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“Deborah Cartmell makes an important and foundational contribution to the growing scholarship that brings a film historical approach to adaptation studies. Organised around the introduction of sound to cinema and considering a range of film adaptations—from Shakespeare to children's literature—Cartmell focuses her study on the marketing and promotional material of the films and considers them in relation to film critics' ambivalence about the new technology and literary critics' anxiety about mass-produced culture. *Adaptations in the Sound Era* clearly articulates the importance of this decade for establishing the expectations for and debates about fidelity that have dominated adaptation studies ever since, making it a must-have for anyone who studies film adaptation in any period.” *?Shelley Cobb, Associate Professor of Film and English, University of Southampton, UK*

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