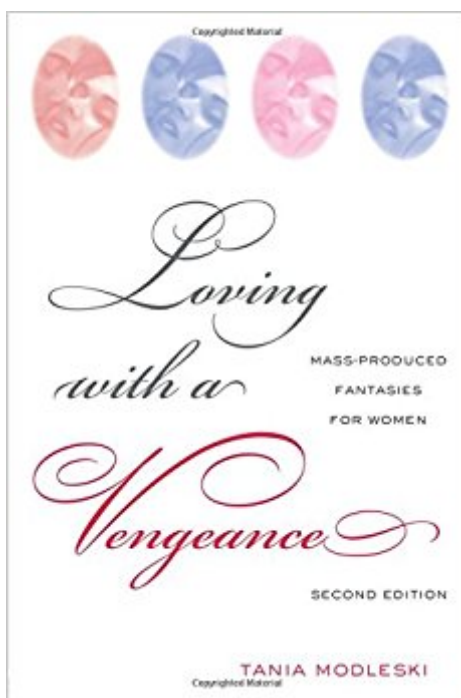


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Tania Modleski is Florence R. Scott Professor of English at the University of Southern California. She is the author, most recently, of a revised and expanded edition of her classic study of Hitchcock, *The Women Who Knew Too Much*, also published by Routledge

This is a great book for anyone interested in contemporary women's studies. Modleski looks at women's entertainment genres (soap operas, romances, gothic novels, and women's film) that have previously been over-looked by critics and theorists alike. Modleski gives a convincing argument for resistance within the orthodox plot that shows how these seemingly simple-minded story lines offer women a chance to escape subjectivity and find a place of power in a patriarchal society. Though

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