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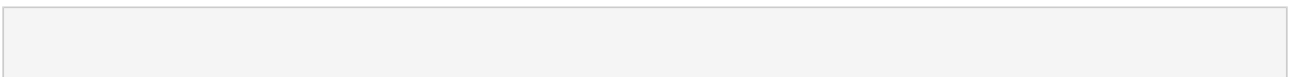
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"Although the collection largely allows individuals at the forefront of changing practices to speak for themselves, Curtin, Holt, and Sanson lead them through carefully crafted questions and assembled an insightful and diverse roster of interviewees... *Distribution Revolution* provides a resource students will recognize as relevant and applicable to their world."

(*Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*)

From the Inside Flap

"*Distribution Revolution* asks the right questions of the right people at the right time as the entertainment business grapples with monumental changes. Michael Curtin, Jennifer Holt and Kevin Sanson deliver intriguing and contrasting perspectives on the disruption caused by the growth of digital distribution options through interviews with a cross-section of smart industry leaders who are in the eye of the storm."—Cynthia Littleton, Editor-in-Chief, Television, at *Variety* and author of *TV on Strike: Why Hollywood Went to War over the Internet*

"An immensely valuable resource. Required reading for anyone trying to engage with and understand digital media's profoundly disruptive impact on media distribution. The book cuts through academia's speculative penchant for shortsighted futurisms; mining original insights of major industry players from the normally segregated sectors of management, business, technology, and creative development in a single interactive meeting space. Productively avoids media industries research and production studies' inevitable traps: the inaccessibility of industry insiders, the scripted spin of their handlers and trade publishing, and the 'halo effect' generated by grateful aca-fans and overly deferent scholars. The provocative conversations and lengthy interviews here will surely generate a round of productive new research questions for media studies scholars."—John T. Caldwell, Professor, Cinema and Media Studies, UCLA, author of *Production Culture: Industrial Reflexivity and Critical Practice in Film and Television*

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