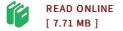




Hollywood Westerns and American Myth: The Importance of Howard Hawks and John Ford for Political Philosophy (Paperback)

By Robert B. Pippin

Yale University Press, United States, 2012. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. In this pathbreaking book one of America's most distinguished philosophers brilliantly explores the status and authority of law and the nature of political allegiance through close readings of three classic Hollywood Westerns: Howard Hawks Red River and John Ford's The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance and The Searchers. Robert Pippin treats these films as sophisticated mythic accounts of a key moment in American history: its second founding, or the western expansion. His central question concerns how these films explore classical problems in political psychology, especially how the virtues of a commercial republic gained some hold on individuals at a time when the heroic and martial virtues were so important. Westerns, Pippin shows, raise central questions about the difference between private violence and revenge and the state s claim to a legitimate monopoly on violence, and they show how these claims come to be experienced and accepted or rejected. Pippin s account of the best Hollywood Westerns brings this genre into the center of the tradition of political thought, and his readings raise questions about political psychology and the political passions that have been...



Reviews

Complete guide! Its this kind of very good read through. I really could comprehended almost everything out of this written e publication. Your lifestyle span is going to be transform the instant you complete looking over this book. -- Reilly Keebler IV

The ideal pdfi at any time read. I am quite late in start reading this one, but better then never. You will like the way the author create this book. -- Eliane Bednar