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Jack Ahern

Cape Cod and the islands of Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket are special places known for their distinctive flora, including pine-oak forests, sandplain grasslands, and sand dunes peppered with bearberry shrubs. Unfortunately, this unique sense of place is under threat. In recent decades, contemporary landscape practices have come to depend on environmentally stressful fertilizers and irrigation systems, replacing this sensitive ecoregion’s native flora with generic turfgrasses and popular commercial nursery trees and shrubs that could exist anywhere.

Design with Nature on Cape Cod and the Islands seeks to reverse this damaging trend by offering landscape professionals, local officials, and homeowners a sustainable approach to landscape design based on the ecoregion’s native plants and plant communities. Presenting detailed discussions of Cape Cod’s natural history, Jack Ahern focuses on the principal plant communities that define its landscape character and that are well adapted to local soils and growing conditions, including climate change. The book also includes strategies for ecological planting design and a portfolio of ecologically designed landscapes on the Cape and Islands.

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—Nancy Rottle, coauthor of Ecological Design

"Design with Nature’s discussion of native plant communities and its portfolio of landscape designs are informative, inspiring, and demonstrate the rich potential of following an ecological approach that utilizes species native to the islands and Cape."

—Darrel Morrison, author of Beauty of the Wild: A Life Designing Landscapes Inspired by Nature

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A Union Like Ours
The Love Story of F. O. Matthiessen and Russell Cheney
SCOTT BANE

After a chance meeting aboard the ocean liner Paris in 1924, Harvard University scholar and activist F. O. Matthiessen and artist Russell Cheney fell in love and remained inseparable until Cheney’s death in 1945. During the intervening years, the men traveled throughout Europe and the United States, achieving great professional success while contending with serious personal challenges, including addiction, chronic disease, and severe depression.

During a hospital stay, years into their relationship, Matthiessen confessed to Cheney that “never once has the freshness of your life lost any trace of its magic for me. Every day is a new discovery of your wealth.” Situating the couple’s private correspondence alongside other sources, Scott Bane tells the remarkable story of their relationship in the context of shifting social dynamics in the United States. From the vantage point of the present day, with marriage equality enacted into law, Bane provides a window into the realities faced by same-sex couples in the early twentieth century, as they maintained relationships in the face of overt discrimination and the absence of legal protections.

“The relationship between Cheney and Matthiessen is a terrific subject. Bane is in his element when writing about intimacy and about the pathologization of homosexuality in the early twentieth century.”
—Lance Richardson, author of House of Nutter: The Rebel Tailor of Savile Row

SCOTT BANE is a program officer at The John A. Hartford Foundation.
Safe Places
Stories
KERRY DOLAN

Exploring the vagaries of life, human connection, and desire, the twelve stories of Safe Places navigate the fault lines of existence. Shifting from New York and Chicago to the American West and the Australian outback, Kerry Dolan’s characters move through an uncertain and unpredictable world, confronting situations that are alternately menacing, tragic, and funny. An aspiring anthropologist falls under the sway of her fortuneteller. An American tourist catches opal fever in an Australian mining town and binds herself to a man she despises. Two hitchhiking teens take a ride with a mysterious stranger, while an unstable graduate student stalks the object of his affections across Berkeley. Assured and distinctive, the voice-driven stories of this debut collection capture the restless heart of characters in a state of flux, as they try—and frequently fail—to move beyond chance and circumstance.

KERRY DOLAN is a Philadelphia-based writer. A finalist for the New American Fiction Prize and the Tartt First Fiction Award, her work has appeared in Quarterly West, Greensboro Review, Robert Olen Butler Prize Stories, and elsewhere. Dolan has received fellowships from MacDowell, the Ucross Foundation, the Millay Colony, and the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts.

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Unfollowers
LEIGH ANN RUGGIERO

Barb Matheson doesn’t fit in: not on the Standing Rock Reservation where her mother was born; not at the mission in rural Ethiopia where she grew up; and certainly not at the Pennsylvania church where her husband preaches. Expansive and lyrical, Unfollowers is a tale of religious angst, unrequited love, and the upheaval of racial and economic privilege. Equally adrift on both sides of the Atlantic, Barb must negotiate the distance between white America and Africa, between the spirituality of her ancestors and the straight tones of evangelicalism, and between rules and grace. When a former lover crashes her daughter’s third birthday party, she’s offered the chance to find her way home to Ethiopia, leaving her to choose between a rote life in America and an improvised life abroad.

