



Sentimental Songs, Melodrama and Filmic Narrative in Bollywood's Golden Age (1951–1963)

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Explores the dominance of melodramatic songs in Hindi cinema between 1951 and 1963 and analyses their emotional power, narrative function and connection to cinematic genres, while highlighting their role in creating cathartic experiences for audiences

The way in which the spectator responds to the song and how narrative, lyrics, music, mise-en-scènes, all come together to accentuate sentimentality and melodrama in the Golden Age of Bollywood cinema (1951–1963) is the book's key thematic concern.

Readership

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Key selling points

Presents the first major book about the centrality of songs in Bollywood cinema and about the Golden Age of Bollywood cinema
Combines theory with practical evidence
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