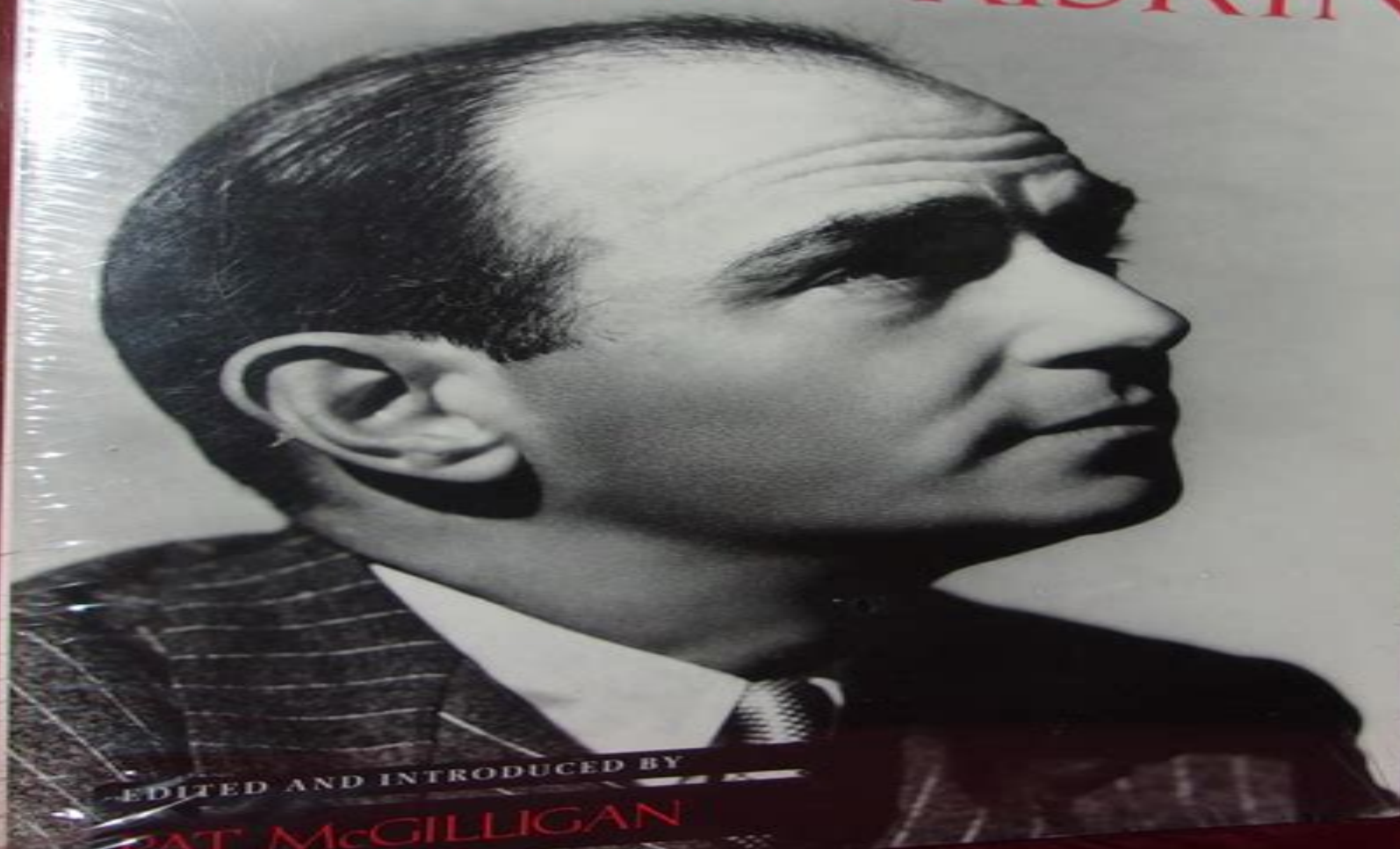


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including *It Happened One Night*, *Mr Smith Goes to Washington* and *It's a Wonderful Life*. However, as Elizabeth Rawitsch argues, Capra's construction of national identity did not occur within an exclusively national context. She points out that many of his films are actually set in or include sequences set in China, Latin America, the Philippines, and the South Seas. Featuring in-depth textual analysis supported by original archival research, Frank Capra's *Eastern Horizons* explains that Capra's view of what constituted America changed over time, extending its boundaries to embrace countries often far from the United States. Complicating Edward Said's theory of Orientalism as a strict binary in which the West constructs the East as an inferior other, it demonstrates that East and West often intermingle in films such as *The Bitter Tea of General Yen* and in Capra's orientation documentaries for World War II American servicemen. Capra imagined a kind of global community, albeit one with heavy undertones of British and American imperialism. Investigating shifts in what Capra's America has meant over time, both to Capra and to those who have watched and studied his films, this innovative book offers a startlingly fresh perspective on one of the most iconic figures in American film history.

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