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#### Review

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#### **Matt Hills**

**Reader in Media and Cultural Studies, Cardiff University**

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Chris Barker's book was the first and remains the premier introductory textbook on Cultural Studies. In this third edition, Barker has updated his extensive material on the history, schools of thought and key concepts of Cultural Studies and provides an invaluable guide to emerging topics and issues in the field. Cultural Studies : Theory and Practice is written in a very accessible and student-friendly style yet it is never simplistic

#### **Jim McGuigan**

**Professor of Cultural Studies, Loughborough University**

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This is a richly perceptive assessment of the currents - and swirling undercurrents - of Cultural Studies, written with passion and insight. Barker succeeds in showing us why theory matters, and does so in a manner that opens up familiar debates in new, exciting directions

#### **Stuart Allan**

**Professor of Journalism, Bournemouth University**

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It is comprehensive in scope, clearly written, competent and accurate, and yet provides an original and useful perspective on cultural studies as well as an overview of key concepts, methods, topics, and the material of cultural studies

#### **Doug Kellner**

**Professor of Education, Graduate School of Education, UCLA**

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#### About the Author

**Chris Barker** is a teacher and researcher with over 25 years experience. He has worked in a number of schools and universities in both England and Australia. He is currently Associate Professor of Cultural Studies at the University of Wollongong, NSW, Australia. Chris is the author of six previous books that are linked together by an interest in culture, meaning and communication. At present he is exploring questions of emotion in contemporary cultural life.

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