Ike Holter’s Sender thrives on the contrast between order and chaos and the tensions that emerge as we leave childhood and adolescence behind to contend with the demands of “adulting.” In this comedy, Holter presents us with four millennial friends wrestling with these issues. While each is at a different stage of “growing up,” one of the friends has disappeared and has been presumed dead. Yet, at the beginning of the play, he returns and completely upends the balance established in his absence. This witty, foul-mouthed, and razor-sharp play asks: “What does growing up mean . . . and is it even desired in this day and age?”

Sender is one of seven plays in Holter’s Rightlynd saga, all to be published by Northwestern University Press. Modeled on August Wilson’s iconic series exploring African American life in Pittsburgh, Holter’s plays are set in Chicago’s fictional fifty-first ward. The other plays in the cycle are Exit Strategy, Lottery Day, Prowess, Red Rex, Rightlynd, and The Wolf at the End of the Block.

IKE HOLTER is a resident playwright at Victory Gardens Theater and the artistic director of The Roustabouts. His plays have been produced at the Steppenwolf Garage, the Philadelphia Theatre Company, Off-Broadway at Barrow Street Theatre and Cherry Lane Theatre, and elsewhere. He is the 2017 winner of the Windham-Campbell Literature Prize for drama. His other produced plays include Hit the Wall, Exit Strategy, Loom, B-Side Studio, The Wolf at the End of the Block, Prowess, and The Light Fantastic.

“Very funny and charming . . . a highly entertaining dissection of Midwestern millennials . . . [Sender] plows the very familiar territory of the 30ish person’s agonized transition into arrested adulthood but is notable nonetheless for its wry humor, rich language, authentic compassion and distinct whiff of direct authorial experience.” —Chicago Tribune

“Holter, the Chicago-based wunderkind best known for his Stonewall-riot drama Hit the Wall, is fearless here. He lets his characters spin out like wet clay on a lopsided potter’s wheel, knowing there’s every possibility they’ll end up, well, hitting the wall.” —Chicago Reader

ALSO OF INTEREST

Exit Strategy: A Play
Ike Holter
PAPER 978-0-8101-3883-4 $15.00
A new conversation in visual poetics has arrived in the form of an altar to the “blk” experience that is avery r. young’s debut collection, neckbone: visual verses. A multidisciplinary work that speaks the gospel of the black experience through young’s years of supernatural fieldwork in music and history, and possesses the deep-seated dialect of Chicago’s West Side, neckbone invites, engages, and challenges all to see beyond the traditional spaces in which poems are shaped.

neckbone is a distinct conversation—in poetry and black thought. young’s bird’s-eye view of pop culture, from Billie Holiday and Nina Simone to today—removes the stark stiches of how we see the world, past and present, through poetry. This collection reads as the liner notes of a poet’s experience. A poet who hears the music of poetry. An artist who interprets poetry with a shapeshifting mind and heart.

avery r. young is best known as a poet, songwriter, performer, and multidisciplinary artist. He is also an award-winning teaching artist who mentors youth in creative writing and theater. He has been an Arts and Public Life Artist-in-Residence at the University of Chicago and has written curricula for Columbia College Chicago, Young Leeds Authors, True Star Magazine, and the Chicago Public Schools Art Integration Department. young’s poems and essays on HIV awareness, misogyny, race records, and art integration have been published in The BreakBeat Poets, The Golden Shovel Anthology: New Poems Honoring Gwendolyn Brooks, AIMPrint: New Relationships in the Arts and Learning, and other anthologies.

THEASTER GATES is renowned internationally for his interdisciplinary blend of social practice, performance, institution-building, painting, and sculpting. His practice, deeply rooted in African-American histories and culture, revolves around the transformation of objects, buildings and communities by catalyzing development through art and cultural activity.
“I have never encountered a book filled with such defying, defiant soul. I cannot predict nor describe the potential audience for this book, but I assure you I am a member of that audience.”
—Terrance Hayes, author of *American Sonnets for My Past and Future Assassin*
In *Treasure Island*, Tony Award winner and inventive adapter-director Mary Zimmerman has penned a spirited, energetic adaptation of Robert Louis Stevenson’s most beloved novel, proving again that “a strong story full of larger-than-life characters and the quest for filthy lucre has no age barrier” (*Chicago Sun-Times*).

Enlivened by rum, mutiny, and buried treasure, *Treasure Island* is the classic pirates’ tale, widely regarded as the forerunner of this genre. After discovering a treasure map, young Jim Hawkins sets off to sea as a cabin boy aboard the *Hispaniola*, where he encounters one of the most unforgettable characters in literary history—peg-legged buccaneer Long John Silver, a malicious mutineer and charismatic father figure.

MARY ZIMMERMAN is the recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship, a Tony Award (for Best Director, *Metamorphoses*), and numerous Jeff Awards. She is the Manilow Resident Director of Goodman Theatre, a member of Lookingglass Theatre Company, and a professor of performance studies at Northwestern University. She has also adapted and directed *Arabian Nights*, *Argonautika*, *Journey to the West*, and *The Odyssey*.

