Teaching "Media and Society"

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SECOND EDITION

MEDIA ENVIRONMENTS

WHERE MOVIES AND TEXTS CRITIQUE MEDIA AND SOCIETY

THE HUNGER GAMES

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NETWORK

WALL·

a Face in the Crowd

the TRUMAN show

GRAVITY

FIGHT CLUB

the social network

THE MATRIX

JEAN BAUDRILLARD

NAOMI WOLF

NEIL POSTMAN

REBECCA MacKINNON

JOSÉ VAN DIJCK

NEIL DEGRASSE TYSON

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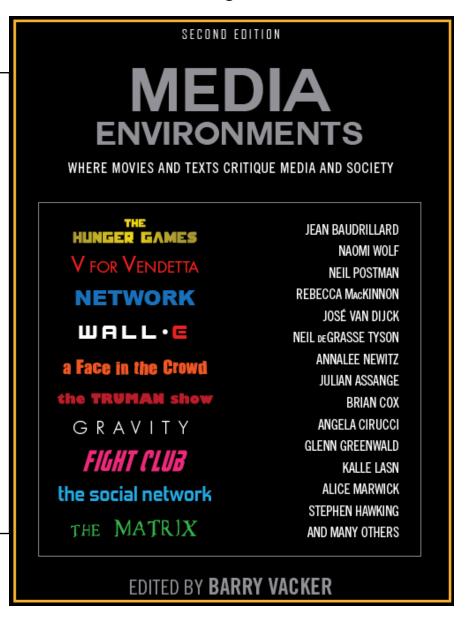
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AND MANY OTHERS

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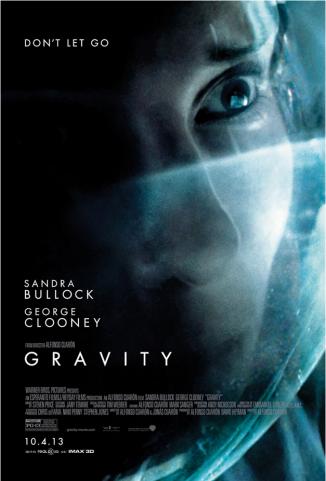
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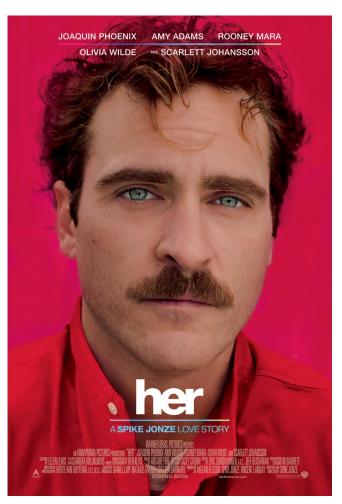
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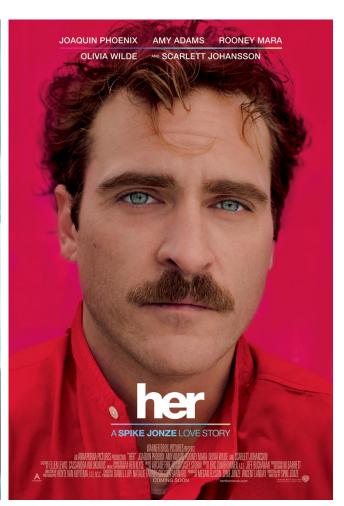




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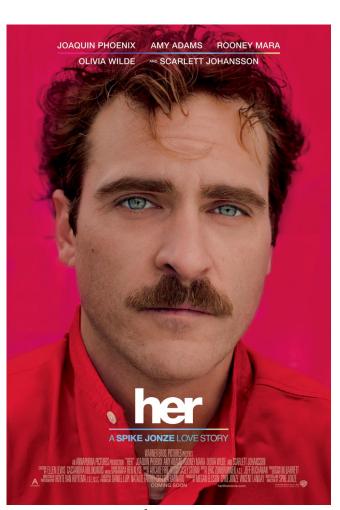
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Oscar: Best Director (2014)