“This beautiful novel sprawls across space and time, bounces between continents and decades. With a comforting hand, Ruggiero keeps us orientated and engaged. Energetic, stylistically brave, emotionally complex, and gripping—Unfollowers is a singular achievement.”
—Gabriel Bump, author of Everywhere You Don’t Belong: A Novel

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scarred by nuclear smokestacks, oil wells, and surging floodwaters, and haunted by the legacies of slavery, racism, and French rule, the Louisiana of Landscape with Bloodfeud is disenchanted but still exerts an undeniable pull. Reckoning with displacement, ancestral guilt, and centuries of human and environmental exploitation, Wendy Barnes dissects the state's turbulent past—as a microcosm of colonial oppression, westward expansion, and the birth of global capitalism. With an expat's detachment, our Louisiana-born speaker contemplates her fraught relationship with her home culture and her white working-class roots, raising questions about complicity and shame, as history “bleeds us all for its tax, some for more, / digging down into every wet wound, / digging down among the taproots, under old folks’ / marble tombs or unmarked graves.”

—Dara Wier, author of You Good Thing

Wendy Barnes is currently artist in residence at the University of Central Oklahoma. A finalist for the Crab Orchard Series in Poetry First Book Award, her creative and critical work has appeared in Narrative, storySouth, Painted Bride Quarterly, Spoon River Poetry Review, Slice, and Coldfront, among other outlets. She lives in Jersey City, New Jersey.
Dogged
STACY GNALL

Located somewhere between fiction and reality, the animals of *Dogged* exist as both “creatures children see in their fevers” and “your one / good dream / in the night.” Inhabiting a space apart from time and narrative, the space of the ever-elusive now, these haunting poems probe animal consciousness and desire, as “howls float / like crocuses— / violet / and half open / to the unknown.”

Looking to a wide range of high and low visual media, from Steven Spielberg’s *Jaws* and Animal Planet’s *Fatal Attractions* to Peter Paul Rubens’s painting of Hercules’s dog discovering Tyrian purple, Stacy Gnall ponders human-animal connections and divisions, exploring those moments when human voices blend with “silent” beasts to exceed the limits of language. In *Dogged*, animals emerge as the highest aspiration of poetry.

“An eloquent imagination informs every page of *Dogged*, in which the exploration of otherness is moving, enlarging, and surprising in a way very few books are.”

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—Arda Collins, author of *It Is Daylight"

STACY GNALL is the author of the poetry collection *Heart First into the Forest*. A finalist for the Georgia Poetry Prize, her work has appeared in the *Massachusetts Review, New American Writing, Third Coast, and Pleiades*, among other outlets. She teaches at the University of Nevada, Reno.

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In the spring of 1871, Ralph Waldo Emerson boarded a train in Concord, Massachusetts, bound for a month-and-a-half-long tour of California—an interlude that became one of the highlights of his life. On their journey across the American West, he and his companions would take in breathtaking vistas in the Rockies and along the Pacific Coast, speak with a young John Muir in the Yosemite Valley, stop off in Salt Lake City for a meeting with Brigham Young, and encounter a diversity of communities and cultures that would challenge their Yankee prejudices.

Based on original research employing newly discovered documents, *The California Days of Ralph Waldo Emerson* maps the public story of this group’s travels onto the private story of Emerson’s final years, as aphasia set in and increasingly robbed him of his words. Engaging and compelling, this travelogue makes it clear that Emerson was still capable of wonder, surprise, and friendship, debunking the presumed darkness of his last decade.

“Wilson’s writing is beautiful, with polished prose that is clean, clear, easy to follow, and lively. Based on careful research in primary and some secondary sources, much of the story unfolds in the words of those on the trip and is supplemented by contemporary travel books and other sources.”

—Todd M. Kerstetter, author of *Inspiration and Innovation: Religion in the American West*

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Our Kind of Historian

The Work and Activism of Lerone Bennett Jr.

E. JAMES WEST

Journalist, activist, popular historian, and public intellectual, Lerone Bennett Jr. left an indelible mark on twentieth-century American history and culture. Rooted in his role as senior editor of Ebony magazine, but stretching far beyond the boundaries of the Johnson Publishing headquarters in Chicago, Bennett’s work and activism positioned him as a prominent advocate for Black America and a scholar whose writing reached an unparalleled number of African American readers.