“Zimmerman has powerfully captured the joy, danger, and fantasy of Stevenson’s novel... Pure fun, a potent coming-of-age story, and a rollicking swashbuckler.” —*San Francisco Chronicle*

“Nothing short of sublime.” —*Chicago Sun-Times*
Speaking in Shakespeare’s Voice
A Guide for American Actors
Linda Gates

Speaking in Shakespeare’s Voice: A Guide for American Actors is a book for undergraduate and graduate students of acting as well as for the professional who would like to perform Shakespeare with the skill of a classical actor. It is also valuable for European actors interested in performing Shakespeare in American English and British actors who would like to explore Shakespeare from an American perspective.

This guide focuses on the technical elements of voice and speech, including breathing, resonance, and diction, as well as providing an introduction to verse speaking and scansion and to Shakespeare’s rhetorical devices, such as antithesis, alliteration, onomatopoeia, irony, metaphor, and wordplay. These topics are annotated with examples from Shakespeare’s plays to demonstrate how an actor can apply the lessons to actual performance. The book also explores the history of Shakespearean performance in the United States and provides guidance on current editions of Shakespeare’s texts, from the Folio to online Open Source Shakespeare. A helpful appendix offers examples of two-person scenes and contextualized monologues.

LINDA GATES is a Shakespearean vocal coach, actor, and director who has worked with both British and American directors on Broadway, Off-Broadway, and in regional theaters, as well as at the Prague Shakespeare Company, where she teaches, directs, and acts. Former students include Meryl Streep, Lily Rabe, Alan Paul (associate director of the Shakespeare Theatre in Washington, D.C.), Irish actor James Nesbitt, and English actor James Purefoy. She has taught voice and text for Shakespeare at NYU Tisch SOA, Yale School of Drama, Circle in the Square, the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, and the BADA’s Midsummer in Oxford program. She is Head of Voice in the acting program in the Department of Theatre at Northwestern University.

“The purpose of this book is to help all actors, but especially American actors, build the vocal skills and confidence necessary to speak Shakespeare’s text and to communicate it to an audience. It covers the basic elements of vocal production, including breath, vocal placement principles and resonance, as well as the sounds of Standard American English voice and diction—always using Shakespeare’s text as a practical guide. It also acquaints the actor with a working knowledge of some of the basic principles of Elizabethan rhetoric and verse speaking found in Shakespeare’s plays and how modern actors can apply them in performance today.”

—Linda Gates, from the introduction

ALSO OF INTEREST

Improvisation for the Theater: A Handbook of Teaching and Directing Techniques
Viola Spolin
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Country Place
A Novel

Ann Petry
Foreword by Farah Jasmine Griffin

Originally published in 1947, Ann Petry’s classic Country Place depicts a predominantly white community disillusioned by the indignities and corruption of small-town life.

Johnnie Roane returns from four years of military service in World War II to his wife, Glory. They had been married just a year when he left Lennox, Connecticut, where both their families live and work. In his taxi ride home, Johnnie receives foreboding hints that all has not been well in his absence. Eager to mend his fraying marriage, Johnnie attempts to cajole Glory to recommit to their life together. But something sinister has taken place during the intervening years—an infidelity that has not gone unnoticed in the superficially placid New England town.

Accompanied by a new foreword from Farah Jasmine Griffin on the enduring legacy of Petry’s oeuvre, Country Place complicates and builds on the legacy of a literary celebrity and one of the foremost African American writers of her time.

ANN PETRY (1908–1997) was a reporter, pharmacist, social worker, and community activist. She illuminated the range of black and white experience in her novels, short stories, and other writing. Her book The Street was the first novel by an African American woman to sell more than a million copies.

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“In this novel Ann Petry shows, through her compactness of style, increased fluidity of dialogue, and convincing character analysis, a marked advance over The Street.” —Margaret Just Wormley, Journal of Negro Education, 1948

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Blue Hours
A Novel
Daphne Kalotay

Set in grunge-era Manhattan and in eastern Afghanistan circa 2012, Blue Hours deftly explores identity, self-determination, and the consequences of neocolonialism. When we first meet Mim, a recent college graduate in NYC, she has disavowed her working-class roots, befriending Kyra, a dancer and daughter of privilege, until calamity causes their estrangement. Twenty years later, Kyra has gone missing abroad, and Mim—now a recluse in rural New England—embarks on a midlife journey to find her.

Anchored by an uninvited voyage into an extraordinary place, with female friendship at its core, Blue Hours combines the moral complexity and surprise of Lillian Hellman's Julia and Ann Patchett's State of Wonder. Daphne Kalotay has crafted an unconventional tale about venturing beyond borders and of citizens persisting amid protracted war. In its ethical provocations, Blue Hours is timely and resonant, confronting the dissonance of America's role in the conflicted, interconnected world.

**DAPHNE KALOTAY** is the award-winning author of Sight Reading, Russian Winter, and Calamity and Other Stories. She teaches creative writing at Princeton University.