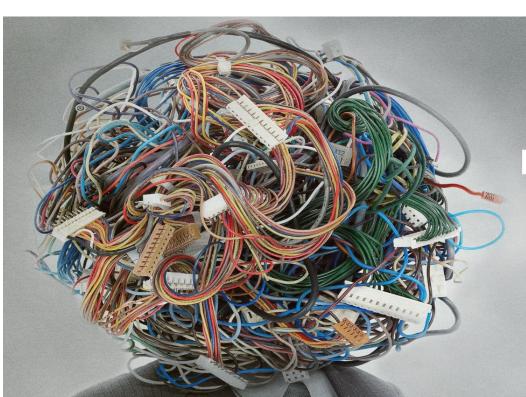
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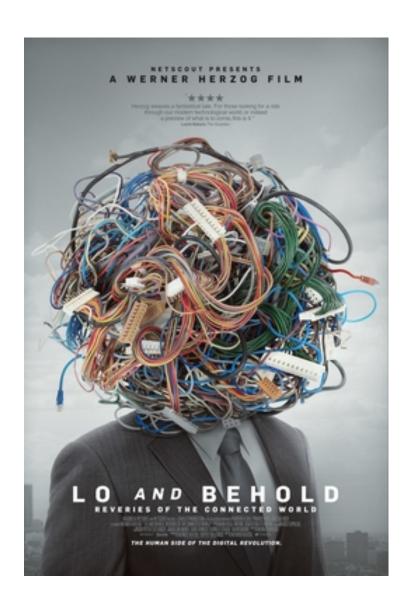
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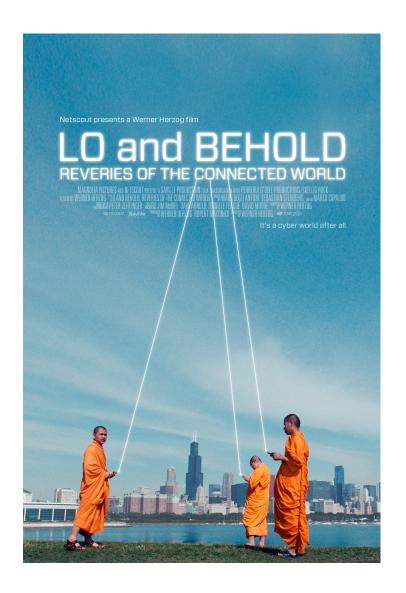


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FROM LEGENDARY DIRECTOR WERNER HERZOG COMES A FILM ABOUT THE CONNECTED WORLD.

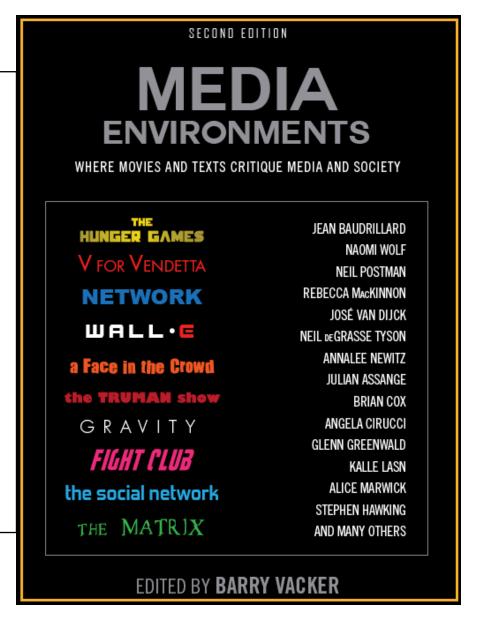




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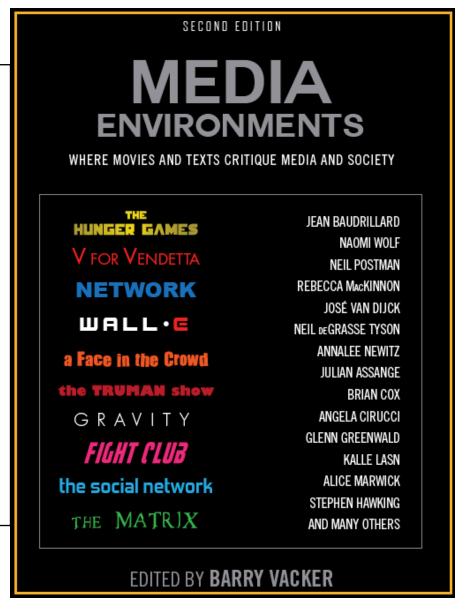
Educational Goals

- Inspire you to think creatively and critically based on a broad cultural literacy that includes:
 - media and society
 - theory and technology
 - and the arts and sciences.



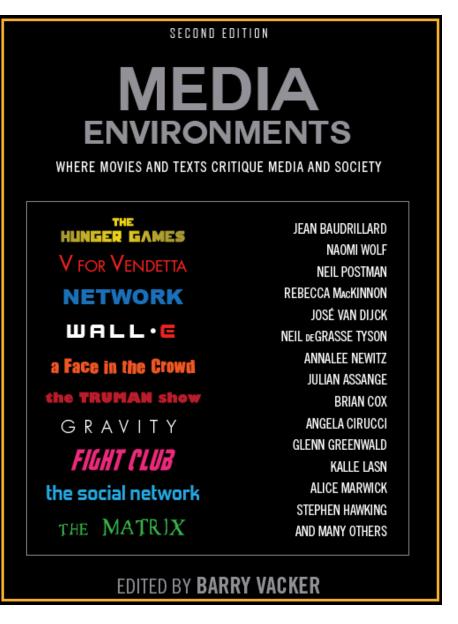
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- New facts, discoveries, and new technologies lead to new theories and knowledge of the world.



Understanding and Disagreement

• The goal is to understand the media from multiple perspectives ... not total agreement on everything.



Models and theories that are universal to:

- media
- society
- the human species
- our place in the cosmos



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