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"Theoretically sophisticated and carefully researched, *Pornography and Seriality: The Culture of Producing Pleasure* explores the particularity and appeal of pornography. It opens new analytical ground in the yet emergent field of porn studies and is quintessential reading for anyone interested in porn as a media genre, the seriality of popular culture, or the mediated depictions of gender and bodily pleasure." - Susanna Paasonen, Professor of Media Studies, University of Turku, Finland, author of *Carnal Resonance: Affect and Online Pornography*, and editor of *Pornification: Sex and Sexuality in Media Culture*

"Discussions of pornography that focus on actual porn and take it seriously are still very far and few between. This confident, original, and thoughtful book is a very welcome addition to the study of pornography. It explores the question of what we mean by seriality more broadly, and it will be of interest to academics working in Porn Studies and generally in Media, Film, and Cultural Studies." - Feona Attwood, Professor of Cultural Studies, Communication, and Media, Middlesex University, UK, and

editor of *Porn.com: Making Sense of Online Pornography*

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