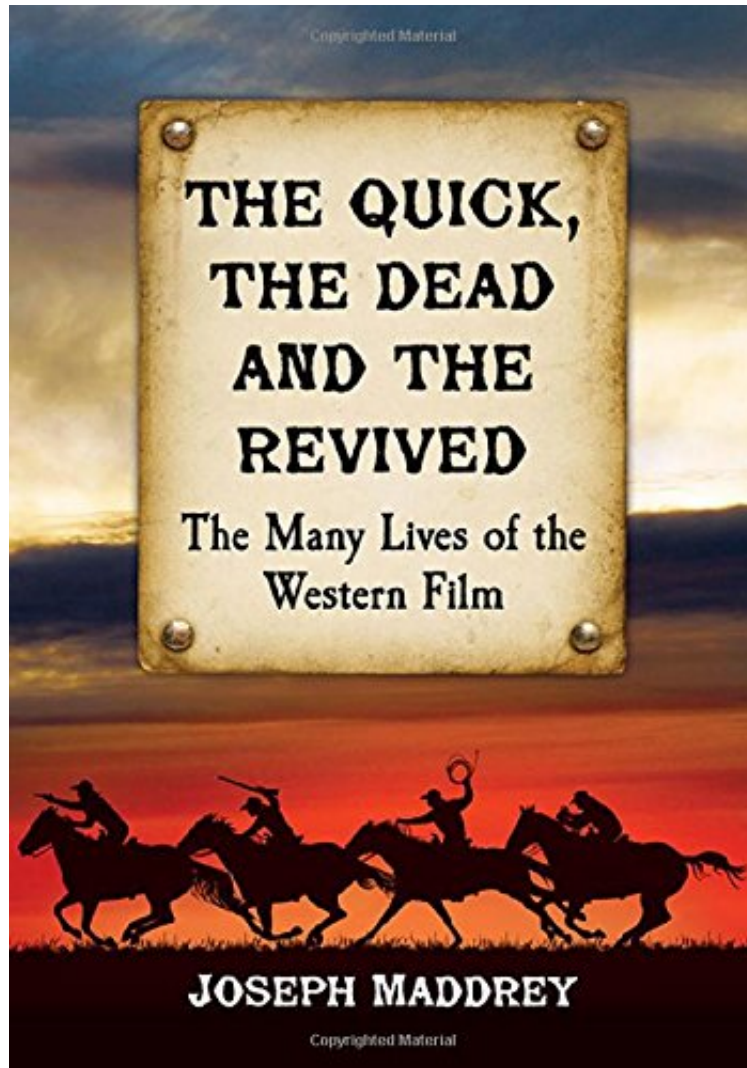


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Quick: Get this book if you are a fan of Western films!By Christopher WelshWhat distinguishes this chronology of the American Western movie from similar works is that it embraces a broad definition of the genre, which includes as well films that some associate with action, horror or sci-fi.

This might annoy the purists, but how Joseph Maddrey narrates and thereby illustrates how the three genres are interlinked is fascinating and unique reading. The authors extensive bibliography and index reflects the depth of his research, making this work a most worthwhile introductory text for a college-level class on film genres. I admire as well the clarity of Maddreys style and narrative, transforming this topic into one that he makes all the more engaging and therefore all the more appealing. Thats quite an accomplishment! A must read for those who want to trace how the origins behind the Western revival of the 1990s and a period of reinvention in the 21st century.

For well more than a century, Western films have embodied the United States' most fundamental doctrine-- expansionism--and depicted, in a uniquely American way, the archetypal battle between good and evil. Westerns also depict a country defined and re-defined by complex crises. World War II transformed the genre as well as the nation's identity. Since then, Hollywood filmmakers have been fighting America's ideological wars onscreen by translating modern-day politics into the timeless mythology of the Old West. This book surveys the most iconic and influential Westerns, examines Hollywood stars and their political stripes and reveals the familiar Westerns tropes--which became elements in popular action, science fiction and horror films. This then sets the stage for the Western revival of the 1990s and a period of reinvention in the 21st century.

"a captivating work filled with keen observation and significant explanations. It's the western movie genre presented in a most interesting light, and it's Madrey's intelligent writing that does the shining"--VideoScope.About the AuthorJoseph Maddrey is a television producer and freelance writer. He lives in Studio City, California.