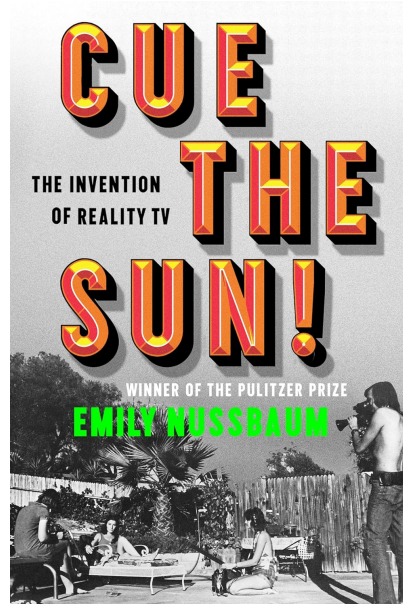


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## Description

Who invented reality TV, the world's most dangerous pop-culture genre, and why can't we look away from it? In this revelatory, deeply reported account of the rise of "dirty documentary," Emily Nussbaum unearths the surprising origin story of the genre that ate the world, as told through the lively voices of the people who created it. At once gimlet-eyed and empathetic, *Cue The Sun!* explores the morally charged, funny, and sometimes tragic consequences of the hunt for something real inside something fake. Nussbaum traces four paths of reality innovation—game shows, prank shows, soap operas, and clip shows—that united in the *Survivor* format, sparking a tumultuous Hollywood gold-rush. Along the way, we meet tricksters and innovators—from the icy Allen Funt to the shambolic Chuck Barris; Cops auteur John Langley; Bachelor mastermind Mike Fleiss; and Jon Murray, the visionary behind *The Real World*—along with dozens of crew members and ordinary people whose lives became fodder for the reality revolution. We learn about the tools of the trade—like *Candid Camera*'s brilliant "reveal" and the notorious Frankenbite, a deceptive editor's best friend—and the moral outrage that reality shows provoked. But *Cue The Sun!* also celebrates what made the genre so powerful: a jolt of authentic emotion. Through broad-ranging reporting, Nussbaum examines seven tumultuous decades, exploring the celebrealty boom, reality TV as a strike-breaker, the queer roots of Bravo, and the dark truth behind *The Apprentice*. A shrewd observer who cares about television, she is the ideal voice for the first substantive cultural history of the genre that has, for better or worse, made America what it is today.

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