Dear Friends and Readers,

In addition to proudly offering the many exciting and forward-thinking titles in this fall’s season catalog, the MIT Press is also honored to announce that the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) acquisitioned the MIT Press colophon into its permanent collection this past April.

Created by pioneering graphic designer Muriel Cooper, the iconic logo graces the spines of all books and journals published by the MIT Press since 1965. This wonderful recognition comes on the heels of the MIT Press’s 60th anniversary, celebrated in 2022, and stands as further testament to the intellectual daring, high scholarly standards, and cutting-edge design that the Press has been known for since its very beginnings.

The colophon is made up of seven vertical bars—abstract book spines on a shelf—that represent the lowercase letters “mitp.” Cooper, who died in 1994, was an influential designer, researcher, and educator. As the design director of the MIT Press, she created the encyclopedic volume Bauhaus by Hans M. Wingler and the graphically distinctive edition of Learning from Las Vegas by Robert Venturi, Denise Scott Brown, and Steven Izenour. During her four-decade tenure at MIT, Cooper also served as cofounder of the Visible Language Workshop and founding faculty member of the MIT Media Lab. She was also Associate Professor of Advertising Design at Massachusetts College of Art from 1962 to 1967.

You will perhaps notice that so many of the fantastic books in this season’s catalog contend with notions of dignity, and empowerment, and care—not only for our fellow human beings, but also for our one dear planet—and ask how we can do better. In this fraught climate, when so much is at stake and so much of our bedrock is being questioned, I hope you share in my belief that it is a small measure of comfort to know that we can, and still do, strive for excellence in the work we do—for it is only in doing work of the highest standards that we are able to move the needle ever closer to dignity, empowerment, and care for us all.

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On Disinformation
How to Fight for Truth and Protect Democracy
Lee McIntyre

A powerful, pocket-sized citizen’s guide on how to fight back against the disinformation campaigns that are imperiling American democracy, from the bestselling author of Post-Truth and How to Talk to a Science Denier.

The effort to destroy facts and make America ungovernable didn’t come out of nowhere. It is the culmination of seventy years of strategic denialism. In On Disinformation, Lee McIntyre shows how the war on facts began, and how ordinary citizens can fight back against the scourge of disinformation that is now threatening the very fabric of our society. Drawing on his twenty years of experience as a scholar of science denial, McIntyre explains how autocrats wield disinformation to manipulate a populace and deny obvious realities, why the best way to combat disinformation is to disrupt its spread, and most importantly, how we can win the war on truth.

McIntyre takes readers through the history of strategic denialism to show how we arrived at this precarious political moment and identifies the creators, amplifiers, and believers of disinformation. Along the way, he also demonstrates how today’s “reality denial” follows the same flawed blueprint of the “five steps of science denial” used by climate deniers and anti-vaxxers; shows how Trump has emulated disinformation tactics created by Russian and Soviet intelligence dating back to the 1920s; provides interviews with leading experts on information warfare, counterterrorism, and political extremism; and spells out the need for algorithmic transparency from Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube.

On Disinformation lays out ten everyday practical steps that we can take as ordinary citizens—from resisting polarization to pressuring our Congresspeople to regulate social media—as well as the important steps our government (if we elect the right leaders) must take.

Compact, easy-to-read, and never more urgent, On Disinformation does nothing less than empower us with the knowledge needed to save our republic from autocracy before it is too late.

Lee McIntyre is Research Fellow at the Center for Philosophy and History of Science at Boston University. He is the author of Dark Ages: The Case for a Science of Human Behavior, Post-Truth, The Scientific Attitude: Defending Science from Denial, Fraud, and Pseudoscience, and How to Talk to a Science Denier all published by the MIT Press.

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“McIntyre’s latest book connects the sordid history of science denial and climate denial to today’s election denial, exposing how interests exploit disinformation and work fissures in our society to weaken citizens’ trust in our democracy and one another.”

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“...McIntyre names the culprits and exposes their methods. Even more important, he shows how to foil the crime. On Disinformation is the brisk, bracing primer that everyone should read on how to make America truthful again.”

—Jonathan Rauch, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution, and author of The Constitution of Knowledge: A Defense of Truth

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Her Space, Her Time
How Trailblazing Women Scientists Decoded the Hidden Universe
Shohini Ghose

An exciting new title in the vein of *Hidden Figures*, which tells the inspiring stories of long-overlooked women physicists and astronomers who discovered the fundamental rules of the universe and reshaped the rules of society.

Women physicists and astronomers from around the world have transformed science and society, but the critical roles they played in their fields are not always well-sung. *Her Space, Her Time*, authored by award-winning quantum physicist Shohini Ghose, brings together the stories of these remarkable women to celebrate their indelible scientific contributions.

In each chapter of the book, Ghose explores a scientific topic and explains how the women featured in that chapter revolutionized that area of physics and astronomy. In doing so, she also addresses particular aspects of women’s experiences in physics and astronomy: in the chapter on time, for instance, we learn of Henrietta Leavitt and Margaret Burbidge, who helped discover the big bang and the cosmic calendar; in the chapter on space exploration, we learn of Anigaduwagi (Cherokee) aerospace scientist Mary Golda Ross, who helped make the Moon landings possible; and in the chapter on subatomic particles, we learn of Marietta Blau, Hertha Wambacher, and Bibha Chowdhuri, who contributed to the discovery of the building blocks of the universe, and, in doing so, played a crucial role in determining who gets to do physics today.

A collective story of scientific innovation, inspirational leadership, and overcoming invisibility, *Her Space, Her Time* will leave a lasting impression on any reader curious about the rule-breakers and trendsetters who illuminated our understanding of the universe.

**Shohini Ghose** is Professor of Physics and Computer Science at Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada. She is Director of the Laurier Centre for Women in Science (WinS) and the NSERC Chair for Women in Science and Engineering. She is the recipient of several awards, including a TED Senior Fellowship and selection to the College of the Royal Society of Canada, and in 2019, was among 25 women scientists worldwide featured in a UNESCO exhibit in Paris. She is the author of *Clues to the Cosmos*.

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Some of the featured women scientists in the book

- Claudia Alexander
- Marietta Blau
- Harriet Brooks
- Margaret Burbidge
- Annie Jump Cannon
- Wu Chien-Shiung
- Bibha Chowdhuri
- Marie Curie
- Dilhan Eryurt
- Williamina Fleming
- Henrietta Leavitt
- Antonia Maury
- Lise Meitner
- Joyce Neighbors
- Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin
- Mary Golda Ross
- Vera Rubin
- Hertha Wambacher
- Navajo women of Shiprock
- Women of the Manhattan Project
Q What inspired you to write *Her Space, Her Time*?

A When I was a student, my physics classes were filled with the heroic contributions of scientists such as Einstein, Newton, Maxwell, Feynman, Hawking, Galileo, Heisenberg, Bohr… and many more. There was never any mention of women scientists. Even Marie Curie was nowhere to be found in physics textbooks (she is sometimes mentioned in chemistry texts). My own journey through physics was also a lonely one. I was often the only woman in the classroom and wondered whether I belonged there at all. As I began my physics research career, I also began to research the history of women in physics and astronomy. I discovered that women have made major contributions to every big physics discovery, including relativity, quantum physics, the big bang, dark matter, and the Standard Model of particle physics. They became my personal source of strength and inspiration. I searched in vain for a book that told the stories of these women physicists and astronomers from around the world. That’s when I realized that I wanted to share their stories myself.

Q Of all the women scientists you profile in your book, who did you feel was the most unsung? Which accomplishments would you most like to see recognized?

A All the women in the book deserve to be much more celebrated and recognized, but if I had to pick one, it would be Austrian physicist Marietta Blau. Her photographic method to image subatomic particles kickstarted the entire field of particle physics and directly led to the discovery of fundamental particles in nature, and the development of the Standard Model. She published dozens of papers on her research, but she had to flee from her country during the Nazi regime and her immense contributions were mostly forgotten by the time she passed away, uncelebrated.

Q What were some of the greatest challenges that women scientists faced in the past, and what challenges do they still face?

A Almost all the women in the book experienced the Matilda effect of having their work attributed to others who were men. They were often not acknowledged as being as competent as the men, and did not have access to the resources, networks, and platforms that men had. All of these challenges unfortunately still exist today (but to a different degree), as I have tried to highlight in the book by weaving in my own experiences as a physicist.

Q How would you define success for your book? Who would you hope reads it? And how do you think your book can help shape conversations and experiences in the STEM fields for current and future generations of girls and young women?

A I dream of a day when a book celebrating women physicists and astronomers would not be needed because they would already be celebrated in every physics textbook and in the media, along with the men. I hope my book will help us get there. I would consider the book to be successful if it not only inspires, entertains, and engages readers, but also triggers new conversations about gender bias and leads to actions that make science more inclusive. I hope the book normalizes the idea that science is for everyone and that science needs everyone. I think my book is for anyone who loves the wonder of discovery and is curious about the human stories behind the great advances in knowledge and understanding of our incredible universe.
A Theory of Everyone
The New Science of Who We Are, How We Got Here, and Where We’re Going
Michael Muthukrishna

A blueprint for a better future that offers a unified theory of human behavior, culture, and society.

Playing on the phrase “a theory of everything” from physics, Michael Muthukrishna’s ambitious, original, and deeply hopeful book *A Theory of Everyone* draws on the most recent research from across the sciences, humanities, and the emerging field of cultural evolution to paint a panoramic picture of who we are and what exactly makes human beings different from all other forms of life on the planet.

Muthukrishna argues that it is our unique ability to create culture, a shared body of knowledge, skills, and experience passed on from generation to generation, that has enabled our current dominance. But it is only by understanding and applying the laws of life—the need for energy, innovation, cooperation, and evolution—that we can solve the practical and existential challenges we face as a species. *A Theory of Everyone* attempts to provide solutions for the most pressing problems of our collective future, such as polarization, inequality, the “great stagnation” in productivity, and the energy crisis.

Casting a bold and wide net, Muthukrishna’s book is a must-read for anyone interested in a better future for ourselves and for generations to come.

Michael Muthukrishna is Associate Professor of Economic Psychology in the Department of Psychological and Behavioural Science and Affiliate in Developmental Economics and Data Science at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). His work on cultural evolution focuses on answering three big questions: why humans are so different from other animals, what are the psychological and evolutionary processes that underlie culture and social change, and how the answers to these questions can be used to tackle some of the biggest challenges we face as a species.
The Age of Prediction
Algorithms, AI, and the Shifting Shadows of Risk
Igor Tulchinsky and Christopher E. Mason

The power of the ever-increasing tools and algorithms for prediction and their paradoxical effects on risk.

The Age of Prediction is about two powerful, and symbiotic, trends: the rapid development and use of artificial intelligence and big data to enhance prediction, as well as the often paradoxical effects of these better predictions on our understanding of risk and the ways we live. Beginning with dramatic advances in quantitative investing and precision medicine, this book explores how predictive technology is quietly reshaping our world in fundamental ways, from crime fighting and warfare to monitoring individual health and elections.

As prediction grows more robust, it also alters the nature of the accompanying risk, setting up unintended and unexpected consequences. The Age of Prediction details how predictive certainties can bring about complacency or even an increase in risks—genomic analysis might lead to unhealthier lifestyles or a GPS might encourage less attentive driving. With greater predictability also comes a degree of mystery, and the authors ask how narrower risks might affect markets, insurance, or risk tolerance generally. Can we ever reduce risk to zero? Should we even try? This book lays an intriguing groundwork for answering these fundamental questions and maps out the latest tools and technologies that power these projections into the future, sometimes using novel, cross-disciplinary tools to map out cancer growth, people’s medical risks, and stock dynamics.

Igor Tulchinsky is Founder, Chairman, and CEO of WorldQuant, a quantitative investment firm based in Old Greenwich, Connecticut. He is the author of Finding Alphas: A Quantitative Approach to Building Trading Strategies and The UnRules: Man, Machines and the Quest to Master Markets. Christopher E. Mason is a geneticist and computational biologist who has been Principal Investigator and Co-investigator of 11 NASA missions and projects. Mason is Professor of Genomics, Physiology, and Biophysics at Weill Cornell Medicine and Director of the WorldQuant Initiative for Quantitative Prediction. He also holds affiliate appointments at the New York Genome Center, Yale Law School, and the Consortium for Space Genetics at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Mason is the author of The Next 500 Years: Engineering Life to Reach New Worlds (The MIT Press).

"At the dawn of what they aptly call ‘The Age of Prediction,’ Tulchinsky and Mason give us an exceptionally clear view of the interplay between risk and uncertainty—a guide for what’s to come.”

—Alyssa Goodman, Professor, Harvard University; Founder, The Prediction Project (predictionx.org)

"With multimodal data and foundation models, we’re getting better at predicting everything from earthquakes to health care risks. The extraordinary range of how this may be applied, along with caveats, is nicely captured—with optimism—by an ‘odd couple’ of authors with interdisciplinary expertise, in The Age of Prediction.”

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"After explaining the common predictive thread underlying diminishing risk in medicine and finance, Mason and Tulchinsky ask if we will ever predict all human behavior. Their analysis is brilliant.”

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Monsters, Aliens, and Holes in the Ground
A Guide to Tabletop Roleplaying Games from D&D to Mothership
Stu Horvath

A richly illustrated, encyclopedic deep dive into the history of roleplaying games.

When Gary Gygax and Dave Arneson released Dungeons & Dragons in 1974, they created the first roleplaying game of all time. Little did they know that their humble box set of three small digest-sized booklets would spawn an entire industry practically overnight. In Monsters, Aliens, and Holes in the Ground, Stu Horvath explores how the hobby of roleplaying games, commonly known as RPGs, blossomed out of an unlikely pop culture phenomenon and became a dominant gaming form by the 2010s. Going far beyond D&D, this heavily illustrated tome covers more than three hundred different RPGs that have been published in the last five decades.

Monsters, Aliens, and Holes in the Ground features (among other things) bunnies, ghostbusters, soap operas, criminal bears, space monsters, political intrigue, vampires, romance, and, of course, some dungeons and dragons. In a decade-by-decade breakdown, Horvath chronicles how RPGs have evolved in the time between their inception and the present day, offering a deep and gratifying glimpse into a hobby that has changed the way we think about games and play.

A deluxe edition of this book is also available from MIT Press. The deluxe edition includes a foil-stamped cover and slipcase with a cloth binding, a ribbon, gilded edges, and an 8.5x11-inch card stock poster of the regular edition.

Stu Horvath is a writer from New Jersey. He is the founder of Unwinnable, an outlet for independent cultural criticism. He also manages the VintageRPG account on Instagram and cohosts the Vintage RPG Podcast.

“Horvath’s love for the genre shines through every entry in this immaculately researched tome. It’s exhaustive but not exhausting; you’ll keep reading for pleasure long after you’ve found the info you came for.”
—Steve Jackson, perpetrator of Munchkin

“Stu Horvath has lovingly compiled this guide through tabletop RPG history with profound care, and I cannot wait to revisit this tome time and again!”
—Skinner, psychedelic nightmare artist
Selected Nonfiction, 1962–2007
J. G. Ballard
edited by Mark Blacklock
foreword by Tom McCarthy

J. G. Ballard’s collected nonfiction from 1962 to 2007, mapping the cultural obsessions, experiences, and insights of one of the most original minds of his generation.

J. G. Ballard was a colossal figure in English literature and an imaginative force of the twentieth century. Alongside his major novels—from the notorious Crash (1973) to the semi-autobiographical Empire of the Sun (1984)—Ballard was a sought-after reviewer and commentator, publishing journalism, memoir, and cultural criticism in a variety of forms. Selected Nonfiction, 1962–2007 collects the most significant short nonfiction of Ballard’s career, extending the range of the only previous collection of his nonfiction, A User’s Guide to the Millennium (1996), which selected essays and reviews published between 1962 and 1995.

A decade on from Ballard’s death in 2009, a new generation of readers needs a new collection. In the period following A User’s Guide, Ballard’s writing addressed 9/11, British politics from New Labour onward, and what he termed “the rise of soft fascism”—a diagnosis that maintains its relevance amid a shift toward right populism in European and US politics. Beautifully edited by Ballard scholar and novelist Mark Blacklock, this volume includes Ballard’s editorials and manifestos; commentaries on his own work; commentaries on the work of others; reviews; and more. Above all, it makes the case for the currency of Ballard’s work at a contemporary juncture at which so many of his diagnoses concerning the media and politics have become apparent.

J. G. Ballard (1930–2009) was a British author and journalist. Best known for his dystopic works of science fiction, his novels include Crash (1973) and High-Rise (1975). His semi-autobiographical novel Empire of the Sun (1984) was adapted by Stephen Spielberg in the 1987 film of the same name. Luminous, wry, and arresting, Ballard’s writing endures as a touchstone for popular conceptions of post-apocalyptic landscapes, mass media, and emergent technologies.

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Inside the Star Factory
The Creation of the James Webb Space Telescope, NASA's Largest and Most Powerful Space Observatory

NASA Photographer Chris Gunn, with Christopher Wanjek

A fascinating, ground-level backstage pass to the creation, launch, and reach of the James Webb Space Telescope.

NASA’s James Webb Space Telescope, the world’s largest orbiting astronomy observatory, is now nearly a million miles from Earth, probing the first stars and galaxies, documenting the structure and evolution of the universe, and searching for signs of life in other solar systems. In a series of extraordinary photographs, Inside the Star Factory tells the story of the Webb Telescope from conception to launch—a marvel of ingenuity and engineering that entailed more than 100 million people hours over a span of thirty years.

The project’s lead photographer Chris Gunn was there from the start, documenting the Webb’s tumultuous history—the behind-the-scenes details of its construction, from the cutting-edge technology required for an observatory operating at temperatures as low as −370°F, beyond reach for repair, to the human story of an engineering team pursuing an unprecedented goal under incomparable pressure. Derided as the “telescope that ate astronomy,” billions of dollars over budget, ten years over schedule, nearly canceled twice, Webb was simply too big to fail.

Accompanied by science writer Christopher Wanjek’s overview of the Webb’s history and profiles of the scientists and engineers who built it, this exclusive illustrated guide shows readers the heady world of scientific discovery at the very limits of human knowledge—and the very beginning of space and time.

Chris Gunn is a photographer based in Washington, DC, who specializes in creating images of science and technology. His photographs have been featured in Scientific American, Wired, National Geographic, and the New York Times. Christopher Wanjek is the author of Bad Medicine, Food at Work, and the acclaimed Spacefarers: How Humans Will Settle the Moon, Mars, and Beyond. His work has appeared in such venues as the Washington Post, Smithsonian, and Live Science.

“This book is the only one you’ll need on the engineering marvel that JWST truly is. From the people behind the instrument to the telescope itself, I got lost in every image of the story.”

—Becky Smethurst, Royal Astronomical Society Research fellow, University of Oxford; author of A Brief History of Black Holes; host of “Dr. Becky” on YouTube

“Inside the clean rooms where everything happened, Gunn and Wanjek’s account of the brilliant people who built Webb is as awe-inspiring as the mission itself.”

—Christian Ready, Lecturer of Astronomy and Astrophysics, Towson University; host of “Launch Pad Astronomy” on YouTube

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Democracy in a Hotter Time
Climate Change and Democratic Transformation
edited by David W. Orr
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The first major book to deal with the dual crises of democracy and climate change as one interrelated threat and to identify a path forward.

Democracy in a Hotter Time calls for reforming democratic institutions as a prerequisite for avoiding climate chaos and adapting governance to how Earth works as a physical system. To survive in the “long emergency” ahead, we must reform and strengthen democratic institutions, making them assets rather than liabilities. Edited by David W. Orr, this vital collection of essays proposes a new political order that will not only help humanity survive but also enable us to thrive in the transition to a post–fossil fuel world.

Orr gathers leading scholars, public intellectuals, and political leaders to address the many problems confronting our current political systems. Few other books have taken a systems view of the effects of a rapidly destabilizing climate on our laws and governance or offered such a diversity of solutions. These thoughtful and incisive essays cover subjects from Constitutional reform to participatory urban design to education; together, they aim to invigorate the conversation about the human future in practical ways that will improve the effectiveness of democratic institutions and lay the foundation for a more durable and just democracy.

David W. Orr is Professor of Practice at Arizona State University and the author of eight books variously about education, climate, and ecological design, including Design on the Edge (MIT Press). He has been awarded nine honorary degrees and a dozen other awards, including lifetime achievement awards from the US Green Building Council and the North American Association for Environmental Education.

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Defending Animals
Finding Hope on the Front Lines of Animal Protection
Kendra Coulter

An in-depth look at the urgent struggle to protect animals from harm, cruelty, injustice, extinction, and their greatest threat—us.

Beloved dogs and cats. Magnificent horses and mountain gorillas. Curious chickens. What do we actually do to protect animals from harm—and is it enough? This engaging book provides a unique and eye-opening exploration of the world of animal protection as people defend diverse animals from injustice and cruelty. From the streets of major US cities to remote farms and tropical forests, Defending Animals is a gritty and moving portrait of the real work of animal protection that takes place in communities, courtrooms, and boardrooms.

Globally recognized expert Kendra Coulter takes readers across the different landscapes of animal protection to meet people and animals of all kinds, from cruelty investigators to forensic veterinarians, wildlife rehabilitators and conservation leaders to animal lawyers and entrepreneurs, each working in their own ways to defend animals. Bringing unparalleled research and a distinct and nuanced analytical viewpoint, Defending Animals shows that animal protection is not only physical, intellectual, and emotional work but also a labor so rooted in empathy and care that it just might bridge the vast divide between polarized people and help create a more humane future for us all.

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The Claims of Life
A Memoir
Diana Chapman Walsh

The engaging memoir of a legendary president of Wellesley College known for authentic and open-hearted leadership, who drove innovation with power and love.

_The Claims of Life_ traces the emergence of a young woman who set out believing she wasn’t particularly smart but went on to meet multiple tests of leadership in the American academy—a place where everyone wants to be heard and no one wants a boss. In college, Diana Chapman met Chris Walsh, who became a towering figure in academic science. Their marriage of fifty-seven years brought them to the forefront of revolutions in higher education, gender expectations, health care delivery and biomedical research.

_The Claims of Life_ offers readers an unusually intimate view of trustworthy leadership that begins and ends in self-knowledge. During a transformative fourteen-year Wellesley presidency, Walsh advanced women’s authority, compassionate governance, and self-reinvention. After Wellesley, Walsh’s interests took her to the boards of five national nonprofits galvanizing change. She kept counsel with Nobel laureates, feminist icons, and even the Dalai Lama, seeking solutions to the world’s climate crisis.

With an ear tuned to social issues, _The Claims of Life_ is an inspiring account of a life lived with humor, insight, and meaning that will surely leave a lasting impression on its readers.

Diana Chapman Walsh is President Emerita of Wellesley College, and an emerita member of the governing boards of MIT and Amherst College. She was a trustee of the Kaiser Family Foundation, the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, and the Mind and Life Institute, and she also chaired the Broad Institute’s inaugural board and cofounded the Council on the Uncertain Human Future. She is the author, coauthor, and editor of numerous books, including _Corporate Physicians: Between Medicine and Management._

“This Diana Chapman Walsh’s clear-sighted self-awareness gives us both a compelling personal memoir and an insightful guide to leadership. It is a pleasure to read.”

—Drew Gilpin Faust, Arthur Kingsley Porter University and Professor President Emerita of Harvard University
Notebooks of a Wandering Monk
Matthieu Ricard
Translated by Jesse Browner

The memoirs of renowned Buddhist monk Matthieu Ricard and his extraordinary journey toward inner freedom and compassion in action.

Matthieu Ricard began his spiritual transformation at the age of twenty-one, in Darjeeling, India, when he met Tibetan teacher Kangyur Rinpoche, who deeply impressed the young man with his extraordinary quality of being. In Notebooks of a Wandering Monk, Ricard tells the simple yet extraordinary story of his journey and the remarkable men and women who inspired him along the way, including Kangyur Rinpoche, Dilgo Khyentse Rinpoche, and the fourteenth Dalai Lama, as well as great luminaries such as Desmond Tutu, Jane Goodall, and a number of leading scientists.

Growing up, Ricard, the son of philosopher Jean-François Revel and artist Yahne Le Toumelin, regularly found himself in the company of intellectuals and artists such as Luis Buñuel, Henri Cartier-Bresson, and Igor Stravinsky. Young Ricard loved nature, classical music, and science and dreamed of unlocking the mysteries of molecular biology. But, six years after meeting Kangyur Rinpoche, Ricard gave up a promising career in genetics to pursue a meditative life in the remote Himalayas. While spending half a century in India, Bhutan, and Nepal, he visited Tibet more than twenty times and spent years publishing rare Tibetan texts and photographing his spiritual teachers and the world in which they lived.

Elegantly translated by Jesse Browner and accompanied by more than fifty full-color photographs, some of which are Ricard’s own, Notebooks of a Wandering Monk charts Ricard’s lifelong path to wisdom and compassion. This candid and reflective memoir will inspire all readers, wherever they may be on their own journey to a meaningful and well-lived life.

Matthieu Ricard is a Buddhist monk, humanitarian, writer, photographer, doctor in cellular genetics, and the French interpreter for the Dalai Lama. All of his royalties are donated to Karuna-Shechen, the humanitarian association he created twenty-two years ago, which benefits more than 450,000 underprivileged people every year in India, Nepal, and Tibet.
Data Is Everybody’s Business
The Fundamentals of Data Monetization
Barbara H. Wixom, Cynthia M. Beath, and Leslie Owens

A clear, engaging, evidence-based guide to monetizing data, for everyone from employee to board member.

Most organizations view data monetization—converting data into money—too narrowly: as merely selling data sets. But data monetization is a core business activity for both commercial and noncommercial organizations, and, within organizations, it’s critical to have wide-ranging support for this pursuit. In Data Is Everybody’s Business, the authors offer a clear and engaging way for people across the entire organization to understand data monetization and make it happen. The authors identify three viable ways to convert data into money—improving work with data, wrapping products with data, and selling information offerings—and explain when to pursue each and how to succeed.

Ideal for organizations engaged in data literacy training, data-driven transformation, or digital transformation, Data Is Everybody’s Business is the essential guide for helping everybody in the organization—not just the data specialists—understand, get excited about, and participate in data monetization.

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Key features of the book:
- Grounded in twenty-eight years of academic research, including nine years of research at the MIT Sloan Center for Information Systems Research (MIT CISR)
- Definitions of key terms, self-reflection questions, appealing graphics, and easy-to-use frameworks
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Paola Cecchi-Dimeglio

From entry-level to the boardroom, how to create large-scale change in organizations looking to accelerate their diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts and reap financial benefits.

