

# Stories from THE PEEP DIARIES:

*How We're Learning to Love Watching Ourselves and Our Neighbors*

## A talk by Hal Niedzviecki

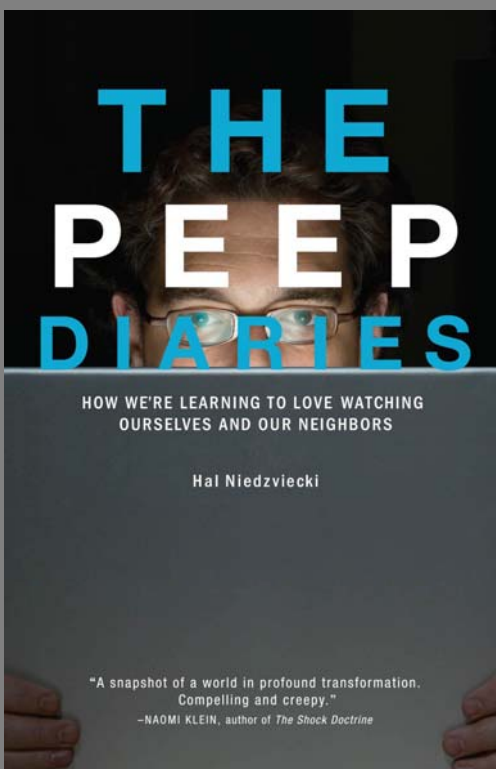
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Hal Niedzviecki argues that we are in the midst of a massive cultural transformation: the move from pop culture to Peep culture. Niedzviecki will lay out the principles of this transformation, and explore what happens when everyday life becomes entertainment. Find out how we're learning to love watching ourselves and our neighbors, and what happens to privacy, human dignity, and community in an age where everything is a potential show.



With panelists: Kevin Haggerty, Cecily Devereux and Liz Czach



We have entered the age of "Peep culture": a tell-all, show-all, know-all digital phenomenon that is dramatically altering notions of privacy, individuality, security and even humanity. Peep culture is Reality TV, YouTube, Facebook, blogs, Twitter, amateur porn, surveillance and more. With hilarious, exasperated acuity, social critic Hal Niedzviecki dives into Peep, joining every social network that will have him, monitoring the movements of his wife, hiring private detective websites to investigate his father, and trying out for Reality TV. Part travelogue, part diary, part meditation and social history, *The Peep Diaries* explores a rapidly emerging digital phenomenon that is radically changing not just the entertainment landscape, but also the firmaments of our culture and society.

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