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The Smile of the Gods Gian-Paolo Biasin, 1968      **The Facts on File Companion to the World Novel** Michael Sollars, Arbolina Llamas Jennings, 2008      Antonioni, or, The Surface of the World Seymour Chatman, 2023-11-15

Michelangelo Antonioni is one of the great visual artists of the cinema. The central and distinguishing strength of Antonioni's mature films, Seymour Chatman argues, is narration by a kind of visual minimalism: by an intense concentration on the sheer appearance of things and a rejection of explanatory dialogue. Though traditional audiences have balked at the opacity of Antonioni's films, it is precisely their rendered surface that is so eloquent once one learns to read it. Not despite but through their silences, the films show a deep concern with the motives, perceptions, and vicissitudes of the emotional life. This study covers films not dealt with in any other book on the great director, including *Il mistero di Obertwald* (1980) and *Identificazione di una donna* (1982), which have not yet been seen in the U.S. Its coverage of the early documentaries and features when Antonioni was forging his new and original stylistic language is especially full. In a free-ranging analysis of the evolution of Antonioni's style, that quotes liberally from Antonioni's own highly articulate writings and interviews, Chatman shows how difficult it was for the filmmaker to liberate his art from the conventional means of rendering narrative: especially dialogue, conventional sound effects, and commentative music. From his first efforts to his triumphant achievements in the tetralogy of *L'avventura*, *L'eclisse*, and *Il deserto rosso*, Antonioni's acute sensibility struggled to achieve the mastery that has won him a secure place in film history. Chatman's study is the only complete account of Antonioni's work available in English. Its novel visual approach to the films will attract not only film scholars but also readers interested in painting and architecture, both important elements of Antonioni's work.

Michelangelo Antonioni is one of the great visual artists of the cinema. The central and distinguishing strength of Antonioni's mature films, Seymour Chatman argues, is narration by a kind of visual minimalism: by an intense concentration on the sh      'Onde Di Questo Mare' Rossella Riccobono, Doug Thompson, 2003-02-01. In the half century following Pavese's death, much that was written about him sought principally to understand and define his complex character and to determine his place within the twentieth-century Italian literary canon. Latterly, there appears to have been a significant shift in focus towards a closer reading of individual works or aspects or periods of his writing, the better to analyse and reveal the subtleties and depth of his vision. This present collection of ten essays conforms broadly with this tendency. It is organised chronologically with regard to Pavese's life and works, so as to convey a sense of the development of a writer over and above the particular concerns of any given essay. The book features contributions from many leading experts on Pavese.

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