Every leader endeavors to invest in and manage their key asset—talent—to be as high-performing as possible. Like a winning stock, successful diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) actions pay back over time. That dividend is paid both to the company—through not only higher performance, but talent acquisition, training, and other savings—and to society in general. In Diversity Dividend, Paola Cecchi-Dimeglio offers a fresh, detailed look at just how to realize gender and racial equity along the company-employee pathway—from attracting and interviewing applicants to onboarding, promoting, and sustaining hires—and how to remove systemic barriers at the organizational level that prevent women and underrepresented groups from advancing.

While other books have delved into DEI and the challenges inherent in sustaining successful efforts, no book has done so in concert with the depth and scope of data, basis in science, and application in the real world. In Diversity Dividend, Cecchi-Dimeglio artfully combines accessible anecdotal cases—where success was achieved or where, despite best intentions and efforts, things did not go as expected—with scientifically rigorous solutions as well as applications of data and big data.

As empowering as it is comprehensive, Diversity Dividend helps remove the guesswork and near superstition that naturally arise when some methods work and others fail, thereby giving leaders the tools and insight to make informed choices at the right moments to create lasting change.

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“A must-read for anyone striving to improve gender and racial diversity.”
—Iris Bohnet, Professor, Harvard University, author of What Works: Gender Equality by Design

“This timely masterpiece is a game-changing resource for making a real impact.”
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Code to Joy
Why Everyone Should Learn a Little Programming
Michael L. Littman

How we can get more joy from our machines by telling them what our hearts desire.

In this informative, accessible, and very funny book, Michael Littman inspires readers to learn how to tell machines what to do for us. Rather than give in to the fear that computers will steal our jobs, spy on us, control what we buy and whom we vote for, we can improve our relationship with them just by learning basic programming skills. Our devices will help us, Littman writes, if we can say what we want in a way they can understand.

Each chapter of the book focuses on a particular element of what can be said, providing examples of how we use similar communication in our daily interactions with people. Littman offers ways readers can experiment with these ideas right away, using publicly available systems that might also make us more productive as a welcome side effect. Each chapter also reflects on how the use of these programming components can be expedited by machine learning.

With humor and teacherly guidance, Code to Joy brings into view a future where programming is like reading—something everyone can learn.

Michael L. Littman is University Professor of Computer Science at Brown University and holds an adjunct position with the Georgia Institute of Technology College of Computing. He was selected by the American Association for the Advancement of Science as a Leadership Fellow for Public Engagement with Science in Artificial Intelligence.

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Seeing the Mind
Spectacular Images from Neuroscience, and What They Reveal about Our Neuronal Selves
Stanislas Dehaene

A lavishly illustrated and accessibly explained deep dive into the major new findings from cognitive neuroscience.

Who are we? To this age-old question, contemporary neuroscience gives a simple answer: we are exquisite neuronal machines. Each of our dreams, thoughts, and feelings arises from a pattern of activity in our brain. In Stanislas Dehaene’s Seeing the Mind, we learn not only that the mind maps onto the brain, but also that it is just a complex electrical motif on the tapestry of our neurons. In this richly illustrated and highly accessible book, Dehaene uses the power of brain images to tell the story of centuries-old efforts to understand who we are, and how it is possible that our thoughts emerge from just three pounds of flesh.

Seeing the Mind is divided into one hundred topics, each described by a spectacular full-page color image and, on the facing page, a brief text that explains what this image means and why it matters. By weaving together images and text, the book brings readers into the intimacy of their own brains. As Dehaene explains, “All the gorgeous biological processes that you are about to discover are taking place, right now, inside your own brain.”

A modern cabinet of curiosities, Seeing the Mind is an intriguing and memorable read that will astonish readers with a direct, face-to-face meeting with themselves—and with the material stuff of their thoughts and dreams.

Stanislas Dehaene is Chair of Experimental Cognitive Psychology at the Collège de France and Director of NeuroSpin, France’s advanced brain imaging research center. He is the author of The Number Sense, Reading in the Brain, Consciousness and the Brain, and How We Learn. Together his books have been translated into more than fifteen languages.

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A Heart Afire
Helen Brooke Taussig’s Battle Against Heart Defects, Unsafe Drugs, and Injustice in Medicine
Patricia Meisol

A deeply compelling biography of the pioneering children’s heart doctor Helen Taussig, who helped start heart surgery and became a global force against preventable suffering.

In A Heart Afire, Patricia Meisol renders a moving portrait of the indomitable pediatrician and global patient activist Helen Taussig (1898–1986), who famously gathered and publicized evidence linking thalidomide to birth defects, leading to US drug safety laws. Taussig also developed the Blalock-Taussig shunt (along with Alfred Blalock) for infants with congenital heart defects. Spanning Taussig’s childhood in Boston, her struggle with dyslexia, her progressive hearing loss, her research contributions, and the founding of her own fledgling children’s heart clinic, this book chronicles Taussig’s ambition, tenacity, and formidable work ethic. As Meisol shows, Taussig not only saved lives, but also set a bold precedent for other women doctors in the twentieth century, who were largely excluded from medicine.

Meticulously researched and intimately told, A Heart Afire is unique in its use of a fifty-year-long campaign by Taussig’s followers for a worthy memorial portrait and shows how views of women doctors have evolved. Meisol reveals Taussig as an authentic American hero, one who embodies the Emersonian ethic of developing oneself, following the processes of nature, and serving the public. A fiercely independent thinker, Taussig infused herself and her ideas into the medical culture, paving the way not only for other professional women but also for patients then and now to advocate for themselves. Offering an indispensable look at health care as a universal human right, A Heart Afire is a beacon and a blueprint for creating a more just and compassionate world of medicine.

Patricia Meisol is a narrative nonfiction writer and essayist who has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize multiple times. She previously served in the US Department of Health and Human Services.

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Mondrian’s Dress
Yves Saint Laurent, Piet Mondrian, and Pop Art
Nancy J. Troy and Ann Marguerite Tartsinis

An extraordinary look at how the style of Piet Mondrian’s abstract paintings was posthumously appropriated by 1960s fashion, Pop art, and consumer culture.

Yves Saint Laurent’s 1965 Mondrian dresses are among the twentieth century’s most celebrated and recognizable fashions, but the context of their creation involves much more than meets the eye. In Mondrian’s Dress, Nancy Troy and Ann Marguerite Tartsinis offer a fresh approach to the coupling of Piet Mondrian’s interwar paintings with Saint Laurent’s couture designs by exposing the rampant merchandising and commodification that these works experienced in the 1960s. The authors situate the consolidation of Saint Laurent’s fashion brand alongside the work of such Pop artists as Roy Lichtenstein, Andy Warhol, and Tom Wesselmann, and show how conventional understandings of Mondrian’s avant-garde abstractions were transformed by the mass circulation of his signature style.

Beyond its attention to 1960s fashion, Pop art, and consumer culture, Mondrian’s Dress offers critical assessments of Saint Laurent’s so-called dialogue with art, the remarkable art collection that he built with his partner Pierre Berge, and the crucial role that photography plays in the marketing of couture. The first book-length study of its kind, Mondrian’s Dress is a provocative reevaluation of how art, commerce, and fashion became fundamentally intertwined in the postwar period.

Nancy J. Troy is Victoria and Roger Sant Professor in Art Emerita at Stanford University. She is the author of Couture Culture, Architecture and Cubism (edited with Eve Blau), and The De Stijl Environment (all published by the MIT Press), among other books on twentieth-century art and visual culture. Ann Marguerite Tartsinis is a scholar of twentieth-century American art, craft, and design. From 2010 to 2016, she was Associate Curator at the Bard Graduate Center and is the author of An American Style: Global Sources for New York Textile and Fashion Design, 1915–1928.
The extraordinary life and work of architect Amaza Lee Meredith, and the role modernism and material culture played in the aspiring Black American middle class of the early twentieth century.

Amaza Lee Meredith Imagines Herself Modern tells the captivating story of Amaza Lee Meredith, a Black woman architect, artist, and educator born into the Jim Crow South, whose bold choices in both life and architecture expand our understanding of the Great Migration and the Harlem Renaissance, while revealing the importance of architecture as a force in Black middle-class identity. Through her charismatic protagonist, Jacqueline Taylor derives new insights into the experiences of Black women at the forefront of culture in early twentieth-century America, caught between expectation and ambition, responsibility and desire.

Central to Taylor’s argument is that Meredith’s response to modern architecture and art, like those of other Black cultural producers, was not marginal to the modernist project; instead, her work reveals the tensions and inconsistencies in how American modernism has been defined. In this way, the book shines a necessary light on modernism’s complexity, while overturning perceived notions of race and gender in relation to the modernist project and challenging the notion of the white male hero of modern architecture.

Jacqueline Taylor is an award-winning researcher and writer who focuses on the built environment and art with specific reference to issues of race and gender. She has worked in public practice and academe and has published widely in edited volumes and anthologies, including *Southern Cultures* and *Suffragette City: Women, Politics, and the Built Environment*.

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Q What drew you to Amaza Lee Meredith (1895-1984)? How did her work respond to and inform the modernist project?

A It was the building that first caught my attention. How did such a radical rejection of local architectural precedent, focused on the colonial revival style, insert itself into this small, seemingly insignificant southern town? Who was the architect and what was their purpose in expressing these modern ideas in such concrete form? Through hours of research and reading of correspondence, I grew to know Amaza Lee Meredith. Here was an African American woman who dared to enter the professional field dominated by men. Her avant-garde stylistic and material choices boldly expressed a life reflective of her own needs not those of a society that demanded women, particularly Black women, conform to chaste notions of female identity. Meredith was curious, adventurous, and daring, her architectural choices and commitment to arts education, offered African Americans a new way forward.

Q Your book is a beautiful, untold history of LGBTQ individuals in early 20th-century America. Please share a little bit about Edna Meade Colson (1888-1985) and her relationship to Meredith.

A Meredith and Edna Meade Colson were mutually attracted to each other from the start. Although a few years her senior, and initially her college professor, Colson enjoyed Meredith’s playful character and was enticed by her unorthodox attitude to life. A bright and beautiful woman, Colson was raised in a family committed to establishing a respectable African American presence. Typical of other educated Black families, they considered it their duty to assist others in fulfilling a more ambitious role in a society that consistently demanded subservience. Colson was educated in the higher institutions of the Black elite. She was a popular young woman who was courted by several male suitors. Meredith however, pursued Colson with determination, finding her open to new forms of intimacy and companionship. At a critical juncture in her life, Colson made a choice to follow her romantic and sexual instincts and broke free of conformative social expectations, committing to a relationship with Amaza Meredith. The construction of a home, a place where the two women could feel safe and established, was the physical embodiment of a relationship that nurtured them to the end of their days.

Q How does Meredith’s voice expand our understanding of the Great Migration and Harlem Renaissance?

A During her sojourn as a student in New York city, Meredith gained new knowledge of creative ideas. She then took these ideas back to the southern town of Petersburg, Virginia, where she built her modern house and taught a new generation of students the theories of modern art and architecture. In this way, she extended the reach of the Harlem Renaissance—a cultural and intellectual movement that expressed exciting new ideas of African American creativity and identity—across geographies and disciplines to challenge the hegemony of modern architecture as a white male European phenomenon.
Writing for Their Lives
America’s Pioneering Female Science Journalists
Marcel Chotkowski LaFollette

A breathtaking history of America’s trailblazing female science journalists—and the timely lessons they can teach us about equity, access, collaboration, and persistence.

In *Writing for Their Lives*, Marcel Chotkowski LaFollette tells the stories of women who pioneered the nascent profession of science journalism from the 1920s through the 1950s, yet were overlooked in traditional histories of science and journalism. But, at a time when science, medicine, and the mass media were expanding dramatically, Emma Reh, Jane Stafford, Marjorie Van de Water, and many others were explaining theories, discoveries, and medical advances to millions of readers via syndicated news stories, weekly columns, weekend features, and books—and they deserve the recognition they have long been denied.

Grounded in extensive archival research and enlivened by passages of original correspondence, *Writing for Their Lives* addresses topics such as censorship, peer review, and news embargoes, while also providing intimate glimpses into the personal lives and adventures of mid-twentieth-century career women. They were single, married, or divorced; mothers with childcare responsibilities; daughters supporting widowed mothers; urban dwellers who lived through, and wrote about, the Great Depression, World War II, and the dawn of the Atomic Age—all the while, daring to challenge the arrogance and misogyny of the male scientific community in pursuit of information that could serve the public.

Written at a time when trust in science is at a premium, *Writing for Their Lives* is an inspiring untold history that underscores just how crucial dedicated, conscientious journalists are to the public understanding and acceptance of scientific guidance and expertise.

Marcel Chotkowski LaFollette is an independent historian. She is also Research Associate at the Smithsonian Institution Archives and the author of *Science on the Air* and *Science on American Television*.

“With wit, sharp analysis, and compelling documentation, Marcel Chotkowski LaFollette reveals the multidimensional lives of tough-minded and doggedly persistent women in science journalism between the 1920s and the 1960s.”

—Sally Gregory Kohlstedt, Professor, University of Minnesota; author of *Women, Gender, and Science*
Feminist Designer
On the Personal and the Political in Design
edited by Alison Place

A bold and timely collection that brings feminist theory and critical thinking to life through vital, approachable design methods and practices.

Feminist Designer brings together a constellation of voices and perspectives to examine the intersection of design and feminist theory. For decades, the feminist refrain within design has hinged on the representation and inclusion of women in the field. This collection, edited by Alison Place, however, is a call to move beyond this narrow application of a feminist lens. Feminist design is not just about who does design—it is about how we do design and why. Feminist frameworks for design activism are now more relevant than ever, as they emphasize collaborative processes that aim to disrupt and dismantle power hierarchies while centering feminist ways of knowing and doing.

The first book in nearly three decades to address feminist practices in design, Feminist Designer contains essays, case studies, and dialogues by 43 contributors from 16 different countries. It engages a wide variety of design disciplines, from graphic design to disability design to algorithmic design, and explores key feminist themes, such as power, knowledge, care, plurality, liberation, and community. Through diverse, sometimes conflicting, intersectional perspectives, this book contributes new design methods informed by a multiplicity of feminisms that confront design’s patriarchal origins while ushering in new pathways for making critical and meaningful change.

Alison Place is a designer, educator, and researcher who practices feminism through design. She is Assistant Professor of Graphic Design in the School of Art at the University of Arkansas.

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Explaining Life through Evolution
Prosanta Chakrabarty

A broad overview of the science of evolution, and why understanding it matters in our everyday lives.

Explaining Life through Evolution tells the origin story of life on this planet and how we arrived at the tremendous diversity among organisms that we see around us today. Prosanta Chakrabarty explains evolution in a concise, accessible, and engaging way, emphasizing the importance of understanding evolution in everyday contemporary life. Weaving his own lived experience among discussions of Darwin and the origins of evolutionary thought, Chakrabarty also covers key concepts to our understanding of our current condition, including mutation; the spectrum of race, sex, gender, and sexuality; the limitations of ancestry tests; and the evolution of viruses like SARS-CoV-2, the virus at the heart of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Offering a contemporary update to classic popular evolution books by Stephen Jay Gould, Jerry Coyne, and others, Explaining Life through Evolution is not only an illuminating read, but also an essential guide to the kind of scientific literacy that we need in order to face the challenges of our collective future.

Prosanta Chakrabarty is Professor of Evolutionary Biology and Curator of Fishes at Louisiana State University. He is a TED Senior Fellow, an Elected Fellow of AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science), a Fulbright Distinguished Chair, and a National Geographic Certified Educator.
Our Ancient Lakes
A Natural History
Jeffrey McKinnon

The unexpected diversity, beauty, and strangeness of life in ancient lakes—some millions of years old—and the remarkable insights the lakes are yielding about the causes of biodiversity.

Most lakes are less than 10,000 years old and short-lived, but there is a much smaller number of ancient lakes, tectonic in origin and often millions of years old, that are scattered across every continent but Antarctica: Baikal, Tanganyika, Victoria, Titicaca, and Biwa, to name a few. Often these lakes are filled with a diversity of fish, crustaceans, snails, and other creatures found nowhere else in the world. In Our Ancient Lakes, Jeffrey McKinnon introduces the remarkable living diversity of these aquatic bodies to the general reader and explains the surprising, often controversial, findings that the study of their faunas is yielding about the formation and persistence of species.

The first single-authored volume to synthesize studies of ancient lakes, Our Ancient Lakes provides an overview of the lakes and their distinctive geological origins; accounts of the evolutionary processes that have generated the incredible diversity found in the lakes and produced some of the fastest speciation rates known for vertebrates; the surprisingly important role of inter-species mating in the most rapid diversifications; the uniquely complete records of the creatures that inhabited the lakes, which are being extracted from deep lake sediments; the prospects for the lakes as we tumble into the Anthropocene; and much more.

Shining a light on a class of biodiversity hotspot that is equivalent to coral reefs in the ocean or tropical rainforests on land, Our Ancient Lakes chronicles in a refreshingly personal and accessible way the often singular wonders of these venerable waterbodies.

Jeffrey McKinnon received his BSc from the University of British Columbia and his PhD from Harvard University. A Professor of Biology at East Carolina University, his research has taken him to every continent but Antarctica and has appeared in journals including Nature and the American Naturalist.

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**Sexus Botanicus**  
The Love Lives of Plants  
Joanne Anton  
translated by Erik Butler

**A richly illustrated exploration of the astonishing diversity in sexual characteristics and behaviors of plants from the fig-tree to the sacred lotus.**

Why do some plants flower while others do not? What happens during pollination? How can the Haleakalā silversword reproduce all alone? In *Sexus Botanicus*, artist and writer Joanne Anton sheds light on the fertilization process of plants and relates their origins and their spectacular diversity. While sexuality has long been a source of interest for us humans, we sometimes forget to consider its primordial role in evolution.

Without sexuality and the genetic union it enables, life would not assume the biodiversity it displays. *Sexus Botanicus* introduces us to a wide range of extraordinary specimens, some very ancient and still with us, and some their descendants by millions of years: time-traveling plants (from the wedding of a mushroom and an alga 450 million years ago to the amorous mosses that help maintain the balance of our ecosystems today); the literal flower-power sexual revolution of angiosperms (from their reliance on wind for sex to some of their edible ovaries we commonly refer to as “fruit”); zoophilic plants (from the sexual doings of bumblebees and tomato plants to the mutually beneficial pollination program between yucca and moths); the games of deception played between plants, insects, and birds; and the improbable plants operating in such extreme environments as deserts and volcanos (some of whom, such as Australia’s Queensland grasstree, utilize conflagration to reproduce).

Hand-illustrated by the author in color throughout, the book also includes a full glossary of all relevant terms to introduce readers to the scientific language of plant sex.

Joanne Anton is a Belgian writer and artist. She attended botany courses at the Jardin des Plantes in Paris, where the National Museum of Natural History is located, and botanical illustration lessons with Elisabeth Vitou at the Société National d’Horticulture de France.
Some like it hot

Comment se reproduit «l'ornithorynque végétal»?

L'espèce est dioïque ; il faut donc qu'un individu mâle soit proche d'un indi-
vidu femelle pour que la fécondation ait lieu. L'arbre compte-t-il sur ses
partenaires insectes ? Oui, et en particulier sur des coléoptères à longues
pattes et des mouches. Si les plants mâles produisent plus de cônes, les
plants femelles en offrent de plus gros. Les mâles avec leurs étamines
à pollen attirent les insectes. Le cycle de reproduction de l'espèce dure
environ dix mois. La formation des cônes se fait au cours de la saison
chaude (à partir de décembre) et dure plusieurs mois. Les ovules indiquent
leur réceptivité lorsqu'une goutte sucrée, attractive, devient visible au
niveau du micropyle. Cette fécondation se passe généralement en hiver (de
mai à septembre). Les graines sont ensuite disséminées par le vent.

Dernière chose troublante à signaler : les cônes mâles ont des ovules ! Ils
sont stériles mais posent question.

Welwitschia mirabilis est-il la trace
admirable d'une tentative presque aboutie de la nature vers une reproduc-
tion sexuelle plus évoluée : celle des plantes à fleurs (Angiospermes) ?

Une fois cette paire de feuilles venues, le tronc ne grandira plus. Il est
comme tronqué, entouré d'une collerette verte, d'où partent non seulement
ces deux feuilles, mais aussi les organes sexuels au bout de tiges ramifiées
qui émergent au moment du cycle de reproduction de la plante.

C'est dans le désert de Namib, l'un des plus petits et anciens de notre planète,
que notre survivante pousse spontanément. Elle continue d'étonner plus
d’un botaniste, car elle ne possède pas du tout les mêmes caractéristiques
que les plantes xérophytes. Ses feuilles ne stockent pas l'eau comme chez
les cactées et autres succulentes. Elles sont permanentes et ne portent
ni poils laineux ni épines, s'offrant sans protection aux brûlures du
soleil. Biologiquement, l'arbre se conduit comme s'il vivait sous un climat
tempéré! « L'ornithorynque végétal » comme le qualifiait Darwin, survit
dans son milieu aride grâce à ses racines qui ont une rapidité de croissance
impressionnante. La plante est alors en mesure de puiser la moindre forme
d'humidité, d'une grande rareté dans cet habitat et ce, même dans le gypse
que contient le substrat supérieur. Elle survit aussi par le revêtement cireux
de ses feuilles, une sorte d'épiderme capable de limiter la perte en eau et de
réfléchir la lumière. Les cristaux d'oxalate de calcium présents dans leurs
cellules ont aussi pour résultat d'amoindrir les effets de la chaleur.

Certaines graines sont viables durant des années, ce qui laisse à l'espèce
le temps d'attendre de rares journées pluvieuses pour se perpétuer – l'eau
étant nécessaire à la germination. De plus, l'arbre est capable de vivre de
nombreux siècles. Quelques sujets auraient atteint 1500 ans.

Welwitschia mirabilis est essentiel à l'écosystème local car il nourrit, sert
de refuge, apporte de l'eau et de l'ombre à la faune (insectes, lézards, scor-
pions, oiseaux, petits mammifères, etc.). Le sol du Namib pouvant atteindre
soixante-déux degrés, les feuilles de cette espèce étrange forment un abri
sous lequel la température baisse de plusieurs dizaines de degrés. Autre
curiosité:

Welwitschia mirabilis constitue des populations isolées d’indi-
vus d’âge similaire. Cela est dû aux conditions météorologiques. Quand
la pluie tombe enfin, les graines qui l’attendaient germent en nombre au
même moment.
Sharing Our Science
How to Write and Speak STEM
Brandon R. Brown
foreword by Julia Schaletzky

A personal, practical, and inspirational guide to written and oral STEM communications for scientists and technical professionals.

In Sharing Our Science, scientist-turned-writing teacher Brandon Brown offers an eminently useful guidebook for STEM practitioners looking to communicate their technical work to either a technical or a broader audience. Professionals are increasingly required to communicate their work through blogs, podcasts, and newsletters and to submit to traditional media. After seeing his colleagues struggle to find a writing guide that tackled the unique challenges of writing and speaking about scientific topics, Brown set out to write the definitive handbook to assist STEM students, scientists, engineers, and tech workers alike.

In this practical and relevant book, Brown uses his experience as a proven science communicator to cover three levels of writing: fundamental craft considerations, such as narrative tension, structure, sentences, and audience; unique scientific considerations, such as conveying numbers and utilizing metaphors; and finally, social considerations, such as public speaking and writing inside and outside of silos. In place of a reference manual, Brown’s engaging narrative guide clarifies the fundamental principles that impact all scientific communication tasks, from white papers and slide decks to Zoom meetings and emails. Sharing Our Science represents the culmination of a lifetime of writing, research, and teaching that will enrich scientists’ careers and illuminate the ways in which science is done and conveyed to the world.

Brandon R. Brown is Professor of Physics and communications specialist at the University of San Francisco. The author of Planck: Driven by Vision, Broken by War, Brown has written for Slate, Smithsonian, and Scientific American and served as Deputy Director at the Green Science Policy Institute and a Senior Writing Coach for the Strictly Speaking Group.

“I wish I had read this book 30 years ago.”
—Douglas Koshland, Biology Professor, University of California, Berkeley; President, Science Communication Lab
Fascination of Science
60 Encounters with Pioneering Researchers of Our Time

Herlinde Koelbl

German interviews translated by Lois Hoyal

An intimate collection of portraits of internationally renowned scientists and Nobel Prize winners, paired with interviews and personal stories.

What makes a brilliant scientist? Who are the people behind the greatest discoveries of our time? Connecting art and science, photographer Herlinde Koelbl seeks the answers in this English translation of the German book Fascination of Science, an indelible collection of portraits of and interviews with sixty pioneering scientists of the twenty-first century. Koelbl’s approach is intimate and accessible, and her highly personal interviews with her subjects reveal the forces (as well as the personal quirks) that motivate the scientists’ work; for example, one wakes up at 3 am because her mind is calm then, another says his best ideas come to him in the shower. These glimpses into the scientists’ lives and thinking add untold texture in this up-to-the-minute survey of the activities and progress that are currently taking place in the broad field of the natural sciences.

Koelbl’s interview subjects include Nobel Prize winners Dan Shechtman, Frances Arnold, Carolyn Bertozzi, and cover scientific fields from astronomy, biochemistry, and quantum physics to stem-cell research and AI. Beautifully bringing together art, science, and the written word, Fascination of Science is an inspiring read that shows how creativity, obsession, persistence, and passion drive the pioneering researchers of our time.

Herlinde Koelbl is a German photographic artist, author, and documentary filmmaker. She has published more than a dozen photography books, including Jewish Portraits, Targets, and Angela Merkel Portraits 1991–2021. She has received numerous awards for her work, including the Dr. Erich Salomon Prize in 2001. You can learn more about her at www.herlindekoelbl.com.

“True to its title, this is a fascinating collection of interviews. Herlinde Koelbl’s insightful questions and the candid responses of her subjects offer a matchless window into the personal histories and thinking of some of the world’s most successful scientists.”

— John P. Holdren, Research Professor, Harvard University; President Obama’s Science Advisor, January 2009 to January 2017
The Day after Yesterday
Resilience in the Face of Dementia

Joe Wallace

A deft combination of narrative and portraiture that breaks the taboo around dementia, replacing the fear and futility with empathy and nuance.

A graphic designer, a writer, a public servant, a retired PhD, a 29-year-old with early-onset Alzheimer’s. These are just some of the 50 million people living with dementia who share their deeply personal stories with Joe Wallace in *The Day after Yesterday*, a powerful collection of portraits and personal stories that humanizes the millions of people living with the disease. Each story in this poignant volume offers a unique and powerful lesson—not just about how to live with a terminal illness, but how to do so with resilience and dignity.

Dementia is often a taboo subject with limited public awareness or discourse. A diagnosis can become a mechanism for segregating those affected from society, making it easier to see only the label and not the individual, which, in turn, makes it easier to ignore the burgeoning health crisis and the individuals themselves. But as one man told Wallace, “Don’t believe the narrative that life is over. I want my voice to help get people to treat us the same as they did before we got the diagnosis. We may change some, but we are the same people!” More than a visual representation, *The Day after Yesterday*’s compassionate portraits capture the dignity and richness of each individual, destigmatizing dementia and enabling a loving, respectful, and much-needed conversation.