This critical biography—the first in-depth study of Bennett’s life—travels with him from his childhood experiences in Jim Crow Mississippi and his time at Morehouse College in Atlanta to his later participation in a dizzying range of Black intellectual and activist endeavors. Drawing extensively on Bennett’s previously inaccessible archival collections at Emory University and Chicago State, as well as interviews with close relatives, colleagues, and confidantes, Our Kind of Historian celebrates his enormous influence within and unique connection to African American communities across more than half a century of struggle.

“Our Kind of Historian is an intellectual biography of Bennett that examines his work as a journalist, editor, and public historian, with particular emphasis on his role as progenitor of a new sort of Black public history that successfully reached a mass audience. West persuasively argues that Bennett was a major figure in the Black political and cultural upsurge of the 1960s and 1970s.”

—James Smethurst, author of Behold the Land: The Black Arts Movement in the South

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Certain Concealments
Poe, Hawthorne, and Early Nineteenth-Century Abortion
DANA MEDORO

Antebellum America saw a great upsurge in abortion, driven in part by the rise of the pharmaceutical industry. Unsurprisingly, the practice became increasingly visible in the popular culture and literature of the era, appearing openly in advertisements, popular fiction, and newspaper reports. One figure would come to dominate national headlines from the 1840s onward: Madame Restell. Facing public condemnation and mob attacks at her home for her dogged support of women’s reproductive rights, Restell built an empire selling her powders, pills, and services along the Eastern Seaboard.

Edgar Allan Poe and Nathaniel Hawthorne undoubt-edly knew of Restell’s work and would go on to depict the incompatibility of abortion and nationalism in their writings. Through the thwarted plotlines, genealogical interruptions, and terminated ideas of Poe’s Dupin trilogy and Hawthorne’s *The Scarlet Letter, The House of Seven Gables*, and *The Blithedale Romance*, these authors consider new concepts around race, reproduction, and American exceptionalism. Dana Medoro demonstrates that their work can be usefully read in the context of debates on fetal life and personhood that circulated in the era.

DANA MEDORO is professor of English at the University of Manitoba and author of *The Bleeding of America: Menstruation as Symbolic Economy in Pynchon, Faulkner, and Morrison*.
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“Activist Studies of Science and Technology will make an important contribution with new approaches in theory and methodology across the humanities and social sciences, especially in relation to the advancement of historical research and critical analysis of scientific activism.”
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Health and Efficiency

Fatigue, the Science of Work, and the Making of the Working-Class Body

STEFFAN BLAYNEY

A new model of health emerged in Britain between 1870 and 1939. Centered on the working body, organized around the concept of efficiency, and grounded in scientific understandings of human labor, scientists, politicians, and capitalists of the era believed that national economic productivity could be maximized by transforming the body of the worker into a machine. At the core of this approach was the conviction that worker productivity was intimately connected to worker health.

Under this new “science of work,” fatigue was seen as the ultimate pathology of the working-class body, reducing workers’ capacity to perform continued physical or mental labor. As Steffan Blayney shows, the equation between health and efficiency did not go unchallenged. While biomedical and psychological experts sought to render the body measurable, governable, and intelligible, ordinary men and women found ways to resist the logics of productivity and efficiency imposed on them, and to articulate alternative perspectives on work, health, and the body.

“A well-researched, highly readable account of an important social, economic, and scientific development in Britain during a period of industrial and global political change. Health and Efficiency will interest historians of modern Britain as well as historians of science, technology, and medicine.”

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Exhibiting Evangelicalism
Commemoration and Religion’s Presence of the Past
DEVIN C. MANZULLO-THOMAS

Religion is a subject often overlooked or ignored by public historians. Whether they are worried about inadvertent proselytizing or fearful of contributing to America’s ongoing culture wars, many heritage professionals steer clear of discussing religion’s formative role in the past when they build collections, mount exhibits, and develop educational programming. Yet religious communities have long been active contributors to the nation’s commemorative landscape.

Exhibiting Evangelicalism provides the first account of the growth and development of historical museums created by white evangelical Christians in the United States over the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Exploring the histories of the Museum of the Bible, the Billy Graham Center Museum, the Billy Sunday Home, and Park Street Church, Devin C. Manzullo-Thomas illustrates how these sites enabled religious leaders to develop a coherent identity for their fractious religious movement and to claim the centrality of evangelicalism to American history. In their zeal to craft a particular vision of the national past, evangelicals engaged with a variety of public history practices and techniques that made them major players in the field—including becoming early adopters of public history’s experiential turn.

