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Selected, globally-based case studies highlight and exemplify important issues, while Suggested Further Reading sections for each chapter allow students to expand their learning independently. Exploring fundamental methods and approaches to engage this most interesting and vibrant of media, *Cinema* will be essential reading for students of anthropology and film.

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