Joe Wallace has been a portrait photographer and storyteller for twenty years. Honing his storytelling skills in advertising, his photo-narrative work blends his journalistic eye with his fine art sensibility. Several members of his family have lived with dementia, compelling him to tell a more complex and honest story of those living with the disease.

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Memory, Edited
Taking Liberties with History
Abby Smith Rumsey

An exploration of historical memory and networks of meaning in the context of today’s crises of extremism and polarization.

As authoritarianism continues to rise around the world, the stories we tell ourselves about what has happened and what is happening become ever more relevant. In *Memory, Edited*, Abby Smith Rumsey examines collective memory, how it binds us, and how it can be used by bad actors to manipulate us. Bringing forward the voices of a rich cast of Eastern European artists from the past two hundred years—from Fyodor Dostoevsky to Gerhard Richter—Rumsey shows how their work and lives illustrate the devastation wrought by regimes dependent on entrenched lies to survive. Not only does this hijacking of the narrative polarize communities, but it also hijacks our future.

Through an interdisciplinary lens that includes the best thinking from history, the arts, cognitive science, psychology, and political philosophy, Rumsey lays bare our narratives, showing how they are constructed and how they have changed over time. Ever-aware of resisting the false promise of utopia, Rumsey argues that only by confronting the past and reckoning with the crimes that were committed can we ever hope to heal and gain self-knowledge. *Memory, Edited* is an indispensable text for anyone who cares about democracy, equality, and freedom in our current age of crisis.

Abby Smith Rumsey is an intellectual and cultural historian. She chairs the board of the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences and is the author of *When We Are No More: How Digital Memory Is Shaping Our Future*.

“This riveting book has clear implications for how we arrive at our current states of belief. An extraordinarily suggestive book, it must be widely read.”

—John Seely Brown, former Chief Scientist, Xerox Corporation; former Director of Palo Alto Research Center (PARC)
R.U.R. and the Vision of Artificial Life

Karel Čapek
edited by Jitka Čejková

A new translation of Karel Čapek’s play R.U.R. — which famously coined the term “robot” — and a collection of essays reflecting on the play’s legacy from scientists and scholars who work in artificial life and robotics.

“R.U.R.” and the Vision of Artificial Life offers a new, highly faithful translation by Štěpán Šimek of Czech novelist, playwright, and critic Karel Čapek’s play R.U.R.: Rossum’s Universal Robots, as well as twenty essays from contemporary writers on the 1920 play. R.U.R. is perhaps best known for first coining the term “robot” (in Czech, robota means serfdom or arduous drudgery). The twenty essays in this new English edition, beautifully edited by Jitka Čejková, are selected from Robot 100, an edited collection in Czech with perspectives from 100 contemporary voices that was published in 2020 to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the play.

Čapek’s robots were autonomous beings, but biological, not mechanical, made of chemically synthesized soft matter resembling living tissue, like the synthetic humans in Blade Runner, Westworld, or Ex Machina. The contributors to the collection — scientists and other scholars — explore the legacy of the play and its connections to the current state of research in artificial life, or ALife. Throughout the book, it is impossible to ignore Čapek’s prescience, as his century-old science fiction play raises contemporary questions with respect to robotics, synthetic biology, technology, artificial life, and artificial intelligence, anticipating many of the formidable challenges we face today.

Jitka Čejková is Associate Professor in the Chemical Robotics Laboratory at the University of Chemistry and Technology Prague. Her research focuses on how chemical engineers can contribute to artificial life research. Karel Čapek (1890–1938) was a Czech novelist, short story writer, playwright, and essayist best known for his dystopian works. He was the author of War with the Newts, The Makropulos Affair, The Absolute at Large, The White Disease, and many other notable works.

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An exciting science fiction collection that looks at what future communication might look like and how our shifting relationships with technology could change this most human of capabilities.

In *Communications Breakdown*, award-winning editor Jonathan Strahan asks some of the world’s best science fiction writers to consider how the very idea of communication might change in the future. Rich terrain for speculation, this anthology brims with human stories about the future face of our age-old need to connect. As cyberpunk pioneer William Gibson said, “The future is already here—it’s just not evenly distributed.” So what happens when inequalities keep the future from everyone’s front door? Who is in control? These stories show humanity’s ability to construct the best possible worlds while also battling our potential to inflict unlimited harm.

*Communications Breakdown* features contributions from Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Hall of Famer Cory Doctorow, the winner of the Times of India Autor Award Lavanya Lakshminarayan, Hugo Award winner Ian McDonald, as well as an interview with digital privacy activist Chris Gilliard by author and journalist Tim Maughan. Breaking down how we think about communication, *Communications Breakdown* calls readers to look at how vulnerable our modes of communication—and indeed, we ourselves—are.

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An essential collection for any sci fi fan, More Voices from the Radium Age is a wild and darkly cathartic ride through the anxieties, fantasies, and nightmares that ultimately shaped the genre we now know as science fiction.

Joshua Glenn is a consulting semiotician and editor of the websites HiLobrow and Semiovox. The first to describe 1900–1935 as science fiction’s “Radium Age,” he is editor of the MIT Press’s series of reissued proto–sf stories from that period. He is coauthor and coeditor of various books including the family activities guide Unbored (2012), The Adventurer’s Glossary (2021), and Lost Objects (2022). In the 1990s, he published the indie intellectual journal Hermenaut.

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The Napoleon of Notting Hill
G.K. Chesterton
introduction by Madeline Ashby

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When Auberon Quin, a prankster nostalgic for Merrie Olde England, becomes king of that country in 1984, he mandates that each of London’s neighborhoods become an independent state, complete with unique local costumes. Everyone goes along with the conceit until young Adam Wayne, a born military tactician, takes the game too seriously . . . and becomes the Napoleon of Notting Hill. War ensues throughout the city—fought with sword and halberd!

G. K. Chesterton (1874–1936) was an English author, poet, critic, and newspaper columnist known for his brilliant, epigrammatic paradoxes. His best-known character is the priest-detective Father Brown, featured in over fifty stories published between 1910 and 1936, who solves mysteries and crimes thanks to his understanding of spiritual and philosophic truths; and his best-known novel is The Man Who Was Thursday (1908), a metaphysical thriller. In addition to The Napoleon of Notting Hill, his first novel, he wrote several other near-future satires of England.
The Night Land
abridged edition
William Hope Hodgson
introduction by Erik Davis

A romance of the far future, in which humankind
has relocated underground, where it is beset
by monsters from another dimension—but love
leads on.

In the far future, humankind’s survivors huddle below
Earth’s frozen surface in a pyramidal fortress-city
that, for centuries now, has been under siege by
loathsome “Ab-humans,” enormous slugs and spiders,
and malevolent “Watching Things” from another
dimension. When our unnamed protagonist receives
a telepathic distress signal from a woman whom (in a
previous incarnation) he’d once loved, he sallies forth
on an ill-advised rescue mission—into the fiend-
haunted Night Land!

“Like certain rare dreams,” C. S. Lewis wrote
of Hodgson’s masterpiece, The Night Land can give
“sensations we never had before and enlarge our
conception of the range of possible experience.” H. P.
Lovecraft agreed that this is “one of the most potent
pieces of macabre imagination ever written.”

William Hope Hodgson (1877–1918) was an English poet, sailor,
bodybuilder, and weird fiction pioneer whose horror, fantastic, and
proto-sf novels—in addition to The Night Land—including The Boats of
the “Glen Carrig” (1907), The House on the Borderland (1908), and The
Ghost Pirates (1909). He also wrote stories in the Sargasso Sea series,
the Captain Gault series, and a series about the occult detective
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“For all its flaws and idiosyncrasies, The Night Land is utterly
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and the horrors abounding therein produce a weird and fantastic
impression.”

—The Athenaeum (1912)
Under the direction of Joshua Glenn, the MIT Press’s Radium Age reissues notable proto-science fiction stories from the underappreciated era between 1900 and 1935, with new contributions by historians, science journalists, and science fiction authors.

Covers by Seth
Times Square Remade
The Dynamics of Urban Change
Lynne B. Sagalyn

The illuminating evolution of the iconic space of Times Square.

What is it about Times Square that has inspired such attention for well over a century? And how is it that, despite its many changes of character, the place has maintained a unique hold on our collective imagination? In this book, which comes twenty years after her widely acclaimed Times Square Roulette, Lynne Sagalyn masterfully tells the story of profound urban change over decades in the symbolic space that is New York City’s Times Square. Drawing on the history, sociology, and political economy of the place, Times Square Remade examines how the public-private transformation of 42nd Street at Times Square impacted the entertainment district and adjacent neighborhoods, particularly Hell’s Kitchen.

Sagalyn chronicles the earliest halcyon days of 42nd Street and Times Square as the nexus of speculation and competitive theater building as well as its darkest days as vice central, and on to the years of aggressive government intervention to cleanse West 42nd Street of pornography and crime. Thematically, the author analyzes the three main forces that have shaped and reshaped Times Square—theater, real estate, and pornography—and explains the politics and economics of what got built and what has been restored or preserved.

Accompanied by nearly 160 images, more than half in color, Times Square Remade is a deftly woven narrative of urban transformation that will appeal as much to the general reader and New York City enthusiast as to urbanists, city planners, architects, urban designers, and policymakers.

Lynne B. Sagalyn is Earle W. Kazis and Benjamin Schore Professor Emerita of Real Estate at Columbia Business School, as well as a real estate professional. She is the author of Power at Ground Zero: Politics, Money, and the Remaking of Lower Manhattan, Times Square Roulette: Remaking the City Icon (MIT Press), and Downtown, Inc.: How America Rebuilds Cities (coauthor, MIT Press).

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Evolutionary Intelligence
How Technology Will Make Us Smarter

W. Russell Neuman

A surprising vision of how human intelligence will coevolve with digital technology and revolutionize how we think and behave.

It is natural for us to fear artificial intelligence. But does Siri really want to kill us? Perhaps we are falling into the trap of projecting human traits onto the machines we might build. In *Evolutionary Intelligence*, W. Russell Neuman offers a surprisingly positive vision in which computational intelligence compensates for the well-recognized limits of human judgment, improves decision making, and actually increases our agency. In artful, accessible, and adventurous prose, Neuman takes the reader on an exciting, fast-paced ride, all the while making a convincing case about a revolution in computationally augmented human intelligence.

Neuman argues that, just as the wheel made us mobile and machines made us stronger, the migration of artificial intelligence from room-sized computers to laptops to our watches, smart glasses, and even smart contact lenses will transform day-to-day human decision making. If intelligence is the capacity to match means with ends, then augmented intelligence can offer the ability to adapt to changing environments as we face the ultimate challenge of long-term survival.

Tapping into a global interest in technology’s potential impacts on society, economics, and culture, *Evolutionary Intelligence* demonstrates that our future depends on our ability to computationally compensate for the limitations of a human cognitive system that has only recently graduated from hunting and gathering.

W. Russell Neuman is Professor of Media Technology at New York University. A founding faculty of the MIT Media Laboratory, he served as Senior Policy Analyst in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. His recent books include *The Digital Difference: Media Technology and the Theory of Communication Effects*.

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We, the Data
Human Rights in the Digital Age

Wendy H. Wong

A rallying call for extending human rights beyond our physical selves—and why we need to reboot rights in our data-intensive world.

Our data-intensive world is here to stay, but does that come at the cost of our humanity in terms of autonomy, community, dignity, and equality? In We, the Data, Wendy H. Wong argues that we cannot allow that to happen. Exploring the pervasiveness of data collection and tracking, Wong reminds us that we are all stakeholders in this digital world, who are currently being left out of the most pressing conversations around technology, ethics, and policy. This book clarifies the nature of datafication and calls for an extension of human rights to recognize how data complicate what it means to safeguard and encourage human potential.

As we go about our lives, we are co-creating data through what we do. We must embrace that these data are a part of who we are, Wong explains, even as current policies do not yet reflect the extent to which human experiences have changed. This means we are more than mere “subjects” or “sources” of data “by-products” that can be harvested and used by technology companies and governments. By exploring data rights, facial recognition technology, our posthumous rights, and our need for a right to data literacy, Wong has crafted a compelling case for engaging as stakeholders to hold data collectors accountable. Just as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights laid the global groundwork for human rights, We, the Data gives us a foundation upon which we claim human rights in the age of data.

Wendy H. Wong is Professor of Political Science and Principal’s Research Chair at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan. She is the author of two award-winning books: Internal Affairs: How the Structure of NGOs Transforms Human Rights and (with Sarah S. Stroup) The Authority Trap: Strategic Choices of International NGOs.
On the Brink of Utopia
Reinventing Innovation to Solve the World’s Largest Problems

Thomas Ramge and Rafael Laguna de la Vera

foreword by Nobel Laureate Stefan Hell

A new and coherent framework for fostering the breakthrough innovations that we urgently need to confront our collective future.

We live in less innovative times than we think. Despite having made major technological advancements in a few areas, we are still left with enormous unsolved challenges. A radical shift in the culture of innovation is needed. On the Brink of Utopia, by authors Thomas Ramge and Rafael Laguna de la Vera, and with a foreword written by Nobel Laureate Stefan Hell, offers just that—a new and coherent framework for fostering breakthrough innovations for human progress. In their “Innovation Leap Paradigm,” they present seven steps in seven chapters and answer three simple questions: What great challenges need to be tackled? Who makes tech leaps? And finally, what political, economic, and cultural environments foster radical innovation?

The authors sketch out a future in which technology will solve real problems, anywhere from climate change and hunger to obesity and menstrual pain. They envision a future in which biotechnologists work from a platform that enables them to develop effective drugs within months for any emerging virus, where green energy will be too cheap to meter and aerial carbon can be transmuted into a valuable commodity at scale. Offering a new perspective on innovation that centers not just American readers but also readers from all over the world, On the Brink of Utopia is a hopeful and visionary book that reimagines the roles of innovators, citizens, governments, and financial markets to foster innovation leaps that maximize the well-being of the greatest number of people.

Thomas Ramge has published about twenty books on technology, which have been translated into more than twenty languages. He is an associated member of the Einstein Center for Digital Future and Alumni Senior Research Fellow at the Weizenbaum Institute for the Networked Society. Rafael Laguna de la Vera is the founding director of the Federal Agency for Disruptive Innovation (SPRIND). Laguna is a visiting professor at several universities and is a cofounding partner of CODE University of Applied Sciences.
The Great Remobilization
Strategies and Designs for a Smarter Global Future
Olaf Groth, Mark Esposito, and Terence Tse

How the turmoil of recent years gives leaders an unprecedented opportunity to redesign global strategies and systems—and to remobilize toward a smarter, more resilient, and equitable future.

How can leaders faced with tremendous global upheaval create more resilient and trustworthy systems? In The Great Remobilization, Olaf Groth, Mark Esposito, and Terence Tse (along with research partner Dan Zehr) diagnose tectonic shifts in the global economy with an eye toward designing a smarter “operating system” for the world. Through their FLP-IT (forces, logic, patterns, impact, and triage) framework for strategic leadership, the authors chart a path forward, providing guidance for a new breed of “design activist leader.” Focusing on key tectonic shifts they call the Five Cs—COVID and pandemic management, the cognitive economy and crypto, cybersecurity, climate change and carbon management, and China—they examine the implications that new forces and logics will have on countries, organizations, and individuals.

Drawing from one hundred interviews and conversations with top-level executives, entrepreneurs, policymakers, diplomats, generals, scholars, and other leading experts from around the world, the authors show how to create new inclusive visions with the aim of rebuilding the trust that will allow for both human and economic growth.

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The Myth That Made Us
How False Beliefs about Racism and Meritocracy Broke Our Economy (and How to Fix It)

Jeff Fuhrer

How our false narratives about post-racism and meritocracy have been used to condone egregious economic outcomes—and what we can do to fix the system.

The Myth That Made Us exposes how false narratives—of a supposedly post-racist nation, of the self-made man, of the primacy of profit- and shareholder value-maximizing for businesses, and of minimal government interference—have been used to excuse gross inequities and to shape and sustain the US economic system that delivers them. Jeff Fuhrer argues that systemic racism continues to produce vastly disparate outcomes and that our brand of capitalism favors doing little to reduce disparities. Evidence from other developed capitalist economies shows it doesn’t have to be that way. We broke this (mean-spirited) economy. We can fix it.

Rather than merely laying blame at the feet of both conservatives and liberals for aiding and abetting an unjust system, Fuhrer charts a way forward. He supplements evidence from data with insights from community voices and outlines a system that provides more equal opportunity to accumulate both human and financial capital. His key areas of focus include universal access to high-quality early childhood education; more effective use of our community college system as a pathway to stable employment; restructuring key aspects of the low-wage workplace; providing affordable housing and transit links; supporting people of color by serving as mentors, coaches, and allies; and implementing baby bonds and reparations programs to address the accumulated loss of wealth among Black people due to the legacy of enslavement and institutional discrimination. Fuhrer emphasizes embracing humility, research-based approaches, and community involvement as ways to improve economic opportunity.

Jeff Fuhrer is Foundation Fellow at the Eastern Bank Foundation. He was previously Executive Vice President and Director of Research at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, where he was also responsible for the bank’s diversity and inclusion functions.

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Voidopolis
Kat Mustatea
afterword by Charlotte Kent and Arielle Saiber

A hybrid digital artistic and literary project in the form of an augmented reality book, which retells Dante's Inferno as if it were set in pandemic-ravaged New York City.

Voidopolis is a digital performance about loss and memory presented as an augmented reality (AR) book with a limited lifespan. The book loosely retells the story of Dante's Inferno as if it were the dystopic experience of wandering through New York City during the pandemic; instead of Virgil, however, the narrator is guided through this modern hellscape by a caustic hobo named Nikita.

Voidopolis is meant to culminate in loss. It features images that are created by digitally “wiping” humans from stock photography and text that is generated without the letter “e”—in homage to Oulipo author Georges Perec’s A Void, a 300-page novel written entirely without the letter—by using a modified GPT-2 text generator. The book, adapted from a series of Instagram posts that were ultimately deleted, is likewise designed to disappear: its garbled pages can only be deciphered with an AR app, and they decay at the same rate over a period of one year, after which the decay process restarts and begins again. At the end of this decay cycle, only the printed book, with its unintelligible pages, remains. Each July 1, the date the project first started on Instagram, the book resets again, beginning anew the cycle of its own vanishing.

A first-of-its-kind augmented reality book from a major university press, Voidopolis is a unique and deeply affecting artwork that speaks as much to our existential moment as it does to the fragility of experience, reality, and our connection to one another.

Kat Mustatea is a transmedia playwright and artist known for language and performance works that enlist absurdity, hybridity, and the computational uncanny to dig deeply into what it means to be human. Her TED Talk, about puppets and AI, takes a novel approach to the meaning of machines making art.

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A Leonardo Book
Kat Mustatea talks with the MIT Press

Q How did you decide what to augment in GPT-2’s output? Could you elaborate on how this way of writing was informed by your experience of the earlier pandemic?

A I had been tinkering with the idea that GPT-2 could be modified to generate grammatically coherent sentences using only words that do not contain the letter “c”—it seemed like a fun way to extend and update the Oulipian author Georges Perec’s A Void, a 300-page novel written entirely without the letter “e.” The Oulipian experiments with language and mathematics from the 1960’s and 1970’s seem to me direct precursors to the age of artificial intelligence. Just before the pandemic, I had a modified model that could even generalize on Perec’s constraint, to omit any letter or group of letters I chose.

That tool might have remained something of a parlor trick had it not been for the pandemic. Daily life under lockdown suddenly became a series of avoidances, constraints, and workarounds for things no longer possible to do, and here I had in hand a technique for embedding—a palpable sense of that loss, a way to evoke the missing people, the stilled traffic. Ultimately, “ed” was the letter I chose to omit because regular past tense verbs in English end in “ed,” and removing the past warped the narrative with a quality of being out of time, out of history.

Q Could you discuss how memory functions in this project?

A A book is a form of memory. I thought of the story unfolding on my Instagram feed as a performance, with the comments and likes received on each post a form of applause. Wiping it away once the story was complete was an argument for the collective amnesia needed to heal following such a cataclysm—a gesture also in a sense about memory. The impulse to make a book was to document that the story had existed in a sense about memory. The impulse to make a book was to document that the story had existed—my intent to act as a witness. Is a book at all, similar to the way a catalog documents an exhibit. Is a book that much more permanent, though? I’m not so sure.

Every aspect of the book’s design was carefully considered in terms of the workings of memory. The algorithm that decays the digital AR imagery has a tactile, milky quality meant to evoke the way memory erodes the sharp edges of a moment. Because we remember images and language differently, the treatment of the text is based on the idea that I might remember a particularly luminous turn of phrase in a poem long after I’ve forgotten the full text. Rather than have the words become decayed and obscure indiscriminately across the page, I selected which words and phrases would remain untouched.

Q While augmented reality is thought of as an additive process, Voidopolis is inherently subtractive as it generates decay and wipes away stock photos of its human subjects. How does this tension inform the project as a whole?

A Voidopolis isn’t quite a book, is it? It’s a performative object. The AR components work to reproduce the sensation of loss rather than illustrate or describe loss. Meaning is embedded in the book’s formal presentation as much as in the narrative itself. If there is an artistic lineage here, it is probably Bansky’s infamous shredded painting, in the way the AR components enable an active disappearance, both giving and taking away the story. By wreaking some havoc with expectations for how a book is read, it has the subversive quality of graffiti—but in reverse.

By design, the digital AR components are unstable and contingent. The book threatens to disappear. But the reward of this delicate setup—and I think this an important aspect of the poetics of Voidopolis—is that you witness the book’s deterioration over time along with every other reader, in real time, worldwide. Does something similar in book form.

Q It has been three years since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. How has Voidopolis changed since those early days of the pandemic, and what do you hope that readers gain from reflecting on this experience?

A Voidopolis is at its core an oblique parable and guidebook for surviving cataclysm at any scale, whether the personal or the global. Going about daily life, we tend to take for granted how utterly fragile everything is; how life can simply come to a halt; how societies, however formidable and complex, can collapse. I hope Voidopolis can function as a reminder that while our connections to one another are tenuous, ever contingent, nevertheless we cling to one another, we form cities, we make artifacts in hopes they will be meaningful to what generations come after. If the story offers a depiction of how our world might look in this collapsing, the book’s very existence is a way of resisting that collapse.

Q The narrator of Voidopolis is Nikita, a caustic hobo roaming the streets of pandemic-ravaged, New York City. In the foreword, Charlotte Kent describes this narrator as a “Nikita-Virgil-Narrator-Dante-Us hybrid.” What drew you to retelling Dante’s Inferno in this hybrid form, and how has Nikita’s perspective affirmed or challenged your understanding of this epic?

A I read Dante’s emotional and rhetorical argument at the core of the Inferno to be something like: “In my darkest hour, Virgil’s poetry was my comfort and guide,” or maybe more broadly, “Poetry can light the way in a dark world.” Nikita was my antidote and guide for a world suddenly askew, as I witnessed the collapse of what I—along with New York, with the world—understood to be the basic building blocks of daily life and of reality itself. My project is as much an argument for the power of language to shape reality as Dante’s, but Nikita is a modern figure—poorer, pricklier, more obscure, his literary aspirations at odds with a world that devalues the written word. Social media is now our vernacular. Nikita’s sarcasm, his unconcern for the niceties and strictures of polite society, his meandering literary aspirations, his poor diet, are a quiet form of dissent, a refusal to participate in the collapse, failure and constraint of the world around him.

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Activism
edited by Tom Snow and Afonso Ramos

An edited collection that addresses the vital intersection of contemporary art and activism in this watershed cultural moment.

Activism is a critical point of contention for institutions and genealogies of contemporary art around the world. Yet artists have consistently engaged in activist discourse, lending their skills to social movements, and regularly participating in civil and social rights campaigns while also boycotting cultural institutions and exerting significant pressure on them. This timely volume, edited by Tom Snow and Afonso Ramos, addresses an extraordinary moment in debates over the institutional frameworks and networks of art including large-scale direct actions, as well as a radical rethinking of art venues and urban spaces according to racial, class, or gender-based disparities, including demonstrations against the extractive and exploitative practices of neoliberal accumulation and climate catastrophe.

From ACT UP and its affiliate groups since the dawn of the AIDS crisis to the counter-spectacle and street theatrics of the so-called Arab Spring and Occupy, to ongoing protest movements such as Black Lives Matter, Rhodes Must Fall, and Decolonize This Place, activist aesthetics has proven increasingly difficult to define under traditional classifications. Resurgent campaigns for decolonial reckoning, ecological justice, gender equality, indigenous rights and antiracist pedagogies indicate that the role of activism in contemporary art practice urges a critical reassessment. One pressing question is whether contemporary art’s most radical politics now takes place outside, against, or in spite of, conventional sites of display such as museums, biennials, and galleries.

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Design for Resilience
Making the Future We Leave Behind
Stuart Walker

A beautifully written and illustrated framework for resilient design that is as pragmatic as it is inspiring, showing us not only how but also why we should design differently.

Design for Resilience is a timely, visionary map for creating restorative design that addresses humanity’s most critical issue: climate change. Our current wealth-oriented economic systems have resulted in gross disparities, war, refugee crises, and mass migrations that augur a bleak collective future. In this book, respected scholar Stuart Walker combines formidable research with practical examples to offer a hopeful, original, and transformative view of what resilient design looks like and how it can apply to all aspects of life, from personal objects to food to culture to business to recreation.

Working at the intersection of theory, philosophy, history, environmentalism, and justice, Walker offers a fresh approach that decolonizes design thinking to fundamentally change the nature of design practice and how it shapes our lives, communities, and industries. Asking nothing short of the fundamental question “How should we live?,” Design for Resilience addresses the high-priority issues that concern governments, policymakers, designers, and people around the world who recognize that now, perhaps more than at any other time in human history, we need paradigmatic changes to create a future that lasts.

Stuart Walker is Chair of Design for Sustainability at Manchester School of Art, Emeritus Professor at Lancaster and Calgary, and Visiting Professor at Kingston University, London. He has conducted research and exhibited his conceptual designs internationally. His most recent book is Design and Spirituality: A Philosophy of Material Cultures.

“Stuart Walker’s new book is a must—and not only for designers. It truly offers actionable hope for a future that lasts for everyone.”

—Karl Stocker, Professor, University of Graz; coauthor of Designing Sustainable Cities (with Sigrid Bürstmayr)

“In addition to his fascinating theoretical argument, Walker offers a powerful perspective that touches our senses with a radically poetic originality. This book invites us to build other possible worlds through design.”

—Mariana G. De la Rosa, Head of the Industrial Design Program, México; President of DI-INTEGRA Mexican Association of Institutions and Schools of Industrial Design

“This critical and engaging text takes the reader through an impressive array of theory and practice from design, science, and culture, with an optimistic call to action backed by persuasive precedents of resilient living.”