“In Exhibiting Evangelicalism, it’s preachers who shape America’s public history, while museum professionals help the faithful to believe. It’s an exciting text, and one that is poised to bring discrete fields of research into conversation.”
—Christopher D. Cantwell, coeditor of The Pew and the Picket Line: Christianity and the American Working Class

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America’s Twentieth-Century Fascination with a Communitarian Sect
WILLIAM D. MOORE

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Service Denied
Marginalized Veterans in Modern American History
EDITED BY JOHN M. KINDER AND JASON A. HIGGINS

Wartime military service is held up as a marker of civic duty and patriotism, yet the rewards of veteran status have never been equally distributed. Certain groups of military veterans—women, people of color, LGBTQ people, and former service members with stigmatizing conditions, “bad paper” discharges, or criminal records—have been left out of official histories, excised from national consciousness, and denied state recognition and military benefits.

Chronicling the untold stories of marginalized veterans in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, Service Denied uncovers the generational divides, cultural stigmas, and discriminatory policies that affected veterans during and after their military service. Together, the chapters in this collection recast veterans beyond the archetype, inspiring an innovative model for veterans studies that encourages an intersectional and interdisciplinary analysis of veterans history. In addition to contributions from the volume editors, this collection features scholarship by Barbara Gannon, Robert Jefferson, Evan P. Sullivan, Steven Rosales, Heather Marie Stur, Juan Coronado, Kara Dixon Vuic, John Worsencroft, and David Kieran.

“This volume offers a bird’s eye view of major questions and issues in veterans studies, and a valuable intervention: those who study and write about former service members, the authors presciently declare, must consider how ‘intersectional systems of oppression’ shape experiences in and beyond the military.”
—Jessica L. Adler, author of Burdens of War: Creating the United States Veterans Health System

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“The four case studies in *Wild Intelligence* document unique encounters between the hardening of disciplinary categories in the postwar university system and increasing access to books, particularly among poets immersed in the world of independent booksellers, small press publication, and mimeo revolution.”

—Libbie Rifkin, coeditor of *Among Friends: Engendering the Social Site of Poetry*

**Wild Intelligence**

*Poets’ Libraries and the Politics of Knowledge in Postwar America*

**M. C. KINNIBURGH**

Information science was a burgeoning field in the early years of the Cold War, and while public and academic libraries acted as significant sites for the information boom, it is unsurprising that McCarthyism and censorship would shape what they granted readers access to and acquired. *Wild Intelligence* traces a different history of information management, examining the privately assembled collections of poets and their knowledge-building practices at midcentury.

Taking up case studies of four poets who began writing during the 1950s and 1960s, including Charles Olson (1910–1970), Diane di Prima (1934–2020), Gerrit Lansing (1928–2018), and Audre Lorde (1934–1992), M. C. Kinniburgh shows that the postwar American poet’s library should not just be understood according to individual books within their collection but rather as an archival resource that reveals how poets managed knowledge in a growing era of information overload. Exploring traditions and systems that had been overlooked, buried, occulted, or censored, these poets sought to recover a sense of history and chart a way forward.

“This new book is smart, interesting, and engaging. Kinniburgh is both well informed and passionate about her topics, and able to weave together perspectives and concerns from a variety of different fields.”

—James Maynard, author of *Robert Duncan and the Pragmatist Sublime*

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Public in Name Only
The 1939 Alexandria Library Sit-In Demonstration
BRENDA MITCHELL-POWELL

When Alexandria, Virginia’s first public library was constructed just a few blocks from his home, Samuel Wilbert Tucker, a young, Black attorney, was appalled to learn that he could not use the library because of his race. Inspired by the legal successes of the NAACP in discrimination cases, he organized a grassroots protest to desegregate the library that his tax dollars supported.

Public in Name Only tells the important, but largely forgotten, story of Tucker and a group of Black citizens who agitated for change in the terms and conditions of their lives. Employing the combined strategies of direct-action public protest, nonviolent civil disobedience, and municipal litigation, Tucker’s initiative dovetailed with the national priorities and tactics of larger civil rights organizations. While Tucker’s campaign did not end with the desegregation of the Alexandria Library, but instead resulted in the creation of a “separate-and-unequal” Jim Crow Black branch, the sit-in demonstration represents a momentous early struggle for racial equity waged through civil rights activism.

