



The Televiewing Audience The Art and Science of Watching TV

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Peter Lang International Academic Publishers. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 202 pages. Dimensions: 9.9in. x 7.0in. x 0.6in. This book won the Ohio Professional Writers, Inc. 2014 Communication Competition Award. Now in its second edition, *The Televiewing Audience* is a user's guide for the only household appliance that doesn't come with one. Watching television seems relatively effortless - it is, after all, a major form of entertainment in the U. S. and overseas - yet this book argues that there is nothing simple about watching television; it is a learned activity which is in a constant state of revision and upgrading. Now more than ever, televiewing requires the generation and application of critical thinking to guide program selection, inform appreciation, generate greater pleasure, and inspire dialogue after consumption. This book is about becoming a more thoughtful and informed consumer, designed to shatter the anonymity of the televiewer, and to create a sense of community, for we rarely think of ourselves as instrumental in the televiewing experience or think of the experience as a shared event. Designed for courses related to broadcasting, media effects, media literacy, and audience studies, this book provides a comprehensive overview of the ways in which television influences...



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