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“Few writers I know speak . . . with such clear-eyed compassion, such quiet humor and grace.”—Jhumpa Lahiri, Pulitzer Prize–winning author of Interpreter of Maladies and The Lowland

“Kalotay is engaged with questions of belonging—in literal homes as well as in friendships, marriages, and in ourselves. One part coming-of-age narrative, Blue Hours investigates sexuality, the pursuit of an artist's life, and class distinctions all as a means of casting a light on the arduous process of growing up.”—Joanna Luloff, author of Remind Me Again What Happened and The Beach at Galle Road: Stories

“Kalotay infuses [her] characters with total believability . . . She is a very wise writer . . . and her brilliant intuitions are augmented by her lyrical writing.”—Toronto Star

**ALSO OF INTEREST**

Faith and Fat Changes: A Novel
Carla Trujillo
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How far from our imperfect human selves have we traveled? How shall we recover what is left, live within our man-made technologies built to be more powerful than us, and still keep a sense of humor? In the depths of an illness that would ultimately claim his life, the beloved poet and professor Brett Foster offered a parting gift, Extravagant Rescues, a sublime collection of poetry that lays bare the human and poetic brilliance of a man immersed in capturing human beings’ mortal splendor and frailty within their own technology and flaws.

These poems ask questions with hymnlike couplets, in a language of the gospel of empathy. We are allowed to rethink our choices, question and be wary of our machinery, and, in the end, with metaphors that channel feelings of loss, humor, and compassion, we are reminded “to come, and dream, with eyes wide open / and set within the vessels of our waking selves, / of ever more intricate schemes, extravagant rescues.”


JEFFREY GALBRAITH teaches English literature and creative writing at Wheaton College. His scholarly work has appeared in the journal Restoration and the edited collection Invoking Slavery in the Eighteenth-Century British Imagination. His poems and reviews have appeared in Cresset, Yemassee, RHINO, Southern Humanities Review, the Florida Review, and Harvard Review.

"Extravagant Rescues is astonishingly receptive, transforming its wide-ranging references into a kind of wisdom literature for the technological age, each poem providing a new concoction of parts. The poet’s intelligence seizes with energetic wit on YouTube videos, oil derricks in a cornfield, the sight of bucket trucks lined up in a parking lot, even (gasp!) George Clooney. All become emblems giving airy edifice to hope and human limits.”
—Jeffrey Galbraith, from the foreword

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TriQuarterly Books
When the Pipirite Sings
Selected Poems
Jean Métellus
Translated by Haun Saussy

When the Pipirite Sings gathers poems by the noted Haitian poet, novelist, and neurologist Jean Métellus, who died in January 2014. Along with other signature works, this volume includes the first English translation of Métellus’s visionary epic poem, “Au pipirite chantant” (“When the Pipirite Sings”), widely regarded as his masterpiece.

Translated by formidable comparative literature scholar Haun Saussy, When the Pipirite Sings expresses an acute historical consciousness and engages recurrent Haitian themes—the wrenching impact of colonialism and underdevelopment, the purposes of education, and the merging of spiritual and temporal power. And, as always with Métellus’s poetry, the range of voices and points of view evokes other genres, including fiction and cinema. This eminently readable book has formal and thematic ties to Aimé Césaire’s Notebook of a Return to My Native Land, central to the canon of French-language postcolonial writings.

In addition to many books of poetry, Métellus published novels, chiefly about the remembered Haiti of his youth, and plays about the conquest of the Caribbean. His nonfiction included reflections on Haitian history and politics, on the iconography of slave emancipation, and studies of aphasia and dyslexia.

JEAN MÉTELLUS (1937–2014) was the author of several novels, books of poetry, and plays, all written in French and largely untranslated. After an education in his native Haiti, he worked as a teacher. In 1959, to escape the Duvalier dictatorship, Métellus moved to Paris, where he studied linguistics and medicine, specializing in neurology. The magazine Les Lettres Nouvelles published his poem “Au pipirite chantant” in 1973, beginning his career as a poet and writer. Some of Métellus’s early poems were also published by Jean-Paul Sartre in Les Temps Modernes. He was the recipient of many literary prizes.

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The Tragedy of King Christophe
Aimé Césaire
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In her second full-length poetry collection, *Miracle Marks*, activist Purvi Shah charts women’s status through pointed explorations of Hindu iconography and philosophy and powerful critiques of American racism. In these searing, revelatory poems, Shah reminds us that surviving birth as an infant girl and living as a woman is miraculous—as such, every girl is a miracle mark. And because education is often denied to girls, writing by women is a miracle.

In *Miracle Marks*, Shah probes belonging, devotion, and social inequity, delving into what it means to be a woman, and what it means to be. Through sound energy and white space, these poems chart multiple realities, including the miracles of women’s labors and survivals. This collection spurs dialogue across audiences and communities and lights a way for brown girls and women who relish in spirit, intellect, politics, and justice.

