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Written in a lively and accessible style, the book discusses various genres, including television and the Internet, children's books, fairy tales, children in art, playground games, and film. Case studies include Disney, Harry Potter; Teletubbies, Sesame Street, Cbeebies and The Secret Garden.

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