—Bruce M. Hanington, Professor, Carnegie Mellon University; coauthor of Universal Methods of Design
The Hidden Factor
Mark and Gesture in Visual Design
Steven Skaggs

An exquisitely illustrated introduction to the gestural mark in the designed world, exploring the tension between marks, which are felt, and images and words, which are conceptual.

In The Hidden Factor, Steven Skaggs provides a beautifully illustrated and explained introduction to the mark—from those as physical as a scratch made by an animal, to those as accidental as a splatter of paint, to those as intentional as hand-drawn characters. Skaggs makes the case that, in the visual arts, gestures and mark-making operate on an equal level with image and word. While we might think of content as that which is communicated through text and images, Skaggs shows, through visual examples, that the gestural mark is often hidden within both images and the typographic forms that convey words.

By mapping different kinds of marks and showing how marks combine with image and word, The Hidden Factor explains that our desire for conceptual information suppresses our awareness of marking. This is especially the case with the tension between word and mark, where we desire legibility. As a result, one of the most conservative of arts—calligraphy—has the potential of being the most radical, since gesturally expressive handwriting is a natural threat to the legibility of a text.

Filled with expressive calligraphic art, graffiti, and other gorgeous marks, The Hidden Factor is an eye-opening read that brings to the fore the importance—and indeed, the prevalence—of the mark in everything we see.

Steven Skaggs is Professor of Design at the University of Louisville and the author of Logos and FireSigns (MIT Press), which was named an Choice Outstanding Academic Title for 2017 by the Association of College and Research Libraries. His font design, Rieven, received the Type Directors Award of Excellence in 2010, and his fine art calligraphic work is in the permanent collections of the Sackner Archive (University of Iowa), the Akademie der Künste (Berlin), and the Klingspor Museum (Offenbach).
Blotter
The Untold Story of an Acid Medium
Erik Davis

A richly illustrated exploration of the history, art, and design of printed LSD blotter tabs.

Blotter is the first comprehensive written account of the history, art, and design of LSD blotter paper, the iconic drug delivery device that will perhaps forever be linked to underground psychedelic culture and contemporary street art. Created in collaboration with Mark McCloud’s Institute of Illegal Images, the world’s largest archive of blotter art, Davis’s boldly illustrated exhibition treats his outsider subject with the serious, art-historical respect it deserves, while also staying true to the sense of play, irreverence, and adventure inherent in psychedelic exploration.

Davis weaves together two main stories: first, the largely unknown history of blotter paper’s development in the 1960s and its later flowering in the 1970s and 1980s; and second, the story of how San Francisco artist, professor, and “freak” McCloud began collecting blotter and ultimately became embroiled with the LSD trade. The book closes with a unique discussion of the market for “vanity blotter”—more recent perforated papers produced as collectible art objects never meant to be dipped in LSD. While vanity blotters are intimately related to the underground blotters of the LSD trade, they effectively open up their own visual world. As the ultimate document of this ephemeral artform, Blotter represents an exceptional contribution to the scholarship of art and psychedelics that will entertain older readers with lysergic nostalgia and younger readers with its image-driven journey through a colorful and scandalous corner of psychedelic lore.

Erik Davis is a scholar, award-winning journalist, and speaker whose writing has ranged from rock criticism to media studies to creative explorations of esoteric mysticism. He is the author of, among other books, High Weirdness: Drugs, Esoterica, and Visionary Experience in the Seventies (MIT Press/Strange Attractor Press).

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Blotter art examples from Blotter.
An Anthology of Blackness

The State of Black Design
edited by Teresa Moses and Omari Souza
foreword by Elizabeth (Dori) Tunstall

An adventurous collection that examines how the design field has consistently failed to attract and support Black professionals—and how to create an anti-racist, pro-Black design industry instead.

An Anthology of Blackness examines the intersection of Black identity and practice, probing why the design field has failed to attract Black professionals, how Eurocentric hegemony impacts Black professionals, and how Black designers can create an anti-racist design industry. Contributing authors and creators demonstrate how to develop a pro-Black design practice of inclusivity, including Black representation in designed media, anti-racist pedagogy, and radical self-care. Through autoethnography, lived experience, scholarship, and applied research, these contributors share proven methods for creating an anti-racist and inclusive design practice.

The contributions in An Anthology of Blackness include essays, opinion pieces, case studies, and visual narratives. Many contributors write from an intersectional perspective on race, gender, sexuality, ethnicity, and ability. Each section of the book expands on community-driven concerns about the state of the design industry, design pedagogy, and design activism. Ultimately, this articulated intersection of Black identity and Black design practice reveals the power of resistance, community, and solidarity—and the hope for a more equitable future. With a foreword written by design luminary Elizabeth (Dori) Tunstall, An Anthology of Blackness is a pioneering contribution to the literature of social justice.

Teresa Moses is Creative Director of Blackbird Revolt, Director of Design Justice, and Assistant Professor of Graphic Design at the University of Minnesota. She created Project Naptural, co-created Racism Untaught, and is both a core team member of African American Graphic Designers and a collaborator with the Black Liberation Lab. Omari Souza is Assistant Professor of Communication Design at the University of North Texas, the organizer of the State of Black Design Conference, and a Design Researcher at Capital One. Formerly, he worked at VIBE magazine, CBS Radio, and Case Western Reserve University.

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Racism Untaught
Revealing and Unlearning Racialized Design
Lisa E. Mercer and Terresa Moses
foreword by Cheryl D. Miller

A powerful and proven guidebook that shows organizations how to recognize racism in designed artifacts, systems, and experiences—and how to replace them with anti-racist design solutions.

Anti-racist design interventions can be difficult. Well-intentioned conversations can fuel tensions, activate racialized trauma, and lead to misunderstandings, especially in spaces not typically focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion. We need anti-racist guidelines and approaches that lay bare racialized systems of oppression and fundamentally disrupt their replication. In Racism Untaught, Lisa Mercer and Terresa Moses, two veteran anti-racist educators, deliver this exact approach.

Mercer and Moses provide a step-by-step guide to anti-racist interventions in academic, business, and community settings that benefits all participants. Adapted from their successful workshop series and filled with concrete examples and ample case studies, their book teaches participants how to analyze design—and reimagine racialized artifacts, systems, and experiences guided by anti-oppressive principles. They demonstrate how to examine positionalities within the context of racism and oppression; help us understand how design can reinforce and perpetuate oppression; and reveal the unique relationship among equity, ethics, and responsibility that constitutes the core value of an anti-racist design discipline. In Racism Untaught, Mercer and Moses provide the framework we need to unlearn racialized design practices and move more generatively toward collective liberation.

With a foreword by renowned designer Cheryl D. Miller, Racism Untaught is a valuable tool for anyone who wants to help themselves and their organization create an actionable and inclusive plan to dismantle racial oppression and instead realize equitable, anti-racist, and liberatory design.

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How to Research Like a Dog
Kafka’s New Science
Aaron Schuster

A provocative book that proposes a new and surprising inspiration for philosophy today—the canine thinker from Kafka’s story “Investigations of a Dog.”

Written toward the end of Kafka’s life, “Investigations of a Dog” (Forschungen eines Hundes, 1922) is one of the lesser-known and most enigmatic works in the author’s oeuvre. Walter Benjamin remarked that it was the one story he never managed to figure out. Kafka’s tale of philosophical adventure is that of a lone, maladjusted dog who challenges the dogmatism of established science and pioneers an original research program in pursuit of the mysteries of his self and his world. Schuster revisits this text, using the canine as a guide dog through which to rediscover Kafka’s fictional universe, while taking up the cause of this ingenious, possessed, melancholy, comical, and revolutionary thinker.

Neither an exercise in literary criticism nor a traditional philosophical commentary, this charming and idiosyncratic book aligns itself with and develops the research program of Kafka’s dog. It constructs an “impossible” system based on the fourfold division of nourishment, music, incantation, and freedom—or, stated a bit differently: enjoyment, art, institutions, and freedom. Schuster puts the dog in dialogue with psychoanalytic theory (Freud and Lacan), the history of philosophy (Plato, Diogenes, Descartes, Kierkegaard, German Idealism, Marx, phenomenology), and literature (Gogol, Melville, Flaubert, Cervantes, Lispector). Imagining the “Unknown University” that Kafka’s new science calls for, the book enlists new comrades in the dog’s struggle.

Aaron Schuster is a philosopher and writer who lives in Amsterdam. His first book The Trouble with Pleasure: Deleuze and Psychoanalysis is also a title in the Short Circuits series.

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Subject Matter
The Anaesthetics of Habit and the Logic of Breakdown
Aron Vinegar

A theorization of habit that emphasizes its excessive and unsettling qualities rather than its mediating, adaptive, and stabilizing functions.

Subject Matter offers a bold counterpoint to prevalent conceptions of habit characterized by bodily fluidity and ease, as the stabilizing foundation of an emerging subjectivity, or, more negatively, as a numbing and deadening force. Instead of facilitating the coordination of action with goal and self with environment, habit appears as a disruptively recursive operation with extreme ontological implications that are often more quotidian than exceptional. Vinegar theorizes habit’s more perturbing aspects, from repetition compulsion to kenosis to breakdown, through an encounter between Hegel’s philosophy (of habit), psychoanalytic dimensions of repetition, Tom McCarthy’s novel Remainder, and Omer Fast’s feature-length film interpretation of the novel.

Vinegar starts with the premise that habit is an “unhappy mediator,” a disturbance of the very medium and milieu that is constitutive of the subject. Subject Matter pays close attention to those aspects of habit that are usually considered deviations from, or potential threats to, habit proper and that generate a logic of breakdown: automaticity, mechanization, thingness, inertia, and fixity. By plotting a topology of habit’s unbearability through detailed accounts of its manifestation in writing, art, aesthetics, and visuality—and through an attentiveness to the unbalanced nonrelations between mediation and immediacy, being and having, fixity and fluidity, vanishing and overflowing, abbreviation and excess, beginning and ending—Vinegar exposes habit’s failure to mediate and inhabit. In doing so, he offers new and counterintuitive insights into how habit generates the unruly grounds it is supposed to settle, thus allowing us to ask how we might break down differently.

Aron Vinegar is Professor of Art History and Visual Studies at the University of Oslo. He writes and teaches at the intersection of art, architecture, visual studies, aesthetics, and philosophy.
Politically Red
Eduardo Cadava and Sara Nadal-Melsió

How reading and writing are collective acts of political pedagogy, and why the struggle for change must begin at the level of the sentence.

“Reading is class struggle,” writes Bertolt Brecht. Marxism is not just a body of political and economic thought but also a practice of reading and writing, in which individual sentences give form to collective action and become social beings in their own right. Through a series of creative and interconnected readings of writings by, among others, Karl Marx, W. E. B. Du Bois, Rosa Luxemburg, Walter Benjamin, and Fredric Jameson, Eduardo Cadava and Sara Nadal-Melsió contextualize contemporary demands for social and racial justice by expanding our understanding of the relationship between literacy and class politics.

Reading between the lines, as it were, Cadava and Nadal-Melsió engage in an inventive literary mode of activist writing that finds new resources for Marxist thought, crucial for confronting the inequalities of our current historical moment and for combating insurgent fascism and racism. Reading and writing, they argue, are never solitary tasks, but rather collaborative and collective, and able to revitalize our shared political imagination. Drawing on what they call a “red common-wealth”—an archive of vast resources for doing political work and, in particular, antiracist work—Cadava and Nadal-Melsió demonstrate that sentences, as dynamic repositories of social relations, are historical and political events.

Eduardo Cadava is Philip Mayhew Professor of English at Princeton University. He is the author of Words of Light: Theses on the Photography of History, Emerson and the Climates of History, and Paper Graveyards. Sara Nadal-Melsió is a NYC-based Catalan writer, curator, and teacher. She has taught at the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, SOMA in Mexico City, and New York University. Her book Europe and the Wolf: Political Variations on a Musical Concept is forthcoming from Zone Books.

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The Abuse of Property
Daniel Loick
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A fundamental critique of the current property regime, calling for radical social and political change.

In The Abuse of Property, Daniel Loick offers a multifaceted philosophical critique of the concept of property, broadly understood. He argues that property should not be the dominant framework in which human beings regulate the use of things, that property is not the same as use. Property rights, in his view, are not conditions of freedom or justice, but deficient, dysfunctional, and harmful ways of interacting with other people and the natural environment. He dissects not only the classic justifications of property (from John Locke’s justification of property as a natural right based on individual freedom to Hegel’s justification of property as a form of mutual recognition) but also the classic critiques of property, from Proudhon and Marx up to Adorno and Agamben.

Through an innovative critical approach to legal studies, Loick demonstrates how the concept of property, historically applied to things and people and still a linchpin of our distorted relation with the world, forms a direct line from the Occupy movement to Black Lives Matter and beyond.

Daniel Loick is Associate Professor in Political and Social Philosophy at the University of Amsterdam. He is the author of A Critique of Sovereignty and other works.

"With searing clarity, Daniel Loick presents a highly sophisticated, urgent, and necessary interrogation of ‘the tragedy of property.’ Breathing new life into the social, political, and ethical critiques of private forms of ownership, Loick offers us a novel and sorely needed reconceptualization of the concept of use as a basis for radical political and social movements. Upending complacent notions of the commons, Loick illuminates how squatting and occupying, along with movements for landback and abolition, center repair over destruction and collective life over individual profit. This book is an indispensable read for scholars, students, and activists alike."


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The Beauty of Games

Frank Lantz

How games create beauty and meaning, and how we can use them to explore the aesthetics of thought.

Are games art? This question is a dominant mode of thinking about games and play in the twenty-first century, but it is fundamentally the wrong question. Instead, Frank Lantz proposes in his provocative new book, The Beauty of Games, that we think about games and how they create meaning through the lens of the aesthetic. We should think of games, he writes, the same way we think about literature, theater, or music—as a form that ranges from deep and profound to easy and disposable, and everything in between. Games are the aesthetic form of interactive systems, a set of possibilities connected by rules of cause and effect.

In this book, Lantz analyzes games from chess to poker to tennis to understand how games create beauty and evoke a deeper meaning. He suggests that we think of games not only as hypermodern objects but also as forms within the ancient context of artistic production, encompassing all of the nebulous and ephemeral qualities of the aesthetic experience.

Frank Lantz has taught game design for over twenty years at New York University, where he helped create the NYU Game Center and served as the founding Chair of the Game Design department from its inception until 2021. He is a game designer who has shipped over fifty titles, including the 2017 viral hit Universal Paperclips. In 2020, he created the board game Hey Robot in collaboration with his wife and son. Hey Robot has since become a recurring feature on The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon.

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Playful Thinking series
Board games harness the creation of entirely new worlds. From the medieval warlord to the modern urban planner, players are permitted to inhabit a staggering variety of roles, and are prompted to incorporate preexisting notions of placemaking into their decisions. To what extent do board games represent the social context of their production? How might they reinforce or subvert normative ideas of community and fulfillment? In Playing Place, Chad Randl and D. Medina Lasansky have curated a collection of 37 fascinating essays, supplemented by a rich trove of photo illustrations, that unpack these questions with breadth and care.

Although board games are often recreational objects, their mythologies and infrastructure do not exist in a vacuum—rather, they echo and reproduce prevalent cultural landscapes. This thesis forms the throughline of pieces reflecting on subjects as diverse as the rigidly gendered fantasies of classic mass-market games; the imperial convictions embedded in games that position player-protagonists as conquerors establishing dominion over their “discoveries”; and even the uncanny prescience of games that have players responding to a global pandemic. Representing a thrilling convergence of historiography, architectural history, and media studies scholarship, Playing Place suggests not only that tabletop games should be taken seriously but also that the medium itself is uniquely capable of facilitating our critical consideration of structures that are often taken for granted.

Chad Randl is Art DeMuro Assistant Professor of Historic Preservation at the University of Oregon. He is the author of A-Frame and Revolving Architecture: A History of Buildings That Rotate, Swivel, and Pivot.

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A Gallery of Recuperation
On the Merits of Slandering Charlatans, Swindlers, and Frauds
Jaime Semprún
translated and with an introduction by Eric-John Russell

The first English translation of the French cult classic that lampoons France’s most popular intellectuals of the post-1968 period and their ideas, which became forces of counterrevolution.

Eric-John Russell’s translation of Jaime Semprún’s brutal takedown of France’s best-known intellectuals of the post-1968 period, *A Gallery of Recuperation*, is the first English edition of any of Semprún’s books. Originally titled *Précis de recuperation*, the book is a scathing critique of ten major thinkers, including Michel Foucault, Gilles Deleuze, Jean-François Lyotard, and Cornelius Castoriadis. Semprún uses this catalog of careerism to reflect on the concept of recuperation—capitalism’s uncanny ability to coopt anticapitalist critiques and subvert subversion. His central question: What happens to revolutionary ideas, including Marxism itself, in the hands of professional intellectuals?

Semprún’s idiosyncratic and playful style of polemics takes existentialism, humanism, structuralism, poststructuralism, postmodernism, aesthetics, and psychoanalysis to task, casting new light on the figures who have become dominant staples of modern Anglophone academia, and proving the necessity of critiquing intellectuals’ roles within contemporary capitalism. A cult classic among the French radical left and scholars of the Situationist International and May 1968, *A Gallery of Recuperation* never made the impact it should have. Russell’s translation marks a major step in recognizing Semprún’s work beyond its French context.

Jaime Semprún (1947–2010) was a French writer and publisher. In 1984, Semprún and ex-situationist Christian Sebastiani founded the journal *Encyclopédie des Nuisances*. Producing fifteen issues until 1992, the journal published articles on situationist themes, including many penned by an anonymous Guy Debord.

"After May ’68, a new generation of French thinkers appeared [and] stunned the world for decades. Yet prior to their dominance within the Anglophone world, Jaime Semprún’s dictionary raised its finger and pointed: the Emperor has no clothes.”

—Anselm Jappe, author of *Guy Debord and The Writing on the Wall: On the Decomposition of Capitalism and Its Critics*
Dis... Miss Gender?
edited by Anne Bray

A bold mix of photographs and short essays in which artists, writers, and theorists investigate and celebrate the rapidly evolving world of gender.

Discuss. Discover. Disrupt. We dis- a lot in English, particularly with regard to women and queer people. Our understanding of gender is changing, and with it, so are our questions. Dis...Miss Gender? provides thoughtfully considered contributions from an intrepid group of artists and writers who examine contemporary concepts of gender. Anchored by lavish illustrations and original essays from prominent gender theorists, including Karen Tongson, Amelia Jones, and Tiffany E. Barber, plus commentary from artists, viewers, and organizations committed to equity and justice, this provocative book is the culmination of a five-year initiative by Anne Bray.

Dis... Miss Gender? offers a kaleidoscopic survey of intersectionality, feminism, and queer theory. As the population of gender nonconforming and people of color grows, so too does their demand for visual representations of themselves in the world at large. Dis...Miss Gender? nourishes the change we need so that we can at last model diverse identities, question our options, reduce our judgments, and destroy stereotypes. Celebrating a joyful plurality, this book is a finger-on-the-pulse revelation of gender in the act of transforming.

Anne Bray is an artist and director of the nonprofit arts organization Freewaves in Los Angeles. Freewaves has presented more than 3,000 artists in partnership with 125 curators and over 100 organizations at venues including MIT, the Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art, and the Hammer Museum.

"Enticement is here, on the page and in the image. Assertion, affirmation, cheer, manifesto, resourcefulness, camaraderie—I am beckoned by these intense attractions into this book’s mission and moment. I could not resist its luminosity."

—Kathryn Bond Stockton, Dean of the School for Cultural & Social Transformation, The University of Utah; author of Gender(s)

“What a fantastic book! If you wonder what today’s genderbending is all about, this mix of art, activism, manifesto, confrontation, and celebration will keep you spellbound with every gorgeous page.”

—Suzanne Lacy, Professor, Roski School of Art and Design, University of Southern California
Shadows of Reality
A Catalogue of W.G. Sebald’s Photographic Materials
edited by Clive Scott and Nick Warr

The first-ever volume of the photographs of German writer W.G. Sebald, exquisitely designed to shed new light on his creative process.

Shadows of Reality presents a unique, fully illustrated catalogue of W.G. Sebald’s photographs: an extraordinary combination of film negatives, prints, and slides from the University of East Anglia’s photographic collection, the Deutsches Literaturarchiv Marbach, and the Sebald Estate. Complementing the exhibition Lines of Sight: W.G. Sebald’s East Anglia and edited by literary scholar Clive Scott and photography curator Nick Warr, this wonderfully comprehensive book covers the multiple photographic facets of Sebald’s published work and includes a substantial amount of material that has not been made public before.

Introduced by Nick Warr, who offers an intriguing overview of the author’s critical relationship to photography, Shadows of Reality also includes an illuminating interview with Michael Brandon-Jones, the photographer who collaborated with Sebald on all of his publications. The book features a collection of extracts—principally on photography—from interviews with Sebald himself, bequeathed to the archive of recordings held at the University of East Anglia by his close friend Gordon Turner, who also provides a memoir. Accompanying these are inspired essays by Clive Scott and Angela Breidbach on Sebald’s writing-with-photographs and the complex and mercurial interactions of those photographs with narrative design.

Clive Scott is Emeritus Professor of European Literature at the University of East Anglia and an Emeritus fellow of the British Academy. Nick Warr is Lecturer in Art History and Curation in the School of Art, Media, and American Studies at the University of East Anglia.
In Visible Presence
Soviet Afterlives in Family Photos
Oksana Sarkisova and Olga Shevchenko

An absorbing exploration of Soviet-era family photographs that demonstrates the singular power of the photographic image to command attention, resist closure, and complicate the meaning of the past.

A faded image of a family gathered at a festively served dinner table, raising their glasses in unison. A group of small children, sitting in orderly rows, with stuffed toys at their feet and a portrait of Lenin looming over their heads. A pensive older woman against a snowy landscape, her gaze directed lovingly at a tombstone. These are a few of the evocative images in In Visible Presence by Oksana Sarkisova and Olga Shevchenko, an exquisitely researched book that brings together photographs from Soviet-era family photo archives and investigates their afterlives in Russia.

In Visible Presence explores the photographic images’ singular power to capture a fleeting moment by approaching them as points of contestation and possibility. Drawing on over a decade of fieldwork and interviews, as well as internet ethnography, media analysis, and case studies, In Visible Presence offers a rich account of the role of family photography in creating communities of affect, enabling nostalgic longings, and processing memories of suffering, violence, and hardship. Together these photos evoke youthful aspirations, dashed hopes, and moral compromises, as well as the long legacy of silence that was passed down from grandparents to parents to children.

With more than 250 black and white photos, In Visible Presence is an astonishing journey into domestic photography, family memory, and the ongoing debate over the meaning of the Soviet past that is as timely and powerful today as it has ever been.

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The Monster Leviathan
Anarchitecture
Aaron Betsky

Visionary proposals for a mythic and strange architecture—or anarchitecture—through which we can imagine other and better worlds.

Lurking under the surface of our modern world lies an unseen architecture—or anarchitecture. It is a possible architecture, an analogous architecture, an architecture of anarchy, which haunts in the form of monsters that are humans and machines and cities all at once; or takes the form of explosions, veils, queer, playful spaces, or visions from artwork and video games. In *The Monster Leviathan*, Aaron Betsky traces anarchitecture through texts, design, and art of the twentieth and early twenty-first century, and suggests that these ephemeral evocations are concrete proposals in and of themselves. Neither working models nor suggestions for new forms, they are scenes just believable enough to convince us they exist, or just fantastical enough to open our eyes.

*The Monster Leviathan* gives students and lovers of architecture, as well as those hoping to construct a better, more sustainable, and socially just future, a set of tools through which they can imagine that such other worlds are possible. As Betsky eloquently articulates, anarchitecture already exists and does not exist at all. It is the myth of building, and all we have to do is find it.

Aaron Betsky is Professor in the School of Architecture and Design at Virginia Tech. He has served as Dean and President of the School of Architecture at Taliesin, Director of the Cincinnati Art Museum and the Netherlands Architecture Institute, as well as Curator of Architecture and Design at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. In 2008, he also directed the 11th Venice International Biennale of Architecture.
How the rise of the large-scale atrium space in the 1970s and ’80s changed the way buildings could be designed, constructed, regulated, and occupied.

In the 1970s, a void opened at the heart of architecture. In hotels, offices, public buildings, and commercial centers, the atrium emerged globally to challenge the modernist legacies of form and function, altering the pattern and experience of cities. While often appearing at vast scale and to striking effect, the atrium also became omnipresent and mundane. In this lively critique, Charles Rice charts the atrium’s appearance in the 1970s and its development through the 1980s, as it accompanied profound shifts in the discipline and practice of architecture.

During this period, architectural practice especially in the United States and United Kingdom was changing rapidly, due in part to the manifold effects of deregulation. All aspects of the way buildings were designed, developed, regulated, built, managed, and occupied were being reshaped. A practice guided by the progressive tenets of modernism was being turned into a professional service fully integrated within neoliberal social and economic imperatives. As Rice shows, the atrium gives this story a distinct spatial and material figure, one that offers an inside view of architecture in transformation.

Charles Rice is Professor of Architecture at the University of Technology Sydney. He is author of The Emergence of the Interior: Architecture, Modernity, Domesticity and Interior Urbanism: Architecture, John Portman and Downtown America.
Melancholy Wedgwood

Iris Moon

An experimental biography of the ceramics entrepreneur Josiah Wedgwood that reveals the tenuous relationship of eighteenth-century England to late-capitalist modernity.

*Melancholy Wedgwood* traces the multiple strands in the life of the ceramic entrepreneur Josiah Wedgwood (1730–1795) to propose an alternative view of eighteenth-century England’s tenuous relationship to our own lives and times, amid the ruins of late-capitalist modernity.

Through intimate vignettes and essays, and in writing at turns funny, sharp, and pensive, Iris Moon chips away at the mythic image of Wedgwood as singular genius, business titan, and benevolent abolitionist, revealing an amorphous, fragile, and perhaps even shattered life. In the process the book goes so far as to dismantle certain entrenched social and economic assumptions, not least that the foundational myths of capitalism might not be quite so rosy after all, and instead induce a feeling that could only be characterized as blue.

Iris Moon is Assistant Curator in the European Sculpture and Decorative Arts Department at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. She is the author of *Luxury after the Terror* and coeditor with Richard Taws of *Time, Media, and Visuality in Post-Revolutionary France*. She teaches at the Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art.

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Very Fantastically Arranged

Caragh Thuring
text by Laura Smith, Helen Marten, and Ralph Rugoff

A richly illustrated first monograph of artist Caragh Thuring, whose unique and layered paintings invite a boundless reimagining of her subjects.

This dedicated volume is the first to comprehensively document the work of Caragh Thuring, the London-based painter and artist. With over 200 images of Thuring’s work, as well as written contributions by Laura Smith and Helen Marten, and a conversation with Ralph Rugoff, Very Fantastically Arranged offers a deep dive into the themes, obsessions, and slippery subjects the artist investigates in her vibrant, multilayered, and often irreverent paintings.

