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"These essays are, individually, insightful and often arresting. Taken together, they are prismatic, illuminating this new interdisciplinary area of scholarly inquiry. With this collection, masculinity studies comes of age as an academic field." *Michael Kimmel, SUNY at Stony Brook*

"This anthology identifies the need in contemporary cultural studies for more elaborate understandings of the relations of various masculinities to power, nation, empire, violence, race, class, and embodiment. The editors must be commended for producing a volume which answers to this need and brings together an eclectic, multidisciplinary, and wide-ranging collection of essays in response. Bound to become required reading in gender studies and beyond!" *University of California at San Diego*

"The instructor-friendly anthology of 22 previously published essays dating primarily from 1970 to 2000, is destined to become a standard in courses on gender and masculinity. Rachel Adams and David Savran have chosen fascinating articles that will be both challenging and accessible to university students at all levels" *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*

"Adams and Savran provide extracts from a number of key sources that lay the foundations for understanding masculinities through a cultural studies oriented approach" *Sexualities*

From the Back Cover

The Masculinity Studies Reader is a collection of previously published essays that have defined the interdisciplinary study of masculinity. Bringing together scholarship in the humanities and social sciences, this volume serves multiple functions as a teaching companion, introduction to the field, and scholarly resource. Showcasing key theorists, including Kimmel, Silverman, Halperin, Freud, Dyer, Boyarin, and Fanon, the *Reader* seeks to reconceptualize the masculinity studies debate along the axes of empire, borders, representations, the social sciences, and eroticism, as well as across such diverse fields as film, anthropology, women's studies, sociology, and queer theory. An introductory essay written by the editors frames widely-read and -cited work in a new context that is intended simultaneously to establish the contours of, and to raise questions about, masculinity as a field of academic inquiry.

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