**PURVI SHAH** inspires change as a non-profit consultant and writer. During the tenth anniversary of 9/11, she directed *Together We Are New York*, a community-based poetry project to highlight Asian American voices and experiences. Her first poetry collection, *Terrain Tracks*, won the Many Voices Project prize, and her chaplet, *Dark Lip of the Beloved: Sound Your Fiery God-Praise*, explores women and being. She currently serves as a board member of The Poetry Project in New York. Her favorite art practices are her sparkly eyeshadow and raucous laughter.

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*Atmospheric Embroidery: Poems*
Meena Alexander
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Walls of Prophecy and Protest
William Walker and the Roots of a Revolutionary Public Art Movement
Jeff W. Huebner

Chicago is home to more intact African American street murals from the 1970s and 1980s than any other U.S. city. Among Chicago’s greatest muralists is the legendary William “Bill” Walker (1927–2011), compared by art historians to Diego Rivera. Francis O’Connor, America’s foremost mural historian, called Walker the most accomplished contemporary practitioner of the classical mural tradition that runs from Giotto to Rivera.

Though his art could not have been more public, Walker maintained a low profile during his working life and virtually withdrew from the public eye after his retirement in 1989. Author Jeff W. Huebner met Walker in 1990 and embarked on a series of insightful interviews in 2008. Those meetings form the basis of Walls of Prophecy and Protest, the story of Walker’s remarkable life and the movement that he inspired.

Featuring thirty-five color images of Walker’s work, this handsome edition reveals the artist who was the primary figure behind Chicago’s famed Wall of Respect and who created numerous murals that depicted African American historical figures, protested social injustice, and centered imagination, love, respect, and community accountability.

JEFF W. HUEBNER is an arts journalist, freelance writer, and regular contributor to the Chicago Reader. His articles and occasional reviews have also appeared in ARTnews, Public Art Review, Sculpture, Chicago magazine, and the Chicago Tribune. He is the author of Murals: The Great Walls of Joliet and the coauthor of Urban Art Chicago: A Guide to Community Murals, Mosaics, and Sculptures and Chicago Parks Rediscovered. In July 2017, Huebner and seven other writers were the first recipients of the annual Dorothea and Leo Rabkin Foundation award, which supports arts criticism and journalism.
Some Girls Survive on Their Sorcery Alone

Poems

Thiahera Nurse

Thiahera Nurse’s *Some Girls Survive on Their Sorcery Alone* works as ode and requiem to document the precious narratives held inside the body of a black girl. Opening with declarations of self-love, beauty, eulogy, and Lil’ Kim rapping in the rain, the landscape of Nurse’s poetry functions equally as underworld and imagined heaven.

*Some Girls Survive on Their Sorcery Alone* sees Renisha McBride, Sandra Bland, Korrynn Gaines, and others not as ornamental, nor does the book attempt to canonize the dead women as saints. The poems see them as they are: play-cousins, homegirls, the mirror. Line to line, there is an obsession with keeping all of the women in the poems safe and perhaps resurrectable. The black girl who is alive here lives to switch her waistline to a reggae beat. She is in the middle of the dance floor with a suicide note in her purse as a means of warding off bad juju. Always, she is chasing joy head-on, at warp speed.

*Some Girls Survive on Their Sorcery Alone* is a celebration that the black girl will always dance, in the church basement, at a grandmother’s funeral repast—she dances until she hits the floor, in her joy . . . and her grief.

**THIAHERA NURSE** is from Hollis, Queens, by way of Trinidad and Tobago. She received her M.F.A. in poetry at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Her work can be found in *The Rumpus, Callaloo, The Offing,* and in the forthcoming edition of *The BreakBeat Poets Anthology.* She has received support from *Callaloo, Tin House,* and *The Pink Door Writing Retreat.* She is a 2018 Poets House Emerging Poets Fellow. She writes for the black girls (the living and the dead).

**ALSO OF INTEREST**

*The Animal After Whom Other Animals Are Named: Poems*
Nicole Sealey

PAPER 978-0-8101-3312-9  $9.95 (S)
In *Creance; or, Comest Thou Cosmic Nazarite*, Andrew E. Colarusso hybridizes lost and unknown spaces, taking his title from a falconery term for the cord used to restrain a bird. The word derives from the late fifteenth century, from the French *créance* (“faith”), also denoting a cord to retain a bird of *peu de créance* (“of little faith,” i.e., who cannot yet be relied upon). Poems of personal narrative and metaphorical depth speak for the voices searching—in a world that lashes out or looks right past what remains tethered to the past—the parts that occupy the whispers of wanting, the dreams of finally being seen.

**ANDREW E. COLARUSSO** is the author of the novel *The Sovereign*. He was the editor in chief of *The Broome Street Review* from 2009 to 2017.