“This book is an important contribution to library history and adds new information and insights to the growing body of work on racially segregated public libraries. It is also significant to the history of the civil rights movement, as it adds a detailed case of a local effort not focused on schools.”
—Cheryl Knott, author of Not Free, Not for All: Public Libraries in the Age of Jim Crow

BRENDA MITCHELL-POWELL, who holds a PhD from Simmons University, is an independent scholar based in Alexandria, Virginia.
“Emily Dickinson’s Music Book and the Musical Life of an American Poet is a treasure trove of details about music and music education in nineteenth-century America. By far, Boziwick’s book is the most detailed and extensive study yet of the music in Dickinson’s personal collection. His is a fascinating contribution to Dickinson scholarship.”
—Sandra Runzo, author of “Theatricals of Day”: Emily Dickinson and Nineteenth-Century American Popular Culture

After years of studying piano as a young woman in her family home in Amherst, Massachusetts, Emily Dickinson curated her music book, a common practice at the time. Now part of the Dickinson Collection in the Houghton Library of Harvard University, this bound volume of 107 pieces of published sheet music includes the poet’s favorite instrumental piano music and vocal music, ranging from theme and variation sets to vernacular music, which was also enjoyed by the family’s servants.

Offering a fresh historical perspective on a poetic voice that has become canonical in American literature, this original study brings this artifact to life, documenting Dickinson’s early years of musical study through the time her music was bound in the early 1850s, which tellingly coincided with the writing of her first poems. Using Dickinson’s letters and poems alongside newspapers and other archival sources, George Boziwick explores the various composers, music sellers, and publishers behind this music and Dickinson’s attendance at performances, presenting new insights into the multiple layers of meaning that music held for her.

“Boziwick makes a significant contribution to the field by providing the first in-depth examination of Emily Dickinson’s music book, shedding light on its sheets of music and illuminating them for all who are interested in the musical life of the poet.”
—Victoria N. Morgan, author of Emily Dickinson and Hymn Culture: Tradition and Experience

Emily Dickinson’s Music Book and the Musical Life of an American Poet
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GEORGE BOZIWICK retired as chief of the Music Division of The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts.
Genre Worlds
Popular Fiction and Twenty-First-Century Book Culture
KIM WILKINS, BETH DRISCOLL, AND LISA FLETCHER

Works of genre fiction are a source of enjoyment, read during cherished leisure time and in incidental moments of relaxation. This original book takes readers inside popular genres of fiction, including crime, fantasy, and romance, to reveal how personal tastes, social connections, and industry knowledge shape genre worlds. Attuned to both the pleasure and the profession of producing genre fiction, the authors investigate contemporary developments in the field—the rise of Amazon, self-publishing platforms, transmedia storytelling, and growing global publishing conglomerates—and show how these interact with older practices, from fan conventions to writers’ groups.

Sitting at the intersection of literary studies, genre studies, fan studies, and studies of the book and publishing cultures, Genre Worlds considers how contemporary genre fiction is produced and circulated on a global scale. Its authors propose an innovative theoretical framework that unfolds genre fiction’s most compelling characteristics: its connected social, industrial, and textual practices. As they demonstrate, genre fiction books are not merely texts; they are also nodes of social and industrial activity involving the production, dissemination, and reception of the texts.

“Genre Worlds offers an illuminating picture of how genre worlds work and the numerous participants in them.”
—Jeremy Rosen, author of Minor Characters Have Their Day: Genre and the Contemporary Literary Marketplace

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Design with Nature on Cape Cod and the Islands
JACK AHERN

Cape Cod and the islands of Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket are special places known for their distinctive flora, including pine-oak forests, sandplain grasslands, and sand dunes peppered with bearberry shrubs. Unfortunately, this unique sense of place is under threat. In recent decades, contemporary landscape practices have come to depend on environmentally stressful fertilizers and irrigation systems, replacing this sensitive ecoregion’s native flora with generic turfgrasses and popular commercial nursery trees and shrubs that could exist anywhere.

Design with Nature on Cape Cod and the Islands seeks to reverse this damaging trend by offering landscape professionals, local officials, and homeowners a sustainable approach to landscape design based on the ecoregion’s native plants and plant communities. Presenting detailed discussions of Cape Cod’s natural history, Jack Ahern focuses on the principal plant communities that define its landscape character and that are well adapted to local soils and growing conditions, including climate change. The book also includes strategies for ecological planting design and a portfolio of ecologically designed landscapes on the Cape and Islands.

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