Thuring paints fluidly and intuitively, without preparatory drawings, and arranges imagery in opposition to logical and comfortable hierarchies. In a constantly filtering world, her fractured yet deft compositions of people and places create intriguingly disjunctive images that interweave technological, human, and natural worlds. Thuring’s practice relishes but undermines the inherent flatness of painting, destabilizing the viewer and forcing them to reconsider how they have been conditioned to look and see.

This volume reveals, as Laura Smith writes, Thuring’s endeavor “to assemble, repeat and reconstruct details from her environment, biography and history into a new and ever-evolving narrative that is as much ours as it is hers to complete.”

Caragh Thuring was born in Brussels in 1972 and received a BA Hons in Fine Art from Nottingham Trent University in 1995. She has had solo exhibitions in galleries across the globe, from Luisa Strina Gallery in São Paulo to Thomas Dane Gallery in Naples to Simon Preston Gallery in New York City. Her works are in the collections of Tate, England; Arts Council Collection, England; Government Art Collection, England; and Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY, USA, as well as private UK and international collections.

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Cloud Computing
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Nayan B. Ruparelia

An updated, revised, and comprehensive overview of the concepts related to cloud computing, including recent applications, innovations, and its future evolution.

In this Essential Knowledge volume, Nayan B. Ruparelia provides an updated and revised version of Cloud Computing, first published in 2016, to address not only the fact that cloud computing has become a ubiquitous part of mainstream computing since then but also has made strides in other key aspects of the technology’s development. Cloud Computing now includes:

- cloud computing’s history,
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- an updated discussion of data migration to the cloud,
- a new chapter on data integrity,
- cloud native computing,
- the use of microservice design patterns,
- cloud automation using orchestrators and tools such as Kubernetes,
- a comparison of common public clouds (Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud Platform, and Amazon AWS),
- and a future outlook for cloud computing.

An indispensable guide to cloud computing for the layperson, Cloud Computing cuts through the technical jargon and details that are irrelevant to nontechnologists, as well as the marketing hype, and explains clearly what cloud computing is, when to use it (and when not to), how to select a cloud service, how to integrate it with other technologies, and what the best practices are for its adoption.

Nayan B. Ruparelia is a technical advisor to investment firms. He has over 29 years of experience in IT, of which 10 years was as a CTO at organizations ranging from startups to multinationals. He has been awarded a US patent in the Internet of Things and cloud computing.
Plastics
Imari Walker-Franklin and Jenna Jambeck

A comprehensive introduction to the plastics life cycle—the impacts on our lives, our future, and our planet—and the actions we can take.

Everywhere we look, we are surrounded by plastics: perhaps you have a book in one hand and your phone—made of various metals, plastics, and glass—in the other, or you are reading this on your polyurethane mattress after having flipped on a plastic light switch. In this Essential Knowledge series volume, Imari Walker-Franklin and Jenna Jambeck provide a deep exploration of the entire life of plastic things—plastics production and use, plastic waste generation and management, the environmental and societal impacts of plastics in our environment, and, finally, the policies that can help reduce pollution caused by our heavy use of plastics.

One of the most current and comprehensive summaries on the subject, Plastics covers not only ocean and terrestrial plastic pollution but also the potential harms of microplastics on the human body. The authors also explain why we use plastic for so many products, how trash ends up in even the most remote corners of our world, and the alternatives and interventions that can help address our overreliance on this virtually imperishable material. As easily digestible to read as it is important, this book empowers its readers with the crucial knowledge and information they need to make thoughtful consumer choices, influence change, and spark inspiration.

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The MIT Press Essential Knowledge series
A History of the Social Sciences in 101 Books
edited by Cyril Lemieux, Laurent Berger, Marielle Macé, Gildas Salmon, and Cécile Vidal
translated by Adrian Morfee

An intellectual history of the social sciences that offers a library of 101 books that broke new ground for the field.

What are the social sciences? What unifies them? This essay collection seeks to answer these and other important questions as it considers how the field has developed over the years, from post–World War II in France to the present day throughout the world. Edited by Cyril Lemieux, Laurent Berger, Marielle Macé, Gildas Salmon, and Cécile Vidal, A History of the Social Sciences in 101 Books brings together a diverse range of researchers in the social sciences to present short essays on 101 books—both renowned and lesser known—that have shaped the field, from Theodor Adorno and Max Horkheimer’s Dialectic of Enlightenment (1947) to Michel Aglietta’s Money: 5000 Years of Debt and Power (2016).

While there have been surveys and intellectual histories of particular disciplines within the social sciences (history, anthropology, sociology), until now there has been no intellectual history of the social sciences as a unified whole. Far from presenting a fixed and frozen canon, A History of the Social Sciences in 101 Books offers instead a moving, multiform landscape with no settled questions, only an ongoing series of new perspectives and challenges to previously established grounding.

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The Abundant University
Remaking Higher Education for a Digital World
Michael D. Smith

Why our current system of higher education is financially and morally unsustainable, and how to address the crisis with the creative implementation of digital technologies.

For too long, our system of higher education has been defined by scarcity: scarcity in enrollment, scarcity in instruction, and scarcity in credentials. In addition to failing students professionally, we have seen how this system has exacerbated social injustice and socioeconomic stratification across the globe. In *The Abundant University*, Michael Smith argues that the only way to create a financially and morally sustainable higher education system is by embracing digital technologies for enrolling, instructing, and credentialing students—the same technologies that we have seen create abundance in access to resources in industry after industry.

*The Abundant University* explains how we got our current system, why it’s such an expensive, inefficient mess, and how a system based on exclusivity necessarily cannot foster inclusivity. Further, Smith challenges the resistance to digital technologies that we have already seen among numerous institutions, citing the examples of faculty resistance toward digital learning platforms. While acknowledging the understandable self-preservation instinct for our current system of residential education, Smith makes a case for how technology can engender greater educational opportunity and create changes that will benefit students, employers, and society as a whole.


“...All I can say is that Michael gets it! This book is a must read for anyone interested in creating a more inclusive and sustainable future for higher education. His insights are important for every upcoming higher education leader to understand.” — Maria Anguiano, Executive Vice President, Arizona State University

“This thought-provoking book tackles the potential changes to higher education arising from the progress of digital technologies. From admission to graduation, Smith sets the stage for intense debates—not just about future directions, but about current conditions.” — Joshua Gans, Professor of Strategic Management at the University of Toronto; author of *The Disruption Dilemma*
The Unnaming of Kroeber Hall
Language, Memory, and Indigenous California
Andrew Garrett

A critical examination of the complex legacies of early Californian anthropology and linguistics for twenty-first-century communities.

In January 2021, at a time when many institutions were reevaluating fraught histories, the University of California removed anthropologist and linguist Alfred Kroeber’s name from a building on its Berkeley campus. Critics accused Kroeber of racist and dehumanizing practices that harmed Indigenous people; university leaders repudiated his values. In *The Unnaming of Kroeber Hall*, Andrew Garrett examines Kroeber’s work in the early twentieth century and his legacy today, asking how a vigorous opponent of racism and advocate for Indigenous rights in his own era became a symbol of his university’s failed relationships with Native communities. Garrett argues that Kroeber’s most important work has been overlooked: his collaborations with Indigenous people throughout California to record their languages and stories.

*The Unnaming of Kroeber Hall* offers new perspectives on the early practice of anthropology and linguistics and on its significance today and in the future. Kroeber’s documentation was broader and more collaborative and multifaceted than is usually recognized. As a result, the records Indigenous people created while working with him are relevant throughout California as communities revive languages, names, songs, and stories. Garrett asks readers to consider these legacies, arguing that the University of California chose to reject critical self-examination when it unnamed Kroeber Hall.

Andrew Garrett is the Nadine M. Tang and Bruce L. Smith Professor in the Department of Linguistics and Director of the California Language Archive at the University of California, Berkeley. Since 2001, he has collaborated with the Yurok Tribe on the documentation and revitalization of the Yurok language.

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Kids Across the Spectrums
Growing Up Autistic in the Digital Age
Meryl Alper

An ethnographic study of diverse children on the autism spectrum and the role of media and technology in their everyday lives.

In spite of widespread assumptions that young people on the autism spectrum have a “natural” attraction to technology—a premise that leads to significant speculation about how media helps or harms them—relatively little research actually exists about their everyday tech use. In Kids Across the Spectrums, Meryl Alper fills this gap with the first book-length ethnography of the digital lives of autistic young people. Based on research with more than sixty neurodivergent children from an array of racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds, Kids Across the Spectrums delves into three overlapping areas of their media usage: cultural belonging, social relationships, and physical embodiment.

Alper’s work demonstrates that what autistic youth do with technology is not radically different from their nonautistic peers. However, significant social and health inequalities—including limited recreational programs, unsafe neighborhoods, and challenges obtaining appropriate therapeutic services—spill over into their media habits. With an emphasis on what autistic children bring to media as opposed to what they supposedly lack socially, Alper argues that their relationships do not exist outside of how communication technologies affect sociality, nor beyond the boundaries of stigmatization and society writ large. Finally, she offers practical suggestions for the education, healthcare, and technology sectors to promote equity, inclusion, access, and justice for autistic kids at home, at school, and in their communities.

Meryl Alper is Associate Professor of Communication Studies at Northeastern University. She is the author of Digital Youth with Disabilities and Giving Voice: Mobile Communication, Disability, and Inequality (both MIT Press).

“Weaving together empathetic research with autistic children with a critique of society’s prejudices and expectations, Alper lays to rest a host of myths, offering instead a deeply humane insight into their digital and not-so-digital lives.”
—Sonia Livingstone, Professor, Department of Media and Communications, London School of Economics; author of Parenting for a Digital Future

“This groundbreaking book cuts through the clichés about kids and ‘screen time’ to reveal how young autistic people use digital media to construct identities and communities in a world built for neurotypicals.”
—Steve Silberman, author of NeuroTribes: The Legacy of Autism and the Future of Neurodiversity

“This deeply humane book presents a vivid account of how autistic children and their families use media to create rich and rewarding social lives. Parents of neurodivergent children will find validation and reassurance in these pages.”
—Kristen Harrison, Professor of Communication and Media, University of Michigan
Categories We Live By
How We Classify Everyone and Everything
Gregory L. Murphy

An in-depth analysis of how humanity’s compulsion to categorize affects every aspect of our lived experience.

The minute we are born—sometimes even before—we are categorized. From there, classifications dog our every step: to school, work, the doctor’s office, and even the grave. Despite the vast diversity and individuality in every life, we seek patterns, organization, and control. In Categories We Live By, Gregory Murphy considers the categories we create to manage life’s sprawling diversity. Analyzing everything from bureaucracy’s innumerable categorizations to the minutiae of language, this book reveals how these categories are imposed on us and how that imposition affects our everyday lives.

Categories We Live By explores categorization in two parts. In part one, Murphy introduces the groundwork of categories—how they are created by experts, imperfectly captured by language, and employed by rules. Part two provides a number of case studies. Ranging from trivial categories such as parking regulations and peanut butter to critical issues such as race and mortality, Murphy demonstrates how this need to classify pervades everything. Finally, this comprehensive analysis demonstrates ways that we can cope with categorical disagreements and make categories more useful to our society.

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The Hidden Powers of Ritual
The Journey of a Lifetime
Bradd Shore

An illuminating overview of the development, benefits, and importance of ritual in everyday life, written by a leading cognitive anthropologist.

The Hidden Powers of Ritual is an engaging introduction to ritual studies that presents ritual as an evolved form of human behavior of almost unimaginable significance to our species. Every day across the globe, people gather to share meals, brew caffeinated beverages, or honor their ancestors. In this book, Bradd Shore, a respected anthropologist, reaches beyond familiar “big-R” rituals to present life’s humbler, overshadowed moments, exploring everything from the Balinese Pelebon to baseball to family Zoom sessions in the age of COVID-19 to the sobering reenactment rituals surrounding the Moore’s Ford lynchings. In each ritual, Shore shows how our capacity to ritualize behavior is a remarkable part of the human story.

Encompassing both the commonly unlabeled “interaction rituals” studied by sociologists and the symbolically elaborated sacred rituals of religious studies, Shore organizes his conception around detailed case studies drawn from international research and personal experience, weaving scholarship with a memoir of a life encompassed by ritual. A probing exploration that matches breadth with accessibility, The Hidden Powers of Ritual is a provocative contribution to ritual theory that will appeal to a wide range of readers curious about why these unique repetitive acts matter in our lives.

Bradd Shore is Goodrich C. White Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at Emory University. A psychological anthropologist specializing in ritual studies, culture, and cognition, he is the author of over seventy papers and six books. He also served as Director of Emory’s Center for Myth and Ritual in American Life for ten years. He was awarded the Society for Psychological Anthropology’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019 after having served as its president.
Emergency Money
Notgeld in the Image Economy of the German Inflation, 1914–1923
Tom Wilkinson

A landmark art historical study of German Notgeld, the emergency money produced during World War I, and the hyperinflation that followed.

Emergency Money is the first art historical study of Germany’s emergency money, Notgeld. Issued during World War I and the tumultuous interwar period, these wildly artful banknotes featured landscapes, folk figures, scenes of violence and humor, and even inflation itself in the form of figures staring into empty purses or animals defecating coins. Until now, art historians have paid Notgeld scant attention, but Wilkinson looks closely at these amusing, often disturbing, artifacts and their grim associations to cast new light on the Weimar Republic’s visual culture, as well as the larger relationship between art and money.

As Wilkinson shows, Germany’s early twentieth-century economic crisis was also a crisis of culture. Retelling the period’s gripping story through thematic investigations into prevalent Notgeld motifs, Wilkinson illuminates how the vexed relationship between aesthetic value and exchange value was an inextricable part of everyday life.

A landmark contribution to our understanding of twentieth-century Germany, Emergency Money brings together art, economics, critical theory, and media theory to create a book for our own inflationary moment, as the world’s new materialisms confront the specter of this older, more fundamental materialism.

Tom Wilkinson is an art historian who specializes in German visual culture and modern architecture. Previously a lecturer at the Courtauld Institute and at Birkbeck, University of London, he is History Editor of the Architectural Review and author of Bricks and Mortals: Ten Great Buildings and the People They Made.
The fascinating story of glutamate, the neurotransmitter that controls the structure and function of the brain in health and neurological disorders.

_Sculptor and Destroyer_ tells the story of a simple, little-known molecule that became a master architect and commander of the human brain: glutamate. Upward of 90 percent of the neurons in the human brain deploy glutamate as their neurotransmitter. Other neurotransmitters can only exert their effects on brain function by subtly modifying the ongoing activity of glutamatergic neurons, but during brain development glutamate controls the growth of dendrites and the formation of synapses. In this eye-opening book, Mark Mattson explains how the neurotransmitter glutamate controls the structure and function of neuronal networks in the brain, thereby mediating the brain’s capabilities, including learning and memory, creativity, and imagination.

Mattson also delves deeply into the dark side of glutamate, which he calls the “destroyer” side. He shows how relatively subtle aberrancies in the activity of neurons that deploy glutamate may result in behavioral disorders ranging from autism and schizophrenia to chronic anxiety and depression. More dramatically, he describes how glutamate can excite neurons to death, a process that occurs in epilepsy and stroke and, perhaps even more insidiously, in Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, ALS, and Huntington’s disease. _Sculptor and Destroyer_ concludes with a perspective on how knowledge of glutamate’s roles in neuroplasticity might be applied to the optimization of brain health throughout our lives.

Mark P. Mattson is currently Adjunct Professor of Neuroscience at Johns Hopkins University and was previously Chief of the Laboratory of Neurosciences at the National Institute on Aging in Baltimore. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and has received many awards including the Metropolitan Life Foundation Medical Research Award and the Alzheimer’s Association Zenith Fellows Award. He is the author of _The Intermittent Fasting Revolution: The Science of Optimizing Health and Enhancing Performance_ (MIT Press).
Lifelines of Our Society
A Global History of Infrastructure
Dirk van Laak
foreword by Paul N. Edwards
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A comprehensive history and examination of global infrastructures and the outsized role they play in our lives.

Infrastructure is essential to defining how the public functions, yet there is little public knowledge regarding why and how it became today’s strongest global force over government and individual lives. Who should build and maintain infrastructures? How are they to be protected? And why are they all in such bad shape? In Lifelines of Our Society, Dirk van Laak offers broad audiences a history of global infrastructures—focused on Western societies, over the past two hundred years—that considers all their many paradoxes. He illustrates three aspects of infrastructure: their development, their influence on nation building and colonialism, and finally, how individuals internalize infrastructure and increasingly become not only its user but regulator.

Beginning with public works, infrastructure in the nineteenth century carried the hope that it would facilitate world peace. Van Laak shows how, instead, it transformed to promote consumerism’s individual freedoms and our notions of work, leisure, and fulfillment. Lifelines of Our Society reveals how today’s infrastructure is both a source and a reflection of concentrated power and economic growth, which takes the form of cities under permanent construction. Symbols of power, van Laak describes, come with vulnerability, and this book illustrates the dual nature of infrastructure’s potential to hold nostalgia and inspire fear, to ease movement and govern ideas, and to bring independence to the nuclear family and control governments of the Global South.

Dirk van Laak is Professor of History from the 19th to the 21st Century at Leipzig University.
Narrating the Globe
The Emergence of World Histories of Architecture
edited by Petra Brouwer, Martin Bressani,
and Christopher Drew Armstrong

How notions of progress, beauty, and cultural superiority structured the genre of nineteenth-century world histories of architecture—and shaped the discipline as we know it today.

The nineteenth century saw the emergence of a new genre of architectural writing: the grand history of world architecture. This genre often expressed a deeply Eurocentric worldview, largely dismissing non-Western architecture through narratives of historical progress and stylistic beauty. Yet even as nineteenth-century historians worked to construct an exclusive architectural canon, they were engaged in constant debate over its categories and constraints. *Narrating the Globe* traces the emergence of this historical canon, exposing the questions and problems that prompted the canon’s very formation.

Bringing together architectural historians from around the world, this collection of essays—the first comprehensive examination of the nineteenth-century architectural history survey as a literary genre—includes overviews of the origins and legacy of the global architecture survey genre, as well as close examinations of key works, including books by lesser-known but intriguing authors such as Louisa C. Tuthill, Christian L. Stieglitz, and Daniel Ramée, and the more famous surveys by James Fergusson, Franz Kugler, Banister Fletcher, and Auguste Choisy. *Narrating the Globe* is an illuminating read for anyone interested in architectural history’s long, complex, and often tendentious trajectory.

Petra Brouwer is an architectural historian at the University of Amsterdam who specializes in the history of modern architecture and town planning. Author of an award-winning study of postwar design of Dutch new towns, she has also served as editor-in-chief for the journal *Architectural Histories*. Martin Bressani is William C. Macdonald Professor at McGill University’s Peter Guo-hua Fu School of Architecture in Montréal. Coeditor of the Nineteenth-Century Architecture volume of *The Companions to the History of Architecture*, he is also the author of *Architecture and the Historical Imagination: Eugène-Emmanuel Viollet-le-Duc*. Christopher Drew Armstrong is an associate professor at the University of Pittsburgh, where he directs the Architectural Studies program. His many publications include the book *Julien-David Leroy and the Making of Architectural History*.

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The City in the City
Architecture and Change in London’s Financial District
Amy Thomas

An exploration of the dramatic transformation of London’s financial district after 1945, viewed at four spatial scales: city, street, facade, interior.

In The City in the City, Amy Thomas offers the first in-depth architectural and urban history of London’s financial district, the City of London, from the period of rebuilding after World War II to the explosive climax of financial deregulation in the 1980s and its long aftermath. Thomas examines abstract financial ideas, political ideology, and invisible markets as concrete realities; working on four spatial scales—city, street, facade, and interior—the book explores the grand plans, hidden alleys, neo-Georgian elevations, and sweaty dealing floors that have made the financial center work.

Moving from politics to sociology, institutions to bodies, development plans to office desks, Thomas unravels the rich entanglements between the structure of the UK’s financial system and the structure of the environment in which it operates. Despite its physical and political centrality, this period of the City’s architectural history occupies an academic lacuna. Longstanding prejudices about developer-led architecture and the real estate industry have obscured the postwar City’s relevance. The book shows how, as currents of local government reform, nation-building, and globalization swept across Britain, the City became an ideological battleground for debates between politicians and financial institutions, real estate developers and architects, preservationists and so-called “proactive” planners throughout the latter half of the century.

The City of London is a place steeped in rich cultural and architectural heritage of immense national significance, yet it is also a highly privileged citadel at the core of global financial networks. The City in the City is both a critique and a celebration of this unique and complex place.

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The Stuff Games Are Made Of

Pippin Barr

A deep dive into practical game design through playful philosophy and philosophical play.

What are video games made of? And what can that tell us about what they mean? In *The Stuff Games Are Made Of*, experimental game maker Pippin Barr explores the materials of video game design. Taking the reader on a deep dive into eight case studies of his own games, Barr illuminates the complex nature of video games and video game design and the possibilities both offer for exploring ideas big and small.

Through a variety of engaging and approachable examples, Barr shows how every single aspect of a game—whether it is code, graphics, interface, or even time itself—can be designed with and related to the player experience. Barr’s experimental approach, with its emphasis on highly specific elements of games, will leave readers armed with intriguing design philosophy, conceptual rigor, and diverse insights into the inner life of video games. Upon finishing this book, readers will be ready to think deeply about the nature of games, to dive into expressive and experimental game design themselves, or simply to play with a new and expanded mindset.

Pippin Barr is Associate Professor of Computation Arts at Concordia University. Barr has collaborated with artists including Marina Abramović and @seinfeld2000 and produced games about everything from airplane safety instructions to chess to parenting. He is the author of *How to Play a Video Game* and cohost of the podcast GAMETHING.
The Promise and Peril of Entrepreneurship
Job Creation and Survival among US Startups
Robert W. Fairlie, Zachary Kroff, Javier Miranda, and Nikolas Zolas

A clearer view of entrepreneurship, based on new comprehensive data, that upends what we know about job creation and survival among US startups.

Startups create jobs and power economic growth. That’s an article of faith in the United States—but, as The Promise and Peril of Entrepreneurship reveals, our faith may be built on shaky ground. Economists Robert Fairlie, Zachary Kroff, Javier Miranda, and Nikolas Zolas—working with Census Bureau microdata—have developed a new data set, the Comprehensive Startup Panel, that tracks job creation and the survival of every startup in the country. In doing so, they recalibrate our understanding of how startups behave in the US economy. Specifically, their work seeks to answer three critical questions: How many jobs does each entrepreneur create? Do those jobs disappear quickly? And how long do entrepreneurial enterprises survive? Job creation and survival rates are, the authors conclude, much lower than those reported by official federal sources. Such discrepancies emerge from the more comprehensive picture drawn from this new data set—a picture that, for instance, highlights the important but understudied differences between employer firms (startups that hire people) and nonemployer firms (startups that do not initially hire people but may do so in later years as they grow). This reframing captures the vast number of businesses that start with no employees, a number largely missing from the statistics underpinning the mythos of the riskiness of entrepreneurship.

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The Blockchain and the New Architecture of Trust
Kevin Werbach

How the blockchain—a system built on foundations of mutual mistrust—can become trustworthy.

"Werbach argues [that] the most significant innovation of blockchain is not governmental or even technological but emotional: the creation of 'a new form of trust.'" — *New York Times Book Review*

Kevin Werbach is Professor of Legal Studies and Business Ethics at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Founder of the technology consulting firm Supernova Group, he has advised the FCC and Department of Commerce on communication policy. He is the coauthor of *For the Win: How Game Thinking Can Revolutionize Your Business*.

**The Work of the Future**
Building Better Jobs in an Age of Intelligent Machines
David Autor, David A. Mindell, and Elisabeth B. Reynolds

*Why the United States lags behind other industrialized countries in sharing the benefits of innovation with workers and how we can remedy the problem.*

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Catherine D'Ignazio is Associate Professor of Urban Science and Planning and directs the Data + Feminism Lab at MIT. Lauren F. Klein is Winship Distinguished Research Professor of English and Quantitative Theory and Methods at Emory University, where she also directs the Digital Humanities Lab.

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After Eating
Metabolizing the Arts
Lindsay Kelley

An exploration of food, ingestion, and digestion in the emerging field of the metabolic arts.

Food appears everywhere in the arts. But what happens after viewers carry food away in the intestinal networks activated by social practice art, the same way digestion turns food into a body? Exploring the emerging field of metabolic arts, After Eating claims digestion and metabolism as key cultural, creative, and political processes that demand attention. Taking an artist-centered approach to nutrition, Lindsay Kelley cultivates a neglected middle ground between the everyday and the scientific, using metabolism as a lens through which to read and write about art.

Divided into two parts and full of playful chapter titles such as “Food Babies” and “Poop Circus,” After Eating investigates multiple facets of the sociocultural implications of body image and body process in art from the 1970s to the present. By engaging the notion of “after” as an artistic homage or tribute, metabolism moves beyond the cell to transform into a method for responding to the most difficult cultural, philosophical, and political challenges of the contemporary moment. Metabolic reading rethinks feminist, queer, bioart, installation, and performance projects, providing artists, students, and teachers new pathways into art theory.

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Tactical Publishing
Using Senses, Software, and Archives in the Twenty-First Century
Alessandro Ludovico
foreword by Nick Montfort

How to level up to the next transformative phase of publishing.

Publishing is experiencing one of the most transformative phases in its history. In Tactical Publishing, a sequel to Post-Digital Print, Alessandro Ludovico explores the forces driving this historical phase, highlighting the tremendous opportunities it presents. Our task, he believes, is to develop an alternative publishing system that transcends the dichotomy between paper and digital media. He focuses first on the two activities on which publishing is premised—reading and writing (with an emphasis on writing machines and post-truth in the latter)—and then deconstructs the concept, proposing alternative strategies inspired by recent practices and unconventional uses of technology.

Ludovico shows how the radical and strategic use of print in the past can serve as the basis for our transition to the next phase of publishing. He argues that the new ecology of publishing should be based on three main elements: the stimulation of our senses, the role of software in forming the publishing infrastructure, and the importance of archives. During this transition from the current post-digital phase to the next phase, independent publishers and artists, as well as readers and machines, will enable new structures and actions that realize the potential of publishing and the preservation of content, thereby enriching social practices. The author also considers the crucial social role played by new forms of libraries, as artists and publishers shape the coming publishing world in its various manifestations. Combining analytical accounts of tactical strategies with examples from artworks and experimental practices, the book concludes with a manifesto for publishing in the twenty-first century and an appendix with a selection of one hundred publications representing the “periodic table” of future publishing.

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Picture-Work
How Libraries, Museums, and Stock Agencies Launched a New Image Economy
Diana Kamin

How the image collection, organized and made available for public consumption, came to define a key feature of contemporary visual culture.