**BLERIM**

*I’m learning to eat for days ahead

to rock myself humming to sleep

to tend exhaustions I haven’t bathed

in in weeks with gum in good-bye weather

as the train over the bridge rocks me closer

chewing a city given in good-bye light

its shape I carry tuning for one channel

peopled quiet not to fail the memory

of Mommy rocking me to sleep forget

not to insist I learned so young to hear

everything she showed me dreaming

the sky how soon I knew this flying

as my inner ear.*
Encuentro
Latinx Performance for the New American Theater
Edited by Trevor Boffone, Teresa Marrero, and Chantal Rodriguez

This anthology has its origins in the Encuentro theater festival, which was produced by the Latino Theater Company in association with the Latinx Theatre Commons in Los Angeles in 2014. Encuentro means “an encounter,” and meetings form a core theme in these six groundbreaking plays, each prefaced by a critical introduction from a leading Latinx theater scholar.

Playwrights Ruben C. Gonzalez, José Torres-Tama, Rickerby Hinds, Mariana Carreño King, Javier Antonio González, and Evelina Fernández exhibit a wide range of aesthetic approaches, dramatic structures, and themes, ranging from marriage, gentrification, racial and gendered violence, migration, and the ever-present politics of the U.S.–Mexico border. There is power in the communal experience of creating, witnessing, and participating in theater festivals. This anthology is a testament to that power and seeks to document the historic festival as well as to make these works available to a wider audience.

Encuentro: Latinx Performance for the New American Theater addresses interests of general audiences committed to the performing arts: scholars and students of Latinx, gender, and ethnic studies; university, college, and high school theater programs; and regional theaters looking to diversify their programming.

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“This essential anthology features established and emerging playwrights from a diverse range of Latinx backgrounds (most of whom remain staggeringly under-published) as introduced by incisive commentaries from an impressive array of contemporary Latinx theatre scholars and critics. An artfully edited volume that aptly captures both the excitement and the far-reaching impact of the 2014 Encuentro.”
—Brian Eugenio Herrera, author of Latin Numbers: Playing Latino in Twentieth Century Popular Performance

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The Goodman Theatre’s Festival Latino: Six Plays
Edited by Henry D. Godínez and Ramón H. Rivera-Servera
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Theatermachine
Tadeusz Kantor in Context
Edited by Magda Romanska and Kathleen Cioffi

Theatermachine: Tadeusz Kantor in Context is an in-depth, multi-disciplinary compendium of essays about one of the most influential theater artists of the twentieth century. Hans-Thies Lehmann’s theory of postdramatic theater and developments in critical theory—particularly Bill Brown’s thing theory, Bruno Latour’s actor-network theory, and posthumanism—serve to provide a previously unavailable vocabulary for discussion of Kantor’s theater.

Drawing on diverse approaches, the contributors write about Kantor from both global and local perspectives: as an exemplar of “postdramatic tragedy”; in relationship to Jewish culture and Yiddish theater; through the prism of postmemory and trauma theory; and in relation to Japanese, German, French, Polish, and American avant-garde theater. This comprehensive anthology arrives at a time when we grapple with the materiality of our modern lives—AI, techno-objects, and algorithms—and might thus also be better poised to understand the materiality that permeates Kantor’s theater.

Theatermachine argues that while confronting the twentieth century’s most pressing, but least comfortable, questions—those of a human’s worth, dignity, essence, and purpose—Kantor might also have been, unwittingly, a harbinger of the twenty-first century’s political, ethical, aesthetic, and critical discourse.

MAGDA ROMANSKA is an associate professor in the department of performing arts at Emerson College and the author of Post-traumatic Theatre of Grotowski and Kantor.

KATHLEEN CIOFFI is a theater historian who specializes in Polish theater. She is the author of Alternative Theatre in Poland, 1954–1989.

ALSO OF INTEREST

Diary 1954
Leopold Tyrmand
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Where there are dictators, there are novels about dictators. But “dictator novels” do not simply respond to the reality of dictatorship. As this genre has developed and cohered, it has acquired a self-generating force distinct from its historical referents. The dictator novel has become a space in which writers consider the difficulties of national consolidation, explore the role of external and global forces in sustaining dictatorship, and even interrogate the political functions of writing itself. Literary representations of the dictator, therefore, provide ground for a self-conscious and self-critical theorization of the relationship between writing and politics itself.

The Dictator Novel positions novels about dictators as a vital genre in the literatures of the Global South. Primarily identified with Latin America, the dictator novel also has underacknowledged importance in the postcolonial literatures of francophone and anglophone Africa. Although scholars have noted similarities, this book is the first extensive comparative analysis of these traditions; it includes discussions of authors including Gabriel García Márquez, Ngũgĩ wa Thiong’o, Alejo Carpentier, Augusto Roa Bastos, Domingo Faustino Sarmiento, José Mármol, Esteban Echeverría, Ousmane Sembène, Chinua Achebe, Aminata Sow Fall, Henri Lopès, Sony Labou Tansi, and Ahmadou Kourouma. This juxtaposition illuminates the internal dynamics of the dictator novel as a literary genre. In so doing, Armillas-Tiseyra puts forward a comparative model relevant to scholars working across the Global South.

