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#### Review

“These essays express the multiple meanings that are made through popular culture, and weigh carefully the way in which the popular tends to spin through webs of capital. … This collection … valuable to specialists, is also particularly useful for those looking for an introduction to this particular field, and likewise is well suited for adaptation in undergraduate courses. With its mix of the particular and the general, Encounters with Popular Pasts is a welcome addition to the ongoing conversation.” (Malgorzata J. Rymsza-Pawlowska, Museum Anthropology Review, Vol. 10 (2), 2016)

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