fisica 791.43/75/097309047 Disciplina Soggetti Motion pictures - United States - History Performing arts - United States - History Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (pages 221-228) and index. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Preface -- Introduction: "Nobody knows anything" -- Part 1 -- Chapter 1: Hippie generation -- Chapter 2: Vigilantes and cops -- Chapter 3: Disaster and conspiracy -- Chapter 4: The end of the sixties -- Part 2 -- Chapter 5: Last tango in Paris: or art, sex, and hollywood -- Chapter 6: Teen films -- Chapter 7: General Patton and colonel Kurtz -- Chapter 8: From Blaxploitation to African American film -- Chapter 9: Feminisms -- Chapter 10: Whose future? -- Conclusion -- Appendix 1: Time line, 1968-1983: american history, american film -- Appendix 2: Filmography -- Notes -- Bibliography --Index Sommario/riassunto While the anti-establishment rebels of 1969's Easy Rider were morphing into the nostalgic yuppies of 1983's The Big Chill, Seventies movies brought us everything from killer sharks, blaxploitation, and disco musicals to a loving look at General George S. Patton. Indeed, as Peter Lev persuasively argues in this book, the films of the 1970s

constitute a kind of conversation about what American society is and should be-open, diverse, and egalitarian, or stubbornly resistant to change. Examining forty films thematically, Lev explores the conflicting visions presented in films with the following kinds of subject matter: Hippies (Easy Rider, Alice's Restaurant) Cops (The French Connection,

Dirty Harry) Disasters and conspiracies (Jaws, Chinatown) End of the Sixties (Nashville, The Big Chill) Art, Sex, and Hollywood (Last Tango in Paris) Teens (American Graffiti, Animal House) War (Patton, Apocalypse Now) African-Americans (Shaft, Superfly) Feminisms (An Unmarried Woman, The China Syndrome) Future visions (Star Wars, Blade Runner) As accessible to ordinary moviegoers as to film scholars, Lev's book is an essential companion to these familiar, well-loved movies.