The origins of today’s kaleidoscopic digital visual culture are many. In this book, Diana Kamin traces the sharing of photographs to an image economy developed throughout the twentieth century by major institutions. Picture-Work examines how three of these institutions—the New York Public Library, the Museum of Modern Art, and the stock agency H. Armstrong Roberts Inc.—defined the public’s understanding of what the photographic image is, while building vast collections with universalizing ambitions. Highlighting underexplored figures, such as the first rights and reproduction manager at MoMA Pearl Moeller and visionary NYPL librarian Romana Javitz, and underexplored professional practices, Diana Kamin demonstrates how bureaucratic work communicates ideas about images to the public.

Kamin artfully shows how the public interfaces with these image collections through systems of classification and protocols of search and retrieval. These interactions, in turn, shape contemporary image culture, including concepts of authorship, art, property, and value, as well as logics of indexing, tagging, and hyperlinking. Together, these interactions have forged a concept of the image as alienable content, which has intensified with the advent of digital techniques for managing image collections. To survey the complicated process of digitization in the nineties and early aughts, Kamin also includes interviews with photographers, digital asset management system designers, librarians, and artists on their working practices.

Diana Kamin is Advanced Lecturer in the Department of Communication and Media Studies at Fordham University in New York. Her research has been published in Information & Culture, Journal of Visual Culture, and Artforum, among other publications.

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Dark Star
A New History of the Space Shuttle
Matthew H. Hersch

A captivating history of NASA’s Space Transportation System—the space shuttle—chronicling the inevitable failures of a doomed design.

In Dark Star, Matthew Hersch challenges the existing narrative of the most significant human space program of the last fifty years, NASA’s space shuttle. He begins with the origins of the space shuttle: a century-long effort to develop a low-cost, reusable, rocket-powered airplane to militarize and commercialize space travel, which Hersch explains was built the wrong way, at the wrong time, and for all the wrong reasons. Describing the unique circumstances that led to the space shuttle’s creation by the administration of President Richard Nixon in 1972 and its subsequent flights from 1981 through 2011, Hersch illustrates how the space shuttle was doomed from the start.

While most historians have accepted the view that the space shuttle’s fatal accidents—including the 1986 Challenger explosion—resulted from deficiencies in NASA’s management culture that lulled engineers into a false confidence in the craft, Dark Star reveals the widespread understanding that the shuttle was predestined for failure as a technology demonstrator. The vehicle was intended only to give the United States the appearance of a viable human spaceflight program until funds became available to eliminate its obvious flaws. Hersch’s work seeks to answer the perilous questions of technological choice that confront every generation, and it is a critical read for anyone interested in how we can create a better world through the things we build.

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Cracking the Bro Code

Coleen Carrigan

Why dominant racial and gender groups have preferential access to jobs in computing, and how feminist labor activism in computing culture can transform the field.

Cracking the Bro Code is a bold ethnographic study of sexism and racism in contemporary computing cultures theorized through the analytical frame of the “Bro code.” Drawing from feminist anthropology and STS, Coleen Carrigan shares in this book the direct experiences of women, nonbinary individuals, and people of color, including her own experiences in tech, to show that computing has a serious cultural problem. From senior leaders in the field to undergraduates in their first year of college, participants consistently report how sexism and harassment manifest themselves in computing via values, norms, behaviors, evaluations, and policies. While other STEM fields are making strides in recruiting, retaining, and respecting women workers, computing fails year after year to do so.

Carrigan connects altruism, computing, race, and gender to advance the theory that social purpose is an important factor to consider in working toward gender equity in computing. Further, she argues that transforming computing culture from hostile to welcoming has the potential to change not only who produces computing technology but also the core values of its production, with possible impacts on social applications.

Coleen Carrigan is Associate Professor of Anthropology and Science, Technology and Society (STS) at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. She is a recipient of a five-year National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Award for her research into the intersections of gender, race, and social values in computing.

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Sarah E. Stoller

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Since the 1980s, families across the developed West have lived through a revolution on a scale unprecedented since industrialization. With more mothers than ever before in paid work and the rise of the middle-class, dual-income household, we have entered a new era in the history of everyday life: the era of the working parent.

In Inventing the Working Parent, Sarah Stoller charts the politics that shaped the creation of the phenomenon of working parenthood in Britain as it arose out of a new culture of work. Stoller begins with the first sustained efforts by feminists to mobilize politically on behalf of working parents in the late 1970s and concludes in the context of an emerging national political agenda for working families with the rise of New Labour in the 1990s. She explores how and why the notion of working parenthood emerged as a powerful new political claim and identity category and addresses how feminists used the concept of working parenthood to advocate for new organizational policies and practices. Lastly, Stoller shows how neoliberal capitalism under Margaret Thatcher and subsequent New Labour governments made a family’s ability to survive on one income nearly impossible—with significant consequences for individual experience, the gendered division of labor, and intimate life.

Sarah E. Stoller is a historian and freelance writer. Her writing on care work, feminism, gender, and motherhood as well as popular culture and the crisis of higher education has appeared in Slate, the Los Angeles Review of Books, Aeon Magazine, Salon, Jezebel, the Washington Post, and History Workshop Journal.

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Open Minded
Searching for Truth about the Unconscious Mind
Ben R. Newell and David R. Shanks

A provocative look at the unconscious mind that challenges contemporary perceptions and exposes the indefensible science that fostered them.

How much of a role does the unconscious play in our decision making? In *Open Minded: Searching for Truth about the Unconscious Mind*, authors Ben Newell and David Shanks would argue: not very much. Behavioral science and public discourse have placed an outsized emphasis on the unconscious mind when it comes to understanding human behavior. Pursuing trails of fraud, intrigue, and claims about the power of unconscious thought, Newell and Shanks scrutinize the science that has contributed to our conventional wisdom and offer an important counterpoint to the ever-stronger wisdom that the unconscious mind has gained in public debate, such as the now ubiquitous claim that unconscious bias plays a large role in people’s decisions and behavior.

*Open Minded* is divided into two sections: the first examines the modern understanding of the conscious mind, and the second shifts the focus to how to reform current research. Focusing on the core processes of decision making, Newell and Shanks cut through many questionable claims about unconscious behavior. Then, they delve into the nuts-and-bolts of methodology, challenging not only psychology and the behavioral sciences but also medicine and science more broadly. In this against-the-grain approach, Newell and Shanks chart new possibilities for how we may be more open to understanding how our minds actually work.

Ben R. Newell is Professor of Psychology and Deputy Head of the School of Psychology at UNSW Sydney. David R. Shanks is Professor of Psychology and Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Brain Sciences at University College London. Together they are the coauthors of *Straight Choices: The Psychology of Decision Making*.

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What Makes Us Social?
Chris Frith and Uta Frith

A deep dive into the social mind-brain, examining the processes we share with other social animals and illuminating those that are uniquely human.

*What Makes Us Social?* is a scholarly but accessible exploration of the underlying processes that make humans the most social species on the planet. Chris and Uta Frith, pioneers in the field of cognitive neuroscience, review the many forms of social behavior that we humans share with other animals and examine the special form that only humans possess, including its dark side. These uniquely human abilities allow us to reflect on our behavior and share these reflections with other people. This allows us to reason why we do things and to exert some control over our automatic behaviors. As a result, we can learn cooperatively with others and create and value cultural artifacts that survive through the generations.

Going beyond how we come to know ourselves and understand the mind of others, Frith and Frith investigate how we adapt mutually to make social interactions work. This book stands out in its application of a computational framework—one that lies at the intersection of psychology and artificial intelligence—to key concepts of social cognition, such as empathy, trust, group identity, and reputation management. Ultimately, *What Makes Us Social?* is a profound examination of the ways we communicate, cooperate, share, and compete with other humans and how these capabilities define us as a species.

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From Geometry to Behavior
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Hanspeter A. Mallot

An overview of the mechanisms and evolution of spatial cognition, integrating evidence from psychology, neuroscience, cognitive science, and computational geometry.

Understanding how we deal with space requires input from many fields, including ethology, neuroscience, psychology, cognitive science, linguistics, geography, and spatial information theory. In *From Geometry to Behavior*, cognitive neuroscientist Hanspeter Mallot provides an overview of the basic mechanisms of spatial behavior in animals and humans, showing how they combine to support higher-level performance. Mallot explores the biological mechanisms of dealing with space, from the perception of visual space to the constructions of large space representations: that is, the cognitive map. The volume is also relevant to the epistemology of spatial knowledge in the philosophy of mind.

Mallot aims to establish spatial cognition as a scientific field in its own right. His general approach is psychophysical, in that it focuses on quantitative descriptions of behavioral performance and their real-world determinants, thus connecting to the work of theorists in computational neuroscience, robotics, and computational geometry. After an overview of scientific thinking about space, Mallot covers spatial behavior and its underlying mechanisms in the order of increasing memory involvement. He describes the cognitive processes that underlie advanced spatial behaviors such as directed search, wayfinding, spatial planning, spatial reasoning, object building and manipulation, and communication about space. These mechanisms are part of the larger cognitive apparatus that also serves visual and object cognition; understanding events, actions, and causality; and social cognition, which includes language. Of all of these cognitive domains, spatial cognition most likely occurred first in the course of evolution and is the most widespread throughout the animal kingdom.

Hanspeter A. Mallot is Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience at the University of Tübingen. He is the author of *Computational Vision: Information Processing in Perception and Visual Behavior* (MIT Press).

Programming Your GPU with OpenMP
Performance Portability for GPUs
Tom Deakin and Timothy G. Mattson

The essential guide for writing portable, parallel programs for GPUs using the OpenMP programming model.

Today’s computers are complex, multi-architecture systems: multiple cores in a shared address space, graphics processing units (GPUs), and specialized accelerators. To get the most from these systems, programs must use all these different processors. In *Programming Your GPU with OpenMP*, Tom Deakin and Timothy Mattson help everyone, from beginners to advanced programmers, learn how to use OpenMP to program a GPU using just a few directives and runtime functions. Then programmers can go further to maximize performance by using CPUs and GPUs in parallel—true heterogeneous programming. And since OpenMP is a portable API, the programs will run on almost any system.

*Programming Your GPU with OpenMP* shares best practices for writing performance portable programs. Key features include:

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- Builds the OpenMP GPU Common Core to get programmers to serious production-level GPU programming as fast as possible.

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- An online repository containing source code for the example programs from the book—provided in all languages currently supported by OpenMP: C, C++, and Fortran.
- Tutorial videos and lecture slides.

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Autographic Design
The Matter of Data in a Self-Inscribing World

Dietmar Offenhuber

An ambitious vision for design based on the premise that data is material, not abstract.

Data analysis and visualization are crucial tools in today’s society, and digital representations have steadily become the default. Yet, more and more often, we find that citizen scientists, environmental activists, and forensic amateurs are using analog methods to present evidence of pollution, climate change, and the spread of disinformation. In this illuminating book, Dietmar Offenhuber presents a model for these practices, a model to make data generation accountable: autographic design.

Autographic refers to the notion that every event inscribes itself in countless ways. Think of a sundial, for example, a perfectly autographic device that displays information on itself. Inspired by such post-digital practices of visualization and evidence construction, Offenhuber describes an approach to visualization based on the premise that data is a material entity rather than an abstract representation. Emerson wrote, “Every act of the man inscribes itself in the memories of his fellows, and in his own manners and face.” In Autographic Design, Offenhuber introduces a model for design that emphasizes traces, imprints, and self-inscriptions, turning them into sensory displays.

In an age where misinformation is harder and harder to identify, Autographic Design makes an urgent and persuasive case for a different approach that calls attention to the production of data and its connection to the material world.

Expanding Mindscapes
A Global History of Psychedelics
edited by Erika Dyck and Chris Elcock

The first collection of its kind to explore the diverse and global history of psychedelics as they appealed to several generations of researchers and thinkers.

Expanding Mindscapes offers a fascinatingly fluid and diverse history of psychedelics that stretches around the globe. While much of the literature to date has focused on the history of these drugs in the United States and Canada, editors Erika Dyck and Chris Elcock deliberately move away from these places in this collection to reveal a longer and more global history of psychedelics, which chronicles their discovery, use, and cultural impact in the twentieth century.

The authors in this collection explore everything from LSD psychotherapy in communist Czechoslovakia to the first applications of LSD-25 in South America to the intersection of modernism and ayahuasca in China. Along the way, they also consider how psychedelic experiments generated their own cultural expressions, where the specter of the United States may have loomed large and where colonial empires exerted influence on the local reception of psychedelics in botanical and pharmaceutical pursuits.

Breaking new ground by adopting perspectives that are currently lacking in the historiography of psychedelics, this collection adds to the burgeoning field by offering important discussions on underexplored topics such as gender, agriculture, parapsychology, anarchism, and technological innovations.

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Design Strategy
Challenges in Wicked Problem Territory
Nancy C. Roberts

A new approach to addressing the contemporary world’s most difficult challenges, such as climate change and poverty.

Conflicts over “the problem” and “the solution” plague the modern world and land problem solvers in what has been called “wicked problem territory”—a social space with high levels of conflict over problems and solutions. In Design Strategy, Nancy Roberts proposes design as a strategy of problem solving to close the gap between an existing state and a desired state. Utilizing this approach, designers and change agents are better able to minimize self-defeating conflicts over problems and solutions, break the logjam of opposition, and avoid the traps that lock problem solvers into a never-ending cycle of conflict.

Design as a field continues to grow and evolve, but Design Strategy focuses on three levels of design where “wicked problems” tend to lurk—strategic design (of private and public organizations), systemic design (of networked and overlapping economic, technical, political, and social subsystems), and regenerative design (of life-giving realignment between humanity and nature). Within this framework, Roberts presents refreshingly interdisciplinary case studies that integrate theory and practice across diverse fields to guide professionals in any domain—from business and nonprofit organizations to educational and healthcare systems—and finally offers hope that humanity can tackle the existential challenges we face in the twenty-first century.

Nancy C. Roberts is Professor Emerita of Defense Analysis in the School of Operational and Information Sciences at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. In her research, writing, teaching, and consulting, Roberts uses design strategy to assist business and government leaders in becoming more creative, open-minded, and innovative problem solvers.

Design Aesthetics
Theoretical Basics and Studies in Implication
Mads Nygaard Folkmann

An original exploration of the role of aesthetics in contemporary design, uniquely combining philosophical aesthetics and cultural analysis of design.

As a product of human ingenuity, design functions as an artificial interface through which we meet the world. While the ubiquity of design seems to render it imperceptible, when we truly reflect on design, we see that it is inextricably entwined with our experience of the world. In Design Aesthetics, Mads Nygaard Folkmann provides an engaging introduction to the field of design aesthetics and its role as a concept. Engaging with sensual, conceptual, and contextual considerations of design aesthetics, this book investigates design experience in tandem with design practice, objects, and perception.

Part one of Design Aesthetics lays the theoretical foundation by differentiating between sensual, conceptual, and contextual dimensions of design aesthetics and clarifying what “aesthetic experience” means in relation to design. The second part of the book consists of studies in implications of design aesthetics for design practice, design objects with embedded technology, and the construction of perception of aesthetic qualities in objects. In its focus on design aesthetics, the book is intended for everyone working with design—design students, designer researchers, and designers—as well as students and researchers in aesthetics in general.

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Koskinen follows design research’s transformation from questions of usability, in the 1980s, through to the revolution in personal electronics and the “user-centered” turn of the 1990s. Using the research community in Helsinki as a case study, and moving between specific projects and theoretical debates, he offers readers a focused introduction to the major methodological and intellectual challenges—as well as the opportunities—of design research. He argues that all design tasks, however simple or complex, begin with understanding the way humans ascribe meaning, both as individuals and as actors in complex societies. Thus all design research must be interpretive at its core.

*Ilpo Koskinen* is Professor at the University of New South Wales. He is the coauthor of *Empathic Design, Design Research through Practice: From the Lab, Field, and Showroom, and Drifting by Intention: Four Epistemic Traditions from within Constructive Design Research.*

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The Unequal Effects of Globalization
Pinelopi Koujianou Goldberg
with Greg Larson

From a former Chief Economist of the World Bank, a brief, balanced, and sobering discussion of globalization trends, their drivers, and effects on inequality.

The recent retreat from globalization has been triggered by a perception that increased competition from global trade is not fair and leads to increased inequality within countries. Is this phenomenon a small hiccup in the overall wave of globalization, or are we at the beginning of a new era of deglobalization? Former Chief Economist of the World Bank Group Pinelopi Koujianou Goldberg tells us that the answer depends on the policy choices we make, and in this book The Unequal Effects of Globalization, she calls for exploring alternative policy approaches including place-based policies, while sustaining international cooperation.

At this critical moment of shifting attitudes toward globalization, The Unequal Effects of Globalization enters the debate while also taking a step back. Goldberg investigates globalization’s many dimensions, disruptions, and complex interactions, from the late twentieth century’s wave of trade liberalizations to the rise of China, the decline of manufacturing in advanced economies, and the recent effects of trade on global poverty, inequality, labor markets, and firm dynamics. From there, Goldberg explores the significance of the recent backlash against and potential retreat from globalization, and considers the key policy implications of these trends and emerging dynamics.

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Demystifying the Academic Research Enterprise
Becoming a Successful Scholar in a Complex and Competitive Environment
Kelvin K. Droegemeier

What next-generation scholars need to know in order to thrive, and how they can actively participate in shaping the academic research enterprise.

The academic research enterprise is highly complex, involving multiple sectors of society and a vast array of approaches. In Demystifying the Academic Research Enterprise, Kelvin Droegemeier shows next-generation scholars across all disciplines how to become more productive earlier in their career, as well as how to help shape the academic research enterprise. The topics covered include public perceptions of scholarly work and its use in policy; understanding the big picture of funding and national priorities as well as identifying funding sources; research methods; collecting data and materials; writing grant proposals; publishing results; ethical conduct; bias and peer review; intellectual property and compliance regulations; partnerships and collaboration; diversity, equity, and inclusion; and the future of research.

Droegemeier’s two principal goals are to enhance and accelerate scholars’ understanding of the academic research process and to democratize that understanding, particularly at institutions that traditionally are underrepresented or lack robust resources. While intended for undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and early career faculty, Demystifying the Academic Research Enterprise is also relevant to mid-career and senior faculty, research administrators, funding organizations, congressional staff, policymakers, and the general public. Droegemeier places scholars in a broader national and international context—not as passive recipients of the existing system but as key actors who actively participate in helping to set priorities, determine policies, drive systemic change, and advance knowledge.

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Excellence Initiatives in Global Perspective
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A pioneering collection of case studies on the global phenomenon of academic excellence initiatives and how they shape the performance of research universities.

Academic excellence initiatives (AEIs)—special government-sponsored programs to improve research universities—have provided billions of dollars to top universities and represent perhaps the most significant effort in the past half-century to jumpstart academic research. The contributors to Academic Star Wars, superbly edited by Maria Yudkevich, Philip G. Altbach, and Jamil Salmi, analyze AEIs in nine European and Asian countries, including China, Japan, Malaysia, South Korea, Taiwan, Denmark, France, Germany, and Russia, and offer penetrating insights into the successes and problems of these initiatives, as well as into the broader system of higher education itself.

Academic Star Wars provides a comprehensive analysis of AEIs across the globe as it seeks to understand the impact of these programs on national higher ed systems. The contributors explore a host of topics, including how the idea of excellence varies across national systems; the lessons to be drawn from the most successful AEIs; the consequences of AEIs, both intended and unintended, for participating universities; and whether AEIs ensure a significant impact on the global standing of national higher education systems. Finally, the contributors offer policy recommendations for national decision-makers and university leaders, taking into account the variety of initial conditions of national higher education systems and the differences in AEI design, scope, and funding.

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Critical Data Literacies
Rethinking Data and Everyday Life
Luci Pangrazio and Neil Selwyn

A guide to everything you need to understand to navigate a world increasingly governed by data.

Data has become a defining issue of current times. Our everyday lives are shaped by the data that is produced about us (and by us) through digital technologies. In this book, Critical Data Literacies, Luci Pangrazio and Neil Selwyn introduce readers to the central concepts, ideas, and arguments required to make sense of life in the data age. The authors challenge the idea that datafication is an inevitable and inescapable condition. Drawing on emerging areas of scholarship such as data justice, data feminism, and other critical data studies approaches, they explore how individuals and communities can empower themselves to engage with data critically and creatively.

Over the course of eight wide-ranging chapters, the book introduces readers to the main components of critical data literacies—from the fundamentals of identifying and understanding data to the complexities of engaging with more combative data tactics. Critical Data Literacies explores how the tradition of critical literacies can offer a powerful foundation to address the big concerns of the data age, such as issues of data justice and privacy, algorithmic bias, dataveillance, and disinformation. Bringing together cutting-edge thinking and discussion from across education, sociology, psychology, and media and communication studies, Critical Data Literacies develops a powerful argument for collectively rethinking the role that data plays in our everyday lives and re-establishing agency, free will, and the democratic public sphere.

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Recycling Class
The Contradictions of Inclusion in Urban Sustainability
Manisha Anantharaman

An ethnographic and community-engaged study of the class, caste, and gender politics of environmental mobilizations around Bengaluru, India’s discards.

In *Recycling Class*, Manisha Anantharaman examines the ideas, flows, and relationships around unmanaged discards in Bengaluru, India, itself a massive environmental problem of planetary proportions, to help us understand what types of coalitions deliver social justice within sustainability initiatives. *Recycling Class* links middle-class, sustainable consumption with the environmental labor of the working poor to offer a relational analysis of urban sustainability politics and practice. Through ethnographic, community-based research, Anantharaman shows how diverse social groups adopt, contest, and modify neoliberal sustainability’s emphasis on market-based solutions, behavior change, and the aesthetic conflation of “clean” with “green.”

Tracing garbage politics in Bengaluru for over a decade, Anantharaman argues that middle class “communal sustainability” efforts create new avenues for waste picker organizations to make claims for infrastructural inclusion. Coproduced “DIY infrastructures” serve as sites of citizenship and political negotiation, challenging the technocratic and growth-based logics of dominant sustainability policies. Yet, these configurations reproduce class, caste, and gender-based divisions of labor, demonstrating that inclusion without social reform can reproduce unjust distributions of risk and responsibility. Revealing the “win-win” fallacy of sustainability and foregrounding the agency of communities excluded from environmental policy, *Recycling Class* will appeal to scholars and activists alike who want to create a future with more transformative sustainability.

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Mnemonic Ecologies
Memory and Nature Conservation along the Former Iron Curtain
Sonja K. Pieck

An exploration of the Green Belt conservation project between the former East and West Germanies and its relationship to emergent ecosystems, trauma, and memorialization.

The first book-length scholarly treatment of Germany’s largest conservation project, the Green Belt, *Mnemonic Ecologies* by Sonja Pieck presents a new interdisciplinary approach: that effective restoration and conservation of wounded land must merge ecology with memory. Since the Cold War’s end in 1989, German conservationists have transformed the once militarized border between East and West Germany into an extensive protected area. Yet as forests, meadows, and wetlands replace fences, minefields, and guard towers, ecological recovery must reckon with the pain of the borderlands’ brutal past. The lessons gained by conservationists here, Pieck argues, have profound practical and ethical implications far beyond Germany.

Can conservation help heal both ecological and societal wounds? How might conservation honor difficult socioecological pasts? Deeply researched and evocatively written, this beautiful, interdisciplinary investigation into the legacy of war and nature’s resurgence blends environmental history, ethics, geography, and politics with ecology and memory studies. Amid our rampant biodiversity crisis, *Mnemonic Ecologies* shows why conservation must include humanized landscapes in its purview, thus helping to craft a new conservation ethos that is collaborative, empathetic, and more sensitive to the connections between humans and the places they inhabit.

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Nature-Made Economy
Cod, Capital, and the Great Economization of the Ocean
Kristin Asdal and Tone Huse

An exploration of the economization of the ocean through the small modifications that enable great transformations of nature.

The ocean is the site of an ongoing transformation that is aimed at creating new economic opportunities and prosperity. In Nature-Made Economy, Kristin Asdal and Tone Huse explore how the ocean has been harnessed to become a space of capital investment and innovation, and how living nature is wrested into the economy even as nature, in turn, resists, adapts to, or changes the economy. The authors’ innovative methodological and conceptual approaches examine the economy by focusing on surprising and numerous “little tools”—such as maps and policy documents, quality patrols, and dietary requirements for the enhancement of species’ biological propensities—that value, direct, reorder, accomplish, and sometimes fail to serve our ends, but also add up to great change.

Throughout Nature-Made Economy, Asdal and Huse follow one species, the Atlantic cod, and explore how it is subjected to different versions of economization. Taking this species as a point of departure, they then provide novel analyses of the innovation economy, the architecture of markets, the settling of prices, and more, revealing how the ocean is rendered a space of intense economic exploitation. Through their analysis, the authors develop a distinct theoretical approach and conceptual vocabulary for studying nature–economy relations.

Nature-Made Economy is a significant contribution to the broad field of STS and social studies of markets, as well as to studies of the Anthropocene, the environment, and human–animal relations.

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Evolution “On Purpose”
Teleonomy in Living Systems
edited by Peter A. Corning, Stuart A Kauffman, Denis Noble, James A. Shapiro, Richard I. Vane-Wright, and Addy Pross

A unique exploration of teleonomy—also known as “evolved purposiveness”—as a major influence in evolution by a broad range of specialists in biology and the philosophy of science.

The evolved purposiveness of living systems, termed “teleonomy” by chronobiologist Colin Pittendrigh, has been both a major outcome and causal factor in the history of life on Earth. Many theorists have appreciated this over the years, going back to Lamarck and even Darwin in the nineteenth century. In the mid-twentieth century, however, the complex, dynamic process of evolution was simplified into the one-way, bottom-up, single gene-centered paradigm widely known as the modern synthesis. In Evolution “On Purpose,” edited by Peter Corning, Stuart Kauffman, Denis Noble, James Shapiro, Richard Vane-Wright, and Addy Pross, some twenty theorists attempt to modify this reductive approach by exploring in depth the different ways in which living systems have themselves shaped the course of evolution.

Evolution “On Purpose” puts forward a more inclusive theoretical synthesis that goes far beyond the underlying principles and assumptions of the modern synthesis to accommodate work since the 1950s in molecular genetics, developmental biology, epigenetic inheritance, genomics, multilevel selection, niche construction, physiology, behavior, biosemiotics, chemical reaction theory, and other fields.

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Properties of Life
Toward a Theory of Organismic Biology
Bernd Rosslenbroich

A coherent and comprehensive theory of life that synthesizes the specific properties of living organisms.

Despite continued advances, science has until now struggled to describe the specific properties that define a living being. By synthesizing several aspects of organismic biology and contemporary science, Properties of Life by Bernd Rosslenbroich generates a coherent concept of the singular quality of being alive—a concept that provides a crucial foundation for scientists, farmers, and medical practitioners and helps explain how we all interact with the world around us and within ourselves.