MAGALÍ ARMILLAS-TISEYRA is the Caroline D. Eckhardt Early Career Professor of Comparative Literature and an assistant professor in the department of comparative literature at the Pennsylvania State University. Her work has appeared in PMLA, the Cambridge Journal of Postcolonial Literary Inquiry, Research in African Literatures, and the Latin American Literary Review, as well as in The Global South Atlantic and Unmasking the African Dictator: Essays on Postcolonial African Literature.
In his 1952 book *In Battle for Peace*, published when W. E. B. Du Bois was eighty-three years old, the brilliant black scholar announced that he was a “citizen of the world.” *Citizen of the World* chronicles selected chapters of Du Bois’s final three decades between the 1930s and 1960s. It maps his extraordinarily active and productive later years to social, cultural, and political transformations across the globe.

From his birth in 1868 until his death in 1963, Du Bois sought the liberation of black people in the United States and across the world through intellectual and political labor. His tireless efforts documented and demonstrated connections between freedom for African-descended people abroad and black freedom at home.

In concert with growing scholarship on his twilight years, the essays in this volume assert the fundamental importance of considering Du Bois’s later decades not as a life in decline that descended into blind ideological allegiance to socialism and communism but as the life of a productive, generative intellectual who responded rationally, imaginatively, and radically to massive mid-century changes around the world, and who remained committed to freedom’s realization until his final hour.

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“Athere is no existing overall counterpart [to this volume]; its time has come, the time for new scholarship on the latter part of W. E. B. Du Bois’s itinerary.”—Nahum Chandler, editor of W. E. B. Du Bois’s *The Problem of the Color Line at the Turn of the Twentieth Century: The Essential Early Essays*

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*New Perspectives on the Black Intellectual Tradition*  
Edited by Keisha N. Blain, Christopher Cameron, and Ashley D. Farmer  
PAPER 978-0-8101-3812-4 $34.95 (S)
In the first study of its kind, David W. Johnson’s *Watsuji on Nature* reconstructs the astonishing philosophy of nature of Watsuji Tetsuro (1889–1960), situating it in relation both to his reception of the thought of Heidegger and to his renewal of core ontological positions in classical Confucian and Buddhist philosophy.

Johnson shows that for Watsuji we have our being in the lived experience of nature, one in which nature and culture compose a tightly interwoven texture called *fūdo* (風土). By fully unfolding Watsuji’s novel and radical claim that this is a setting that is neither fully external to human subjectivity nor merely a product of it, this book also sets out what still remains unthought in this concept, as well as in the relational structure that underwrites it. Johnson argues that what remains unarticulated is nothing less than the recovery of a reenchanted conception of nature and an elucidation of the wide-ranging implications of a relational conception of the self for questions about the disclosive character of experience, the distinction between fact and value, and the possibility of a place-based ecological ethics.

In an engagingly lucid and deft analysis, *Watsuji on Nature* radically expands our appreciation of twentieth-century Japanese philosophy and shows what it has to offer to a global philosophical conversation.

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In *Force, Drive, Desire*, Rudolf Bernet develops a philosophical foundation of psychoanalysis focusing on human drives. Rather than simply drawing up a list of Freud’s borrowings from Schopenhauer and Nietzsche, or Lacan’s from Hegel and Sartre, Bernet orchestrates a dialogue between philosophy and psychoanalysis that goes far beyond what these eminent psychoanalysts knew about philosophy. By relating the writings of Freud, Lacan, and other psychoanalysts to those of Aristotle, Leibniz, Schopenhauer, Nietzsche, Husserl, Heidegger, and, more tacitly, Bergson and Deleuze, Bernet brings to light how psychoanalysis both prolongs and breaks with the history of Western metaphysics and philosophy of nature.

Rereading the long history of metaphysics (or at least a few of its key moments) in light of psychoanalytic inquiries into the nature and function of drive and desire also allows for a rewriting of the history of philosophy. Specifically, it allows Bernet to bring to light a different history of metaphysics, one centered less on Aristotlean substance (*ousia*) and more on the concept of *dunamis*—a power or potentiality for a realization toward which it strives with all its might. Relating human drives to metaphysical forces also bears fruit for a renewed philosophy of life and subjectivity.

**RUDOLF BERNET** is a professor emeritus of philosophy at the University of Leuven in Belgium and former director of the Husserl Archives. He is the editor of Edmund Husserl’s *Texte zur Phänomenologie des inneren Zeitbewusstseins* (*The Phenomenology of Internal Time-Consciousness*) and *Die Bernauer Manuskripte über das Zeitbewusstsein* (*The Bernau Manuscripts on Time-Consciousness*), the coauthor of *An Introduction to Husserlian Phenomenology*, and the author of *La vie du sujet: Recherches sur l’interprétation de Husserl dans la phénoménologie* (*The Life of the Subject: Research on Husserl’s Interpretation of Phenomenology*) and *Conscience et existence: Perspectives phénoménologiques* (*Consciousness and Existence: Phenomenological Perspectives*).
Kant’s Nonideal Theory of Politics
Dilek Huseyinzadegan

*Kant’s Nonideal Theory of Politics* argues that Kant’s political thought must be understood by reference to his philosophy of history, cultural anthropology, and geography. The central thesis of the book is that Kant’s assessment of the politically salient features of history, culture, and geography generates a nonideal theory of politics, which supplements his well-known ideal theory of cosmopolitanism.

