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About the Author

Marc DiPaolo is an assistant professor of English and Film at Oklahoma City University. He is a frequent contributor to books and journals, the author of a book about screen adaptations of Jane Austen's *Emma*, and serves on the editorial board of *The Journal of Popular Culture*.

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