Is an organism an aggregate of parts or an integrated system with agency? Is it a passive stimulus-response machine or a being equipped with subjectivity and consciousness? Rosslenbroich argues that the way people in different fields understand life determines their assumptions about organic function and behavior. In medicine, this extends to the human organism, which influences prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. Drawing attention to a long-standing but underappreciated line of thought in organismic biology, Rosslenbroich’s original idea emphasizes the autonomy of living processes, their network characteristics, and their self-determined organization in time and structure.

A timely and revelatory book, Properties of Life formulates an integrated, unified theory that remains flexible enough to accommodate future developments and resilient enough to withstand the challenges of different theoretical and disciplinary backgrounds.

Bernd Rosslenbroich is Head of the Institute of Evolutionary Biology and Morphology at Witten/Herdecke University, Germany. Researching patterns and processes in macroevolution, organismic, and systems biology and philosophy of biology and medicine, he is the author of On the Origin of Autonomy: A New Look at the Major Transitions in Evolution.

Playful Wearables
Understanding the Design Space of Wearables for Games and Related Experiences
Oğuz Buruk, Ella Dagan, Katherine Isbister, Elena Márquez Segura, and Theresa Jean Tanenbaum

An expert introduction to the world of “playful wearables” and their design, with a wide range of engaging examples, case studies, and exercises.

This pioneering introduction to the world of wearable technology takes readers beyond the practical realm (think Fitbits, Apple watches, and smart glasses) to consider another important side of the technology—the playful. Playful Wearables offers an engaging account of what “playful wearables” are, why they matter, how they work, how they’re made, and what their future might hold. The book’s authors—Oğuz Buruk, Ella Dagan, Katherine Isbister, Elena Márquez Segura, and Theresa Jean Tanenbaum—draw on decades of experience in design, development, and research to offer real-world examples, exercises, and implications, showing how this kind of wearable tech can introduce an invaluable element of play into our everyday lives.

As wearable technology emerges in the ecology of costume and fashion, the authors consider its intimate connection to identity and culture. And they look at the ways in which playful wearables, when smoothly integrated into everyday social experiences, support social interaction. The book then moves on to the mechanics of playful wearables—from design strategies and frameworks to specific methods and game design patterns—the building blocks for great playful, wearable designs.

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Mainstreaming and Game Journalism

David B. Nieborg and Maxwell Foxman

Why games are still niche and not mainstream, and how journalism can help them gain cultural credibility.

Mainstreaming and Game Journalism addresses both the history and current practice of game journalism, along with the roles writers and industry play in conveying that the medium is a “mainstream” form of entertainment. Through interviews with reporters, David Nieborg and Maxwell Foxman retrace how the game industry and journalists started a subcultural spiral in the 1980s that continues to this day. Digital play became increasingly exclusionary by appealing to niche audiences, relying on hardcore fans and favoring the male gamer stereotype. At the same time, this culture pushed journalists to the margins, leaving them toiling to find freelance gigs and deeply ambivalent about their profession.

Mainstreaming and Game Journalism also examines the bumpy process of what we think of as “mainstreaming.” The authors argue that it encompasses three overlapping factors. First, for games to become mainstream, they need to become more ubiquitous through broader media coverage. Second, an increase in ludic literacy, or how-to play games, determines whether that greater visibility translates into accessibility. Third, the mainstreaming of games must gain cultural legitimacy. The fact that games are more visible does little if only a few people take them seriously or deem them worthy of attention. Ultimately, Mainstreaming and Game Journalism provocatively questions whether games ever will—or even should—gain widespread cultural acceptance.

David B. Nieborg is Associate Professor of Media Studies at the University of Toronto. He is the coauthor of Platforms and Cultural Production with Thomas Poell and Brooke Erin Duffy. Maxwell Foxman is Assistant Professor of Media Studies and Game Studies at the School of Journalism and Communication at the University of Oregon.

Molecular Mechanisms in Materials

Insights from Atomistic Modeling and Simulation

Sidney Yip

A critical perspective of the methods used to understand the atomic-scale mechanisms that govern the macroscopic behavior of materials.

Machine-learning-based computation in materials innovation, performance optimization, and sustainability offers exciting opportunities at the mesoscale research frontier. Molecular Mechanisms in Materials presents research findings and insights about material behavior at the molecular level and its impact on macroscopic properties. The book’s fifteen essays represent author Sidney Yip’s work in atomistic modeling and materials simulation over more than five decades. The phenomena are grouped into five basic types: fluctuations in simple fluids, crystal melting, plasticity and fracture, glassy relaxations, and amorphous rheology, all focused on molecular mechanisms in base materials.

The organizing principle of Molecular Mechanisms in Materials is multiscale modeling and simulation, where conceptual models and simulation techniques are linked across the micro-to-macro length and time scales to control the outcome of specific materials processes. Each essay addresses a specific standalone topic of materials phenomena while also recognizing the larger context of materials science and technology. Individual case studies serve both as standalone essays and companion pieces to each other. Indeed, the global transformation of science and technology is well underway: in his epilogue, Yip discusses the potential of artificial intelligence and machine learning to enhance future materials for societal benefits in the face of global challenges such as climate change, energy sustainability, infrastructure renewal, and nuclear arms control.

Sidney Yip is Professor Emeritus of Nuclear Science and Engineering and Materials Science and Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
The Math You Need
A Comprehensive Survey of Undergraduate Mathematics
Thomas Mack

A comprehensive survey of undergraduate mathematics, compressing four years of study into one robust overview.

In *The Math You Need*, Thomas Mack provides a singular, comprehensive survey of undergraduate mathematics, compressing four years of math curricula into one volume. Without sacrificing rigor, this book provides a go-to resource for the essentials that any academic or professional needs. Each chapter is followed by numerous exercises to provide the reader an opportunity to practice what they learned. *The Math You Need* is distinguished in its use of the Bourbaki style—the gold standard for conciseness and an approach that mathematicians will find of particular interest. As ambitious as it is compact, this text embraces mathematical abstraction throughout, avoiding ad hoc computations in favor of general results.

Covering eight areas—group theory, commutative algebra, linear algebra, topology, real analysis, complex analysis, number theory, and probability and statistics—this thorough and highly effective overview of the undergraduate curriculum will prove to be invaluable to students and instructors alike.

Thomas Mack is a mathematician, who earned his PhD in the field of combinatorial group theory and hyperbolic groups from the California Institute of Technology. He has worked for more than fifteen years as a researcher in the areas of defense, robotics, and finance.

Real Life in Real Time
Live Streaming Culture
edited by Johanna Brewer, Bo Ruberg, Amanda L. L. Cullen, and Christopher J. Persaud

The cultural ramifications of online live streaming, including its effects on identity and power in digital spaces.

Some consider live streaming—the broadcasting of video and/or audio footage live online—simply an internet fad or source of entertainment, yet it is at the center of the digital mediation of our lives. In this edited volume, Johanna Brewer, Bo Ruberg, Amanda Cullen, and Christopher Persaud present a broad range of essays that explore the cultural implications of live streaming, paying special attention to how it is shifting notions of identity and power in digital spaces. The diverse set of international authors included represent a variety of perspectives, from digital media studies to queer studies, from human-computer interaction to anthropology, and more.

While important foundational work has been carried out by game studies scholars, many other elements of streaming practices remain to be explored. To deepen engagement with diversity and social justice, the editors have included a variety of voices on such topics as access, gender, sexuality, race, disability, harassment, activism, and the cultural implications of design aesthetics. Live streaming affects a wide array of behaviors, norms, and patterns of communication. But above all, it lets participants observe and engage with real life as it unfolds in real time. Ultimately, these essays challenge us to look at both the possibilities for harm and the potential for radical change that live streaming presents.

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Distant Viewing
Computational Exploration of Digital Images
Taylor Arnold and Lauren Tilton

A new theory and methodology for the application of computer vision methods to the computational analysis of collected, digitized visual materials, called “distant viewing.”

Distant Viewing presents a new theory and methodology for the computational analysis of digital images, offering a lively, constructive critique of computer vision that you can actually use. What does it mean to say that computer vision “understands” visual inputs? Annotations never capture a whole image. The way digital images convey information requires what researchers Taylor Arnold and Lauren Tilton call “distant viewing”—a play off the well-known term “distant reading” from computational literary analysis.

Recognizing computer vision’s limitations, Arnold and Tilton’s spirited examination makes the technical exciting by applying distant viewing to the sitcoms Bewitched and I Dream of Jeannie, movie posters and other popular forms of advertising, and Dorothea Lange’s photography. In the tradition of visual culture studies and computer vision, Distant Viewing’s interdisciplinary perspective encompasses film and media studies, visual semiotics, and the sciences to create a playful, accessible guide for an international audience working in digital humanities, data science, media studies, and visual culture studies.

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From ASCII Art to Comic Sans
Typography and Popular Culture in the Digital Age
Karin Wagner

A fresh and provocative take on typography, computing, and popular culture, viewed through four idiosyncratic typographical phenomena from the digital age.

From ASCII Art to Comic Sans offers an original vision of the history of typography and computing in the digital age, viewed through the lens of offbeat typography. We often regard text as pure information and typography as a transparent art form without meaning of its own. In this book, however, Karin Wagner offers a fresh perspective that shows how text is always an image that conveys meaning, and typography, far from being meaningless, has in fact shaped modern visual and material culture in significant ways.

By juxtaposing four odd typographical phenomena—the pedantic practice of ASCII art, the curious-looking machine-readable typefaces, the blurry letters of dot matrix printers, and the much-maligned font Comic Sans—Wagner paints a vivid picture of how functional technologies influence popular culture when used in ways their original creators never intended.

Design practitioners, as well as fans of media, graphic design, type history, and computer technology, will enjoy this breezily sophisticated perspective on visual and digital culture. Spanning the material and visual aspects of typography from the 1960s to the present, From ASCII Art to Comic Sans is a unique contribution to the study of popular and material culture that fills a gap in the history of typography and computing.

Karin Wagner is Professor in Art History and Visual Studies at the Department of Cultural Sciences at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden. Researching photography, digital culture, design, and visual communication, she has published articles in Journal of Aesthetics & Culture, Visual Communication, Museum & Society, and Archival Science.

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The Perception Machine
Our Photographic Future between the Eye and AI
Joanna Zylinska

A provocative investigation of the future of photography and human perception in the age of AI.

We are constantly photographing and being photographed while feeding machine learning databases with our data, which in turn is used to generate new images. Analyzing the transformation of photography by computation—and the transformation of human perception by algorithmically driven images, from CGI to AI—The Perception Machine investigates what it means for us to live surrounded by image flows and machine eyes. In an astute and engaging argument, Joanna Zylinska brings together media theory and neuroscience in a Vilém Flusser–Paul Virilio remix. Her “perception machine” names a technical universe of images and their infrastructures. But it also refers to a sociopolitical condition resulting from today's automation of vision, imaging—and imagination.

Written by a theorist-practitioner, the book incorporates Zylinska's own art projects, some of which have been co-created with AI. The photographs, collages, films, and installations available as part of the book (and its companion website) provide a different mode of thinking about our technological futures, at a local as well as a planetary level. Offering provocative concepts such as eco-eco-punk, AUTO-FOTO-KINO, planetary micro-vision, loser images, and sensography, the book outlines an existential philosophy of messy media for a time when our practices of imaging and self-imaging are being radically redesigned. Importantly, it also offers a new vision of our future.

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The Sensorium of the Drone and Communities
Kathrin Maurer

A comprehensive overview of how civilian drones sense the world and how they build the aesthetic imaginaries of our communities.

Drone technology has garnered critical attention across many fields, from engineering to the humanities. While the first wave of drone scholarship was key in initiating the debate on drones, it also privileged the idea of the “scopic regime”—a militarized regime of hypervisuality—in its analyses of the connection between vision and power. The Sensorium of the Drone and Communities broadens the drone’s spectrum of perception by acknowledging its creative, life-affirming possibility with the notion of the sensorium. The sensorium of the drone is a multimedia, synesthetic sensing assemblage in which the human agent is enmeshed with the drone. Drone sensoria can sense in many more ways than the scopic regime—with sound, touch, smell, temperature, and movement.

In The Sensorium of the Drone and Communities, Kathrin Maurer shows how drone sensoria can change our understanding of human communities by constructing imaginaries of social communities based on decentralized and fluid sensing processes. Maurer takes an aesthetic approach to technology, working with two understandings of aesthetics. One understanding refers to aesthetics as a way of experiencing, and it explores how the drone-human assemblage perceives the world. The other refers to aesthetic mimetic representation, and focuses on how aesthetic drone imaginaries in literature, popular culture, visual arts, and films negotiate the sensorial technology of the drone.

Bringing together key ideas in technology studies, studies of aerial views, visual and aesthetic studies, posthuman sensing, machine–human interaction, and communities, The Sensorium of the Drone and Communities sheds a welcome and necessary light on this technology’s creative potential as well as its dangers and risks.

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Exploring and Exploiting Genetic Risk for Psychiatric Disorders
edited Joshua A. Gordon and Elisabeth B. Binder

An edited volume that looks at the state of psychiatric genetics and how to chart a path forward.

In this edited collection, experts from psychiatric and statistical genetics, neurobiology, and clinical psychiatry investigate whether and how to pursue the discovery of additional genetic risk factors for mental illnesses. Using the existing knowledge and frameworks of genetic risk factors, they look at how a better understanding of the biology that underlies mental illnesses can improve and enhance the care that patients receive.

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The Brain in Motion
From Microcircuits to Global Brain Function
Sten Grillner

An evolutionary perspective—from lampreys to humans—on how the forebrain coordinates movement while the networks in the brainstem and spinal cord handle the execution.

All living creatures interact with their environment: even the most basic have a set of innate motor circuits they rely on to feed, locomote, fight, and flee. In The Brain in Motion, Sten Grillner describes the evolution of the motor repertoire of vertebrates, from protovertebrates to primates. With breadth and depth, Grillner explores how the brain uses the different microcircuits in the brainstem and spinal cord, coordinating them through commands from the forebrain. He also considers the normal function of the brain as a platform for understanding clinical conditions such as stroke, Parkinson’s and Huntington’s diseases, and spinal cord injury.

Grillner also explains in The Brain in Motion how the remarkable finding that the lamprey forebrain has all the components of the mammalian one has radically changed scientists’ views on the evolutionary origin of the vertebrate forebrain. We now know that the basic organization evolved 560 rather than 300 million years ago, as was previously thought. The forebrain, says Grillner, is like an orchestra conductor, while the microcircuits, with their reaching, grasping, posture, locomotion, and numerous other patterns of behavior, correspond to the members of the orchestra. The conductor determines when each will be called into action.

Providing an elegantly integrated perspective, The Brain in Motion is essential reading for anybody that works professionally with movement control and function and dysfunction, whether in basic research, clinically, or in the training of motor skills.

Sten Grillner is Distinguished Professor at the Karolinska Institute in Sweden and previous head of the Nobel Institute for Neurophysiology.
Person, Thing, Robot

A Moral and Legal Ontology for the 21st Century and Beyond

David J. Gunkel

Why robots defy our existing moral and legal categories and how to revolutionize the way we think about them.

Robots are a curious sort of thing. On the one hand, they are technological artifacts—and thus, things. On the other hand, they seem to have social presence, because they talk and interact with us, and simulate the capabilities commonly associated with personhood. In *Person, Thing, Robot*, David Gunkel sets out to answer the vexing question: What exactly is a robot? Rather than try to fit robots into the existing categories by way of arguing for either their reification or personification, however, Gunkel argues for a revolutionary reformulation of the entire system, developing a new moral and legal ontology for the twenty-first century and beyond.

In this book, Gunkel investigates how and why efforts to use existing categories to classify robots fail, argues that “robot” designates an irreducible anomaly in the existing ontology, and formulates an alternative that restructures the ontological order in both moral philosophy and law. *Person, Thing, Robot* not only addresses the issues that are relevant to students, teachers, and researchers working in the fields of moral philosophy, philosophy of technology, science and technology studies (STS), and AI/robot law and policy, but it also speaks to controversies that are important to AI researchers, robotics engineers, and computer scientists concerned with the social consequences of their work.

Dispositif

A Cartography

edited by Greg Bird and Giovanbattista Tusa

A groundbreaking anthology that places dispositifs (“apparatuses”) at the center of contemporary thought.

Dispositif is one of the most prevalent yet elusive terms in contemporary thought. This comprehensive anthology brings together formative, germinal, and contemporary texts and visual applications to illuminate how central dispositifs are to contemporary theory. Greg Bird and Giovanbattista Tusa’s selection and placement of critical texts invite readers to explore common themes and genealogies, different interpretations and readings, and their diverse deployments across multiple disciplines and genres by such figures as Karl Marx, Franz Kafka, Judith Butler, Martin Heidegger, Gilbert Simondon, Michel Foucault, Edward Said, Jasbir Puar, Donna Haraway, Giorgio Agamben, Jacques Derrida, Tiqqun, Claire Fontaine, and many others.

*Dispositif* is a true toolbox for the development of technological ecology thinking that accounts for situated knowledge. This collection provides coordinates for reorienting oneself in a permanently changing world, offering possible roadmaps for navigating these profoundly uncertain times. More than just a compilation of interventions on the dispositif, this volume acts as a guide for understanding the complex interaction between technology, philosophy, and the languages of the arts and media.

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May We Make the World?
Gene Drives, Malaria, and the Future of Nature
Laurie Zoloth

An in-depth look at genetic alteration in the natural world and the oppositions to it, seen through the case study of a gene drive for malaria.

May We Make the World? is an engaging reflection on the history, nature, goal, and meaning of using a new technological idea—CRISPR-based genetic engineering—to alter the genome of the mosquito that carries malaria. This technology, called a “gene drive,” can alter the sex ratio in Anopheles gambiae mosquitoes, the key vector for the deadliest form of malaria, falciparum. Falciparum kills 400,000 people a year, and among those, largely the poorest children in the world. In her sobering examination of the issue, Laurie Zoloth considers the leading ethical arguments for and against gene drives, explores the regulatory efforts that have emerged long in advance of the science, and considers the philosophical questions raised by the struggle to eliminate malaria.

The development of a gene drive for malaria will have far-reaching implications, for it represents the first use of genetic engineering of the natural world and the first creation of a genetic variant intended to spread in the African wild, beyond human control. Drawing on two decades of work, Zoloth brilliantly argues that we can understand the complex moral issues at stake only by carefully reflecting on the science, the nature of the local and global discourse about genetic engineering, and the long history of malaria, which—as it transformed from a worldwide disease to a tropical one—reshaped the world as we know it.

Laurie Zoloth is Margaret E. Burton Professor of Religion and Ethics at the University of Chicago. She has been president of both the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities and the American Academy of Religion and was the founding chair of the HHMI Bioethics Advisory Committee. She is the author or coeditor of nine books on bioethics, the humanities, and emerging science, including The Human Embryonic Stem Cell Debate (MIT Press).

Winds of Doctrine
Studies in Contemporary Opinion
critical edition
Volume 9
George Santayana, David E. Spiech, Martin A. Coleman, and Faedra Lazar Weiss
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A critical edition of a classic work by the renowned philosopher George Santayana evaluating key movements in American intellectual history.

Winds of Doctrine presents six essays by the internationally recognized critic and philosopher George Santayana on modern philosophy and culture. The essays, edited by David Spiech, Martin Coleman, and Faedra Lazar Weiss, and introduced by Paul Forster, address the broad sweep of intellectual trends—or, as the title suggests, the ever-changing winds of thought—of the Spanish-born American thinker’s time. The topics range from the secularization of American culture to the rise of religious modernism to the “genteel tradition” in American philosophy, the subject of Santayana’s final lecture in America and perhaps his best known essay.

The original Winds of Doctrine, published in 1913, was the first book published after Santayana’s 1912 departure for Europe. Santayana had felt stifled at Harvard for some time, and his long-contemplated resignation from academia released him from previous obligations and allowed him a new freedom to think and write. Much later, Santayana remarked on the significance of that choice to step away: “In Winds of Doctrine and my subsequent books, a reader of my earlier writings may notice a certain change of climate. . . . It was not my technical philosophy that was principally affected, but rather the meaning and status of philosophy for my inner man.”

George Santayana (1863–1952) was a philosopher, poet, critic, and novelist. The MIT Press has published The Letters of George Santayana in eight books and The Life of Reason in five books. David E. Spiech has worked in commercial and academic publishing since 1999. Since 2003 he has been on the staff of the Santayana Edition at the Institute for American Thought, helping to produce the critical edition of The Works of George Santayana. Martin A. Coleman is Associate Professor of Philosophy at IUPUI School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI. He is the editor of The Essential Santayana and the director and editor of the Santayana Edition, which is publishing The Works of George Santayana. Faedra Lazar Weiss joined the Santayana Edition as Assistant Editor in August 2018.
Innovation and Adaptation in War
Matthew A. Tattar

An analysis of advances in military technology that illustrates the importance of organizational flexibility in both an attacker’s innovations and an opponent’s adaptations.

How important is military innovation in determining outcomes during armed conflict? In Innovation and Adaptation in War, Matthew Tattar questions the conventional wisdom that, to succeed, military organizations must innovate early and often. Because successful methods of warfare are soon widely imitated or countered on the international stage, the advantages of a particular innovation quickly evaporate. Therefore, Tattar argues, large-scale innovations at the cost of organizational flexibility and the ability to adapt to an adversary’s innovations may not be the optimal path—not just because force readiness is vital but also because innovation does not provide as long-lasting and decisive an advantage as may have been previously thought.

Although other scholars have analyzed the sources of military innovation, Tattar is the first to focus on the relationship between innovation and specific military outcomes. Looking at several different types of military organizations and many different types of battles, he draws on theoretical works, in-depth historical research, and case studies, and finds that the initial advantages that are generated by innovation disappear far too rapidly in wartime for militaries to depend on them for victory. Furthermore, as Tattar demonstrates, emphasizing innovation in defense planning at the expense of organizational flexibility can have significant negative consequences. The decisive factor in successful adaptation, more often than not, is a well-positioned and flexible organization. Providing both a new framework for studying military innovation and a comprehensive review of the current literature in this field, Innovation and Adaptation in War offers crucial policy-making insights into when and under what circumstances militaries should innovate and adapt.

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Experiences of Homelessness and Care in Rural New England
Elizabeth Carpenter-Song

An intimate account of rural New England families living on the edge of homelessness, as well as the practices and policies of care that fail them.

Families on the Edge is an ethnographic portrait of families in rural and small-town New England who are often undercut by the very systems that are set up to help them. In this book, author and medical anthropologist Elizabeth Carpenter-Song draws on a decade of ethnographic research to chart the struggles of a cohort of families she met in a Vermont family shelter in 2009, as they contend with housing insecurity, mental illness, and substance use. Few other works have attempted to take such a long-term view of how vulnerability to homelessness unfolds over time or to engage so fully with existing scholarship in the fields of anthropology and health services.

Research on homelessness in the United States has been overwhelmingly conducted in urban settings, so much less is known about its trajectory in rural areas and small towns. Carpenter-Song’s book identifies how specific aspects of rural New England—including scarce affordable housing stock, extremely limited transportation, and cultural expectations of self-reliance—come together to thwart opportunities for families despite their continual striving to “make it” in this environment. Carpenter-Song shines a light on the many high-stakes consequences that occur when systems of care fail and offers a way forward for clinicians, health researchers, and policymakers seeking practical solutions.

Elizabeth Carpenter-Song is currently Research Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology at Dartmouth College. Her work has been published in journals ranging from Ethos to Psychiatric Services to Journal of Social Distress and the Homeless.

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Jessica Kirk

How the West African Ebola epidemic was transformed from an urgent and distant tragedy into an existential threat to American lives—establishing the dynamics that would later dominate the US response to epidemics such as COVID-19.

In 2014 and 2015, the viral Ebola epidemic in West Africa inspired breathless US media coverage and became the subject of heated public debate over just how to understand the security issue that the outbreak presented. Was it a security concern because of the lives at risk in West Africa? Or because of its threat to regional and global stability? Or was it potentially a threat to the American people? In More than a Health Crisis, Jessica Kirk reveals how these varied positions spoke to divisions within the American public, concerning how we think about and respond to uncertainty, competing expertise, and securitization.

Kirk insightfully examines how experts in different fields offered conflicting assessments of the risks posed by Ebola, and then goes on to analyze how the US press undermined the authority of the public health experts who accurately predicted that the virus posed little danger to Americans. Reading the media coverage of the Ebola epidemic as a case study in the biopolitics of fear, Kirk considers how the US response reflected not only anxieties over globalization but also long-held narratives about the “Dark Continent.” Finally, Kirk shows how the US and global public response to the Ebola outbreak challenged traditional models of securitization and identifies patterns that have tragically recurred with subsequent epidemics such as COVID-19 and monkeypox.

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A Woman’s Right to Know
Pregnancy Testing in Twentieth-Century Britain
Jesse Olszynko-Gryn

The history of pregnancy testing, and how it transformed from an esoteric laboratory tool to a commonplace of everyday life.

Pregnancy testing has never been easier. Waiting on one side or the other of the bathroom door for a “positive” or “negative” result has become a modern ritual and rite of passage. Today, the ubiquitous home pregnancy test is implicated in personal decisions and public debates about all aspects of reproduction, from miscarriage and abortion to the “biological clock” and IVF. Yet, only three generations ago, women typically waited not minutes but months to find out whether they were pregnant. A Woman’s Right to Know tells, for the first time, the story of pregnancy testing—one of the most significant and least studied technologies of reproduction.

Focusing on Britain from around 1900 to the present day, Jesse Olszynko-Gryn shows how demand shifted from doctors to women, and then goes further to explain the remarkable transformation of pregnancy testing from an obscure laboratory service to an easily accessible (though fraught) tool for every woman. Lastly, the book reflects on resources the past might contain for the present and future of sexual and reproductive health.

Solidly researched and compellingly argued, Olszynko-Gryn demonstrates that the rise of pregnancy testing has had significant—and not always expected—impact and has led to changes in the ways in which we conceive of pregnancy itself.

Jesse Olszynko-Gryn is a historian of science, technology, and medicine at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. As co-lead on the internationally collaborative research project “Risky Hormones,” he works with patient groups to investigate the contested science and politics of birth defects in the post-thalidomide world.

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Where does science and technology studies (STS) belong? In A Place for Science and Technology Studies, Jane Calvert takes readers through eight different rooms—the laboratory, the conference room, the classroom, the coffee room, the art studio, the bioethics building, the policy room, and the ivory tower—investigating the possibilities and limitations of each for STS research.

Drawing from over a decade of work in synthetic biology, Calvert explores three different orientations for STS—observation, intervention, and collaboration—to ask whether there is a place for STS, which, as an undisciplined field, often finds itself on the periphery of traditional institutions or dependent on more generously funded STEM disciplines. Using examples of failures and successes and tackling enduring concerns about the relations between social scientific researchers and their fields of study, Calvert argues for an approach to STS that is collaborative yet allows for autonomy.