This novel analysis thus challenges the common assumption that an ideal theory of cosmopolitanism constitutes Kant’s sole political legacy. Dilek Huseyinzadegan demonstrates that Kant employs a teleological worldview throughout his political writings as a means of grappling with the pressing issues of multiplicity, diversity, and plurality—issues that confront us to this day.

*Kant’s Nonideal Theory of Politics* is the first book-length treatment of Kant’s political thought that gives full attention to the role that history, anthropology, and geography play in his mainstream political writings. Interweaving close textual analyses of Kant’s writings with more contemporary political frameworks, this book also makes Kant accessible and responsive to fields other than philosophy. As such, it will be of interest to students and scholars working at the intersections of political theory, feminism, critical race theory, and post- and decolonial thought.

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“Kant’s Nonideal Theory of Politics gives us the first account of Kant’s politics that can encompass the whole of his systematic thought. Huseyinzadegan is working at the cutting edge of the field, bringing together insights from recent research with themes that have puzzled Kant’s interpreters for centuries. This book will be essential reading for Kant scholars and scholars of political thought, especially those interested in the intersection of ideal and nonideal theory.” —Elisabeth Ellis, author of *Kant’s Politics: Provisional Theory for an Uncertain World*

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*Immanuel Kant: The Very Idea of a Critique of Pure Reason*
J. Colin McQuillan
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Hegel’s Elements of the Philosophy of Right offers an innovative and important account of normativity, yet the theory set forth there rests on philosophical foundations that have remained largely obscure. In Hegel’s Theory of Normativity, Kevin Thompson proposes an interpretation of the foundations that underlie Hegel’s theory: its method of justification, its concept of freedom, and its account of right. Thompson shows how the systematic character of Hegel’s project together with the metaphysical commitments that follow from its method are essential to secure this theory against the challenges of skepticism and to understand its distinctive contribution to questions regarding normative justification, practical agency, social ontology, and the nature of critique.

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“Kevin Thompson’s book is a well-written and thought-provoking study of Hegel’s theory of normativity. The book highlights with clarity, precision, and palpable intellectual energy what is original in Hegel’s theory, and in so doing provides a fine introduction to Hegel’s political thought for newcomers, as well as an insightful and challenging interpretation for those already familiar with Hegel’s philosophy.” —Stephen Houlgate, author of The Opening of Hegel’s Logic: From Being to Infinity and editor of Hegel and the Arts

“Thompson develops a clear, tightly organized, textually correct analysis of Hegel’s systematic procedure to show what an unshakeable justification of social norms requires.” —Ardis Collins, author of Hegel’s Phenomenology: The Dialectical Justification of Philosophy’s First Principles

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Infinite Phenomenology: The Lessons of Hegel’s Science of Experience
John Russon
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Thinking and the I
Hegel and the Critique of Kant
Alfredo Ferrarin

What is the relation between thinking and the I that thinks? And what is the relation between thought and reality? The ordinary view shared by modern philosophers from Descartes to Kant, as well as by common sense, is that there is only thought when someone thinks something, and thoughts and concepts are mental acts that refer to objects outside us.

In Thinking and the I: Hegel and the Critique of Kant, Alfredo Ferrarin shows that Hegel’s philosophy entails a radical criticism of this ordinary conception of thinking. Breaking with the habitual presuppositions of both modern philosophy and common sense, Ferrarin explains that thought, negation, truth, reflection, and dialectic for Hegel are not properties of an I and cannot be reduced to the subjective activity of a self-conscious subject. Rather, he elucidates, thought is objective for Hegel in different senses. Reality as a whole is animated by a movement of thought and an unconscious logic as a spontaneity that reifies itself in determinate forms. Ferrarin concludes the book with a comprehensive comparison of Hegel’s and Kant’s concepts of reason.

While it mainly focuses on Hegel’s Phenomenology, Science of Logic, and Encyclopaedia, this ambitious book covers all aspects of Hegel’s philosophy. Its originality and strength lie in its recovery of the original core of Hegel’s dialectic over and above its currently predominant transcendental, neopragmatist, or realist appropriations. It will be essential reading for all students of Hegel, Kant, and German idealism in general for years to come.

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Distributions of the Sensible
Rancière, between Aesthetics and Politics
Edited by Scott Durham and Dilip Gaonkar
Afterword by Jacques Rancière

Jacques Rancière’s work is increasingly central to several debates across the humanities. *Distributions of the Sensible* confronts a question at the heart of his thought: How should we conceive the relationship between the “politics of aesthetics” and the “aesthetics of politics”? Specifically, the book explores the implications of Rancière’s rethinking of the relationship of aesthetic to political democracy from a wide range of critical perspectives.

*Distributions of the Sensible* contains original essays by leading scholars on topics such as Rancière’s relation to political theory, critical theory, philosophical aesthetics, and film. The book concludes with a new essay by Rancière himself that reconsiders the practice of theory between aesthetics and politics.

