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Sommario/riassunto	Adopting and developing a 'cultural politics' approach, this comprehensive study explores how Hollywood movies generate and reflect political myths about social and personal life that profoundly influence how we understand power relations. Instead of looking at genre, it employs three broad categories of film. 'Security' films present ideas concerning public order and disorder, citizen-state relations and

the politics of fear. 'Relationalities' films highlight personal and intimate politics, bringing norms about identities, gender and sexuality into focus. In 'socially critical' films, particular issues and ideas are endowed with more overtly political significance. The book considers these categories as global political technologies implicated in hegemonic and 'soft power' relations whose reach is both deep and broad.

" 'The authors draw on an impressive array of contemporary literature and critical studies to provide original and illuminating analyses of how contemporary Hollywood film is an important force of cultural politics.' From the foreword by Douglas Kellner, Distinguished Professor of Education at UCLA and author of *Cinema Wars: Hollywood Film and Politics in the Bush/Cheney Era* Movies are never politically innocent. They generate and reflect myths about nation, society, community, and personal life that profoundly influence how we understand our world and ourselves. Developing a new syncretic 'cultural politics' approach, this comprehensive and up-to-date study interrogates the stories Hollywood tells us, offering insights into both the pleasures and problems associated with what we watch. " --Back cover.