Dare to Invent the Future
Knowledge in the Service of and through Problem-Solving
Clapperton Chakanetsa Mavhunga

A rallying manifesto for the innovative problem-solving we need to build a better, more verdant, and sustainable planetary existence.

Academics are letting Africa down. With all that we know, what do we have to show for it? Whose lives have been changed for the better by it? What have we done for and with our communities lately? In this provocative book—the first in a trilogy—Clapperton Chakanetsa Mavhunga argues that our critical thinkers must become actual thinker-doers. Taking its title from one of Thomas Sankara’s most inspirational speeches, Dare to Invent the Future looks for moments in Africa’s story where precedents of critical thought and knowledge in service of problem-solving are evident to inspire readers to dare to invent such a knowledge system.

Mavhunga revisits insights from Edward Wilmot Blyden, Booker T. Washington, Aimé Césaire, Frantz Fanon, Amilcar Cabral, Julius Nyerere, and Sankara to illustrate how the academic disciplines have been, and could be, deployed in the service of and through problem-solving, building on what people are doing and know. At its core, he writes, knowledge in the service of and through problem-solving derives from reading the past for new questions, doing due diligence on the present, and contriving an anticipatory approach toward the future.

Questioning the fundamental premises of Western and white knowledge production, especially regarding science and technology, Mavhunga proposes in this book refreshingly new approaches to thinking-doing that stem from African realities, in the hopes of inspiring a generation that will run toward, not away from, problems to solve them.

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Christine E. Evans and Lars Lundgren

The compelling and little-known history of satellite communications that reveals the Soviet and Eastern European roles in the development of its infrastructure.

Taking its title from Hannah Arendt’s description of artificial earth satellites, No Heavenly Bodies explores the history of the first two decades of satellite communications. Christine Evans and Lars Lundgren trace how satellite communications infrastructure was imagined, negotiated, and built across the Earth’s surface, including across the Iron Curtain. While the United States’ and European countries’ roles in satellite communications are well documented, Evans and Lundgren delve deep into the role the Soviet Union and other socialist countries played in shaping the infrastructure of satellite communications technology in its first two decades.

Departing from the Cold War binary and the competitive framework that has animated much of space historiography and telecommunications history, No Heavenly Bodies focuses instead on interaction, cooperation, and mutual influence across the Cold War divide.

Evans and Lundgren describe the expansion of satellite communications networks as a process of negotiation and interaction, rather than a simple contest of technological and geopolitical prowess. In so doing, they make visible the significant overlaps, shared imaginaries, points of contact and exchange, and negotiated settlements that determined the shape of satellite communications in its formative decades.

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Rational Accidents
Reckoning with Catastrophic Technologies
John Downer

An unflinching look at the unique challenges posed by complex technologies we cannot afford to let fail—and why the remarkable achievements of civil aviation can help us understand those challenges.

Nuclear reactors, deep-sea drilling platforms, deterrence infrastructures—these are all complex and formidable technologies with the potential to fail catastrophically. In Rational Accidents, John Downer outlines a new perspective on technological failure, arguing that undetectable errors can lurk in even the most rigorous and “rational” assessments of these systems due to the inherent limits of engineering tests and models. Building on this, Downer finds that it should be impossible, from an epistemological viewpoint, to achieve the near-perfect reliability we require of our most safety-critical technologies. There is, however, one such technology that demonstrably appears to achieve these “impossible” reliabilities: jetliners.

Downer looks closely at civil aviation and how it has reckoned with the problem of failure. He finds that the way we conceive of jetliner reliability hides the real practices by which it is achieved. And he shows us why those practices are much less transferrable across technological domains than we are led to believe. Fully understanding why jetliners don’t crash, he concludes, should lead us to doubt the safety of other “ultra-reliable” technologies.

A unique and sobering exploration of technological reliability from an STS perspective, Rational Accidents is essential reading for understanding why our most safety-critical technologies are even more dangerous than we believe.

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How should a gestural interface react to a “flick” versus a “dab”? Versus a “punch”? Should robots reach out to a human counterpart with a direct, telescoping action or through a circuitous arc in space? Just as different movements express the different internal states of human movers, so too can the engineered systems behind robots. In Making Meaning with Machines, Amy LaViers and Catherine Maguire offer a refreshingly embodied approach to machine design that supports the growing need to make meaning with machines by using the field of movement studies, including choreography, somatics, and notation, to engage in the process of designing expressive robots.

Drawing upon the Laban/Bartenieff tradition, LaViers and Maguire sharpen the movement analysis methodology, expanding the material through their work with machines and putting forward new conventions, such as capitalization, naming, and notation schemes, that make the embodied work more legible for academic contexts. The book includes an overview of movement studies, exercises that define the presented taxonomy and principles of movement, case studies in movement analysis of both humans and robots, and state-of-the-art research at the intersection of robotics and dance.

Making Meaning with Machines is a much-needed primer for observing, describing, and creating a wide array of movement patterns, which ultimately can help facilitate broader and better design choices for roboticists, technologists, and designers.

Amy LaViers runs the Robotics, Automation, and Dance Lab, a Philadelphia-based nonprofit for art-making, commercialization, education, outreach, and research. Catherine (Cat) Maguire has been teaching in the Laban/Bartenieff Movement System for over 40 years and works as a faculty member of WholeMovement, a coterie of movement analysts working together to promote movement studies globally. She also teaches ongoing movement classes at McGuffey Art Center in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Shifting Gears
Toward a New Way of Thinking about Transportation
Susan Handy

An expertly woven history and critique of the ideas shaping transportation in the United States.

Excruciating traffic jams. Struggling transit agencies. An epidemic of pedestrian fatalities. It is clear that transportation is not working in the United States and that we need to rethink our approach. In Shifting Gears, Susan Handy provides an in-depth history of the ideas embedded in American transportation policy and the emergence of new ways of thinking that could give us better transportation options. Weaving in bits of her own personal narrative, Handy gives readers a deeper and clearer understanding of our transportation system and the roots of its successes and failures.

Handy covers the myriad costs of car ownership, the futility of expanding highways, and the misplaced faith in technological innovation. She offers new ideas and strategies that can improve the health of our car-centric transportation system—most crucially, the idea that communities across the country must create an array of choices for daily travel. Shifting Gears asserts that a diverse transportation ecosystem is essential for creating more just, sustainable communities, but getting there will take a dramatic shift in how we think about transportation.

Susan Handy is Distinguished Professor of Environmental Science and Policy and Director of the National Center for Sustainable Transportation at the University of California, Davis, where she also chairs the graduate program in Transportation Technology and Policy.

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The Ghost Reader
Recovering Women’s Contributions to Media Studies
Elena D. Hristova, Aimee-Marie Dorsten, and Carol A. Stabile

The scholarship, research, and criticism of women who developed key theories of communication and methods for the study of media.

The Ghost Reader offers a fresh perspective on the intellectual history of the field of media studies, a broad scholarly field that encompasses the interdisciplinary and overlapping fields of media studies, cultural studies, and communication studies. By recovering the work of the diverse group of women who labored at the margins of media studies as it took shape during the formative years of communication research between the 1930s and the 1950s, and providing scholarly contexts for this work, The Ghost Reader shows that “intersectional considerations” were key modes of engagement for intellectuals, academics, and activists who happened to be women. They did so decades before feminist perspectives were reintegrated into histories of the field.

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When the dead begin speaking to sixteen-year-old Kim Nguyen, her peaceful childhood is over.

A delicate meditation on the nature of ghosts, belief, and how the future is shaped by the past. When the dead begin speaking to sixteen-year-old Kim Nguyen, her peaceful childhood is over. Suddenly everyone wants to exploit her new talent—her family, the Vietnamese government, and even the spirits themselves.

Hoa Pham is the author of several books and two plays. Her most recent publication is Empathy, also published by Goldsmiths Press under the Gold SF imprint. She is also the founder of Peril Magazine, an Asian-Australian online arts and culture magazine. Hoa lives in Melbourne, Australia.

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Lily Robert-Foley

The history and future of an alternative, oppositional translation practice.

The threat of machine translation has given way to an alternative, experimental practice of translation that reflects upon and hijacks traditional paradigms. In much the same way that photography initiated a break in artistic practices with the threat of an absolute fidelity to the real, machine translation has paradoxically liberated human translators to err, to diverge, to tamper with the original, blurring creation and imitation with cyborg collage and appropriation.

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Familiar Faces
Photography, Memory, and Argentina’s Disappeared
edited by Piotr Cieplak

An exploration of the rich and varied relationship between photography and the most recent Argentine dictatorship.

Familiar Faces offers a diverse, theoretically rich, and empirically informed exploration of photography in Argentina’s memorial, political, and artistic landscape.

During the country’s most recent civic-military dictatorship (1976–1983), 30,000 people were disappeared or killed by the state. Over the decades, vernacular and professional photographs have been central to the Argentine struggle for justice. They were used not only to protest the disappearances under the dictatorship and to denounce the authorities, but also as tools of political and social activism, and for remembering the disappeared.

With contributions from leading Argentina-based anthropologists, ethnographers, curators, art scholars, media researchers, and photographers, Familiar Faces moves beyond the traditional considerations of representation, focusing instead on the ways in which photography is continuously reimagined as a tool of memory, mourning, and political and judicial activism. In so doing, it considers the diverse uses of press photography; artistic practice; photographs of the disappeared in domestic rituals; photographs of the inmates of torture centers; the reclamation of images taken by the dictatorial state for memorial and activist purposes.

Written and published at a crucial moment in Argentine memory politics, Familiar Faces offers a geographically and formally diverse selection of case studies, with international as well as regional resonance. While firmly rooted in this national context, the book contributes to wider, global debates about the increasingly pervasive role of the photographic image in relation to state-sponsored violence.

Piotr Cieplak is a filmmaker, writer, and academic. Prior to joining the University of Sussex as Senior Lecturer in Filmmaking, he held positions at SOAS, Africa Research Institute, and Brunel University London. Piotr’s films have won awards and screened widely at international film festivals, conferences, and on television.

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The Effect of Tropical Light on White Men

Catherine Lord

An investigation of memory, both personal and national, that broadens the dialogue on colonialism, complicity, and cultural property.

In March 2001, artist and writer Catherine Lord returned to the Commonwealth of Dominica, one of the more insignificant of the fifty-nine colonies of the British Empire, and the place where she was born in 1949. On the last day of her stay, Lord was loaned three leather-bound ledgers, the commonplace books of Dr. Henry Alfred Alford Nicholls, a botanist, physician, and plantation owner on the island from the 1870s until his death in 1926. Throughout the ledgers, Nicholls stored quotations from his readings under headings that he invented, from abuse to coffee, errors to manners, praise to woman.

In *The Effect of Tropical Light on White Men*, a title appropriated from an obscure eugenics tract, Lord takes Nicholls’s headings as the framework for a bellicose, mordant, and often wry critique of power relations between colonizer and colonized, public and private, image and word. In over 300 entries, she takes an unflinching look at artists like Agostino Brunias, patrons like politician and sugar plantation owner Sir William Young, novelists like Jean Rhys, forced to leave her home island for England; a portrait of a Creole white by a lesbian Polish Jew, and a possibly bootlegged copy of Heinrich von Angeli painting of Queen Victoria.

Catherine Lord fills her commonplace book with analyses of paintings and poems, anecdotes about her own upbringing details from slave registries housed in the National Archives, and anti-racist, post-colonial, and queer texts. Through its nuanced explorations of visual culture and novel approach to art historical study, *The Effect of Tropical Light on White Men* broadens the dialogue on colonialism, complicity, and cultural property.

Catherine Lord, Professor Emerita of Art at the University of California, Irvine, and former Dean of the School of Art at the California Institute of the Arts, is an artist and creative nonfiction writer who now lives in New York.

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Alien Daughters Walk Into the Sun
An Almanac of Extreme Girlhood
Jackie Wang

The early writings of renowned poet and critical theorist Jackie Wang, drawn from her early zines, indie-lit crit, and prolific early 2000s blog.

Compiled as a field guide, travelogue, essay collection, and weather report, Alien Daughters Walk Into the Sun traces Jackie Wang’s trajectory from hard femme to Harvard, from dumpster dives and highway bike rides to dropping out of an MFA program, becoming a National Book Award finalist, and writing her trenchant book Carceral Capitalism. Alien Daughters charts the dream-seeking misadventures of an “odd girl” from Florida who emerged from punk houses and early Tumblr to become the powerful writer she is today. Anarchic and beautifully personal, Alien Daughters is a strange intellectual autobiography that demonstrates Wang’s singular self-education: an early life lived where every day and every written word began like the Tarot’s Fool, with a leap of faith.

Jackie Wang is a poet, scholar, multimedia artist, and Assistant Professor of American Studies and Ethnicity at the University of Southern California. She is the author of the poetry collection The Sunflower Cast a Spell to Save Us from the Void (2021), which was a finalist for the National Book Award, the critical essay collection Carceral Capitalism (Semiotext(e), 2018); and the chapbooks The Twitter Hive Mind Is Dreaming (2018) and Tiny Spelunker of the Oneiro-Womb (2016). Her research is on racial capitalism, surveillance technology, and the political economy of prisons and police.
Sleepless
A Memoir of Insomnia
Marie Darrieussecq
translated by Penny Hueston

A restless inquiry into the cultural and psychic sources of insomnia by one of contemporary French literature’s most elegant voices.

Plagued by insomnia for twenty years, Marie Darrieussecq turns her attention to the causes, implications, and consequences of sleeplessness: a nocturnal suffering that culminates at 4 a.m. and then defines the next day. “Insomniac mornings are dead mornings,” she observes. Prevented from falling asleep by her dread of exhaustion the next day, Darrieussecq turns to hypnosis, psychoanalysis, alcohol, pills, and meditation. Her entrapment within this spiraling anguish prompts her inspired, ingenious search across literature, geopolitical history, psychoanalysis, and her own experience to better understand where insomnia comes from and what it might mean. There are those, she writes, in Rwanda, whose vivid memories of genocide leave them awake and transfixed by complete horror; there is the insomnia of the unhoused, who have nowhere to put their heads down. The hyperconnection of urban professional life transforms her bedroom from a haven to a dormant electrified node.

Ranging between autobiography, clinical observation, and criticism, Sleepless is a graceful, inventive meditation by one of the most daring, inventive novelists writing today.

Marie Darrieussecq is one of the leading voices in contemporary French literature. Her first novel, Pig Tales, was a finalist for France’s prestigious Prix Goncourt in 1996 and became an international bestseller. Her 2013 novel Men: A Novel of Cinema and Desire received the Prix Médicis, and her luminous, voluptuous portrait of the artist Paula Modersohn-Becker, Being Here Is Everything, was published in English by Semiotext(e) in 2017. Darrieussecq has also worked as a translator and a psychoanalyst.

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Natasha Stagg

A document of New York from an author too close to the story to be a trustworthy eyewitness.

Composed of stories, fragmentary essays, and even press releases Natasha Stagg has been commissioned to write, Artless captures the media landscape lived and generated in New York during the past almost-decade. Since the 2016 publication of her debut novel Surveys, Stagg has positioned herself as an in-demand expert on—and critic of—the psychic experience of self-mythology within the cruelly optimistic metaverse of infinite branding. Part voyeur and part participant, Stagg continues her exploration of the branded identity and its elusive, bottomless desire for authenticity.


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Sasha Frere-Jones’s evolution as a writer and musician with the deceptively casual intelligence that marks all of his work.

Shuttling between his first year of life (1967) and the year he wrote the book (2020), Earlier is a glorious sequence of moments, a record of the experiences that set the shape of a life. Frere-Jones’s prose floats between clinically precise fragments and emotional impressions of revelations, pleasures, and accidents. It’s a book about how lives happen and sensibilities form.

As fellow music critic Alex Ross observes, “It is weird to write a book about yourself, as this book is well aware. Gazing in the mirror is not mass entertainment. Sasha Frere-Jones, a writer of nonchalant, rope-a-dope power, drops the illusion of self-knowledge and instead offers up a kaleidoscope of memory shards, faithful to the chaos of inner and outer worlds. Earlier is funny, cool, raw, wise, and secretly sublime.”

Begun in 2010, Earlier was completed at the request of Deborah Holmes, to whom the book is dedicated. Holmes is the mother of Frere-Jones’s two boys, Sam and Jonah. Diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in July of 2020, Holmes died in January of 2021. Earlier is the last book she read.

Frere-Jones says, “Deborah was the most enthusiastic reader I’ve ever met. She read when she wasn’t doing something else, and that never changed. She asked me to write this when we met, in 1990. I am sorry I made her wait so long.”

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The Footlights (1983) was the first book by Serge Daney, a film critic admired in his lifetime by Gilles Deleuze and Jean-Luc Godard and recognized since his premature death in 1992 as the most important French writer on film after André Bazin. The Footlights stands apart in Daney’s body of work as the only collection of his essays he conceived of as a book, organizing his seminal pieces from Cahiers du Cinéma by theme and linking them with original texts that reflect in a personal voice on the doubts, battles, and illuminations of a generation of film lovers inspired by the explorations of Lacanian theory and roused by the collective aspirations of Maoist dogma. In pieces on fellow travelers Godard and Straub/Huillet, on films ranging from Pasolini’s Saló to Spielberg’s Jaws, and on the difference between film language and television discourse, Daney offers a definitive portrait of an era of radical hope and disappointment.


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An ode to mad love, awarded the Prix de Flore in 1999.

Published in 1999 and awarded that year’s Prix de Flore, Nicolas Pages marks a departure from the Sadean preoccupations of Guillaume Dustan’s first three novels; it is, in essence, a love story. Inspired by a failed romance with the Swiss artist-writer Nicolas Pages and collaging texts that Dustan initially produced for a wide variety of other occasions (magazine articles, short stories, project notes, shopping lists, and more), the “auto-/bio-/porno-graphic” prose of Nicolas Pages is by turns trashy and encyclopedic, corporeal and philosophical. Here Dustan inaugurates a “gay literature” that is no longer painful or shameful, but epicurean and cheerful without ever lapsing into idealism. A vibrant plea for gay rights and a tapestried text that is more than the sum of its many styles, Nicolas Pages is a call to explore the body, sexuality, and writing in all their variety; it is a hymn to life, humanity, pleasure, and desire.

Guillaume Dustan (1965–2005) worked as an administrative judge in France before turning to writing full-time. He is the author of eight books, including the award-winning novel Nicolas Pages. He was posthumously awarded the Prix Sade in 2013.

The Screwball Asses
Christian Maurel
introduction by Antoine Idier
translated by Noura Wedell

A foundational work of queer theory.

First published anonymously in the notorious “Three Billion Perverts” issue of Félix Guattari’s journal Recherches—banned by French authorities upon its release in 1973—The Screwball Asses was erroneously attributed to Guy Hocquenghem when it was first published in English in 2009. This second edition of that translation, with a new preface by Hocquenghem biographer Antoine Idier that clarifies the different theoretical positions within France’s Front Homosexuel d’Action Révolutionaire, returns the text to its true author: writer, journalist, and activist Christian Maurel.

In this dramatic treatise on erotic desire, Maurel takes on the militant delusions and internal contradictions of the gay-liberation movement. He vivisects not only the stifled mores of bourgeois capitalism, but also the phallocratic concessions of so-called homophiles and, ultimately, the very act of speaking desire. Rejecting any “pure theory” of homosexuality that would figure its “otherness” as revolutionary, Maurel contends that the ruling classes have invented homosexuality as a sexual ghetto, splitting and mutilating desire in the process. It is only when nondesire and the desire of desire are enacted simultaneously through speech and body that homosexuality can finally be sublimated under the true act of “making love.” There are thousands of sexes on earth, according to Maurel, but only one sexual desire. The Screwball Asses is a revelatory disquisition.

Christian Maurel (1931–2011) was active in France’s Front Homosexuel d’Action Révolutionaire (Homosexual Front for Revolutionary Action) in the early-to-mid 1970s. He worked as a journalist for the Nouvel Observateur and L’Express, among other venues. In addition to poetry, he published a number of books and articles, including his notorious contribution to early queer theory, The Screwball Asses.

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This book demonstrates how architecture served the political economy of postwar Europe as a means of turning coal, steel, and radioactivity into tools of European governance. Architectural design enabled EU institutions to support social policies and worker housing within the coal and steel industry as well as to promote a new pan-European lifestyle based on nuclear energy. In other words, architecture powered Europe’s larger infrastructural, economic, and cultural network. Pohl’s work not only sheds light on how architecture has contributed to the carbonization of Europe, it also highlights the environmental issue, which challenges both architectural criticism and historiography in the era of the Anthropocene.

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Contributors

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Bonaventure Soh Bejeng Ndikung

Bonaventure Soh Bejeng Ndikung proposes Pidgin languages as expressions of resistance to settler colonialism and pidginization as a way to approach curating (and the world), creating new spaces for encounter, knowledge, and pluralities. Deftly deploying the thinking, writing, and rhythmic beat of musicians, philosophers, linguists, poets, and novelists, Ndikung offers a new vision for activist curatorial practice and beyond. This is the third volume of the series Thoughts on Curating, edited by Steven Henry Madoff.

Bonaventure Soh Bejeng Ndikung (born in 1977 in Yaoundé, Cameroon) is the founder and artistic director of SAVVY Contemporary in Berlin, the artistic director of Sonsbeek20–24, a quadrennial contemporary art exhibition in Arnhem, the Netherlands, and Professor in the Spatial Strategies MA program at the Weißensee Academy of Art in Berlin. In 2023, Ndikung will become the director of Haus der Kulturen der Welt (HKW) in Berlin. Steven Henry Madoff, an award-winning writer, editor, and poet, has written extensively on contemporary art for such publications as Artforum, the New York Times, and Time magazine, and published numerous monographs on leading artists. He is Senior Critic at Yale University’s School of Art.

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Silent Whale Letters

A Long-Distance Correspondence, on All Frequencies

Ella Finer and Vibeke Mascini

edited by Kate Briggs

A long-distance correspondence reflecting on the infravoice of a blue whale and other so-called “silent” subjects.

Silent Whale Letters is part of an ongoing collaboration between writer and composer Ella Finer and visual artist and writer Vibeke Mascini. Across twenty-four letters they reflect on “silent whale”—an inaudible sound recording residing in the British Library Sound.

The infrasonic blue whale voice, the subject of the sonic document in the Sound Archive, can only be heard if the frequencies are sped up and made audible to human hearing. This is both the opening provocation of the letters and the infrasonic beat that underscores the whole epistolary exchange. How does the silent document affect the logic of the archive? How might such a document encourage us to attend to listening as a practice of preservation?

The letters chart a process that is equally conceptual and intimate, theoretical and deeply personal, as the correspondence moves through discussions of (amniotic) undercurrents, call-and-response mechanisms, energetic wavelengths, oceanic and archival memory, mysterious scales, and the watery acoustic commons.

Ella Finer’s work in sound and performance spans writing, composing, and curating with a particular interest in how women’s voices take up space. Vibeke Mascini explores through sculptures, installations, video, and text, a scaling of abstract phenomena into a sensorial scope, with the intention to seek agency from intimacy. Kate Briggs is a writer and translator based in Rotterdam, NL, where she teaches on the Masters in Fine Art at the Piet Zwart Institute. She is the author of This Little Art (2017) and Entertaining Ideas (2019).

Kafka for Kids

Roee Rosen

foreword by Fanni Fetzer

The pilot episode of a TV series that perversely aims to make Kafka’s tales palpable for toddlers.

Roee Rosen’s film Kafka for Kids is set as the pilot episode for a TV series that perversely aims to make Kafka’s tale “The Metamorphosis” palpable for toddlers. In its title, the film Kafka for Kids implies that the intellectual great of modern literature will finally be presented in a way that is generally understandable. Rosen wants to present Franz Kafka, of all people, with his contorted thought constructions, in a way that is even accessible to kids! But unfortunately, that’s not how things turn out: the star writer of the educated middle class is not simplified, but his story becomes much more complex, corresponding to reality, for reality is more complicated than we like to represent using biaxial graphs.

Featuring the original script of the movie, readers are invited to dive into a magical story, followed by essays that give a deeper insight in the literary aspects of Rosen’s oeuvre. A stowaway on the journey, Rosen playfully and with wonderful self-irony does not negate the complexity of the present, but takes it to the next level by exploring how all things are interlinked.

Roee Rosen is an Israeli multidisciplinary artist, writer, and filmmaker. He studied philosophy and comparative literature studies in Tel Aviv University from School of Visual Arts, New York in 1989. Rosen received MFA from Hunter College in New York in 1991. He is a professor at Beit Berl College in Kfar-Saba and at the Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design in Jerusalem. His work has been shown national and internationally and was featured at Documenta 14.

Ella Finer’s work in sound and performance spans writing, composing, and curating with a particular interest in how women’s voices take up space. Vibeke Mascini explores through sculptures, installations, video, and text, a scaling of abstract phenomena into a sensorial scope, with the intention to seek agency from intimacy. Kate Briggs is a writer and translator based in Rotterdam, NL, where she teaches on the Masters in Fine Art at the Piet Zwart Institute. She is the author of This Little Art (2017) and Entertaining Ideas (2019).

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Nadia Belerique has exhibited at the Toronto Biennial of Art (2022) and the New Museum Triennial (2021). Recent solo exhibitions include “Body In Trouble” at Fogo Island Arts (2022), “There’s A Hole In The Bucket” at Daniel Faria Gallery (2019), “On Sleep Stones” at Grazer Kunstverein (2018), and “The Weather Channel” at Oakville Galleries (2018). Her work has been exhibited internationally at venues such as Kunstverein Braunschweig, Braunschweig (2020); Lyles & King, New York (2019); Arsenal Contemporary, New York (2018); Vie d’ange, Montréal (2017); Tensta Konsthall, Spånga (2016); The Power Plant, Toronto (2015); and Kunsthalle Wien, Vienna (2014).
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The Life and Thought Crimes of Robert Anton Wilson

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The first biography of the late countercultural novelist and underground philosopher Robert Anton Wilson.

Chapel Perilous is the first biography of the late countercultural novelist and underground philosopher, Robert Anton Wilson. Author with Robert Shea of ILLUMINATUS!—one of American literature’s most notorious novels—Wilson’s life and work were infused with magical insight and strange occurrence, apparently fated traumas and puckish tricksterism. His experiences of paranoia, celestial influence, and conspiracy have come to furnish both speculative thought and fiction with a unique repertoire of thought experiments, while his legacy might be recognized in the work of writers as diverse as Alan Moore, Douglas Rushkoff, and Tom Robbins.

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Gabriel Kennedy, aka Prop Anon, is an actor, musician, and writer whose work can be seen on BoingBoing.net, Realitysandwich.com, Mondo2000.com, and his own website, Chapelperilous.us. Chapel Perilous: The Life and Thought Crimes of Robert Anton Wilson is his first book.

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