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*The Powers of Sensibility: Aesthetic Politics through Adorno, Foucault, and Rancière*
Michael Feola
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The Virginal Mother in German Culture
From Sophie von La Roche and Goethe to Metropolis
Lauren Nossett

The Virginal Mother in German Culture presents an innovative and thorough analysis of the contradictory obsession with female virginity and idealization of maternal nature in Germany from the late eighteenth to the early twentieth centuries. Lauren Nossett explores how the complex social ideal of woman as both sexless and maternal led to the creation of a unique figure in German literature: the virginal mother. At the same time, she shows that the literary depictions of virginal mothers correspond to vilified biological mother figures, which point to a perceived threat in the long nineteenth century of the mother’s procreative power.

Examining the virginal mother in the first novel by a German woman (Sophie von La Roche), canonical texts by Goethe, nineteenth-century popular fiction, autobiographical works, and Thea von Harbou’s novel Metropolis and Fritz Lang’s film by the same name, this book highlights the virginal mother at pivotal moments in German history and cultural development: the entrance of women into the literary market, the Goethezeit, the foundation of the German Empire, and the volatile Weimar Republic. The Virginal Mother in German Culture will be of interest to students and scholars of German literature, history, cultural and social studies, and women’s studies.

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“The Virginal Mother in German Culture is a very compelling, well-organized, and detailed analysis of the contradictory and developing tensions between eighteenth to twentieth-century fascinations with virginity and the idealization of maternal nature in Germany. It is a unique and field-transforming study.” — Susan Gustafson, author of Goethe’s Families of the Heart

“Beautifully written, persuasively argued, and extensively researched, this book details the cultural, social, and political importance of the ‘virginal mother figure.’” — Elisabeth Krimmer, UC Davis

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Armed Ambiguity: Women Warriors in German Literature and Culture in the Age of Goethe
Julie Koser
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Sex Changes with Kleist
Katrin Pahl

*Sex Changes with Kleist* analyzes how the dramatist and poet Heinrich von Kleist (1777–1811) responded to a change in the conception of sex and gender that occurred between 1790 and 1810. Specifically, Katrin Pahl shows that Kleist resisted the shift from a one-sex to the two-sex and complementary gender system that is still prevalent today. With creative close readings engaging all eight of his plays, Pahl probes Kleist’s appreciation for incoherence, his experimentation with alternative symbolic orders, his provocative understanding of emotion, and his camp humor. Pahl demonstrates that rather than anticipating modern homosexuality, Kleist puts an end to modern gender norms even before they take hold and refuses the oppositional organization of sexual desire into homosexual and heterosexual that sprouts from these norms.

Focusing on the theatricality of Kleist’s interventions in the performance of gender, sexuality, and emotion and examining how his dramatic texts unhinge major tenets of classical European theater, *Sex Changes with Kleist* is vital reading for anyone interested in queer studies, feminist studies, performance studies, literary studies, or affect studies. This book changes our understanding of Kleist and breathes new life into queer thought.

KATRIN PAHL is an associate professor of German at Johns Hopkins University. She is the author of *Tropes of Transport: Hegel and Emotion*.

“At a moment when we are struggling with the sex-gendering power of language, Katrin Pahl argues that Heinrich Kleist’s world of words put an end to modern gender and sex norms—before they were codified. And indeed, Pahl’s critical analyses of the untimely author give us a fresh language to describe our world anew.” —Randall Halle, author of *Queer Social Philosophy: Critical Readings from Kant to Adorno*

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*Tropes of Transport: Hegel and Emotion*
Katrin Pahl
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Hitchcock’s People, Places, and Things
John Bruns

_Hitchcock’s People, Places, and Things_ argues that Alfred Hitchcock was as much a filmmaker of things and places as he was of people. Drawing on the thought of Bruno Latour, John Bruns traces the complex relations of human and nonhuman agents in Hitchcock’s films with the aim of mapping the Hitchcock landscape cognitively, affectively, and politically. Yet this book does not promise that such a map can or will cohere, for Hitchcock was just as adept at misdirection as he was at direction. Bearing this in mind and true to the Hitchcock spirit, _Hitchcock’s People, Places, and Things_ anticipates that people will stumble into the wrong places at the wrong time, places will be made uncanny by things, and things exchanged between people will act as (not-so) secret agents that make up the perilous landscape of Hitchcock’s work.

This book offers new readings of well-known Hitchcock films, including _The Lodger, Shadow of a Doubt, Psycho, The Birds, and Marnie_, as well as insights into less-discussed films such as _I Confess_ and _Family Plot_. Additional close readings of the original theatrical trailer for _Psycho_ and a Hitchcock-directed episode of _Alfred Hitchcock Presents_ expand the Hitchcock landscape beyond conventional critical borders. In tracing the network of relations in Hitchcock’s work, Bruns brings new Hitchcockian tropes to light. For students, scholars, and serious fans, the author promises a thrilling critical navigation of the Hitchcock landscape, with frequent “mental shake-