



Movies and the Moral Adventure of Life (Hardback)

By Alan A. Stone

MIT Press Ltd, United States, 2007. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Essays on small art films and big-budget blockbusters, including Antonia s Line, American Beauty, S chindler s List, and The Passion of the Christ, that view films as life lessons, enlarging our sense of human possibilities. For Alan Stone, a one-time Freudian analyst and former president of the American Psychiatric Society, movies are the great modern, democratic medium for exploring our individual and collective lives. They provide occasions for reflecting on what he calls the moral adventure of life : the choices people make--beyond the limits of their character and circumstances--in response to life s challenges. The quality of these choices is, for him, the measure of a life well lived. In this collection of his film essays, Stone reads films as life texts. He is engaged more by their ideas than their visual presentation, more by their power to move us than by their commercial success. Stone writes about both art films and big-budget Hollywood blockbusters. And he commands an extraordinary range of historical, literary, cultural, and scientific reference that reflects his impressive personal history: professor of law and medicine, football player at Harvard in...



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