sections include signed and referenced mini-essays on topics pertinent to the chapter, e.g., “Sesame Street’s Response to 9/11,” in the “News and Information” chapter. Each chapter has a series of “Spotlight Essays” that focus on specific examples within the chapter’s purview, e.g., the “Spotlight Essays” in the “Books” chapter cover children’s literature, graphic novels, and comic books. All the essays are written and signed by academics (identified in a listing of the editors and contributors at the guide’s end) and include bibliographic references. The guide features one appendix titled “Selected 9/11 Books, TV Shows, Films, Music, and Visual Arts” and another listing resources for further reading. The detailed index can serve as a useful entry point to the numerous names and topics covered in this guide. Overall, this is a nuanced, sensitive guide to a profoundly powerful and disturbing historic event. Summing Up: Recommended. ** Lower-level undergraduates and above; general readers. —G. M. Herrmann, SUNY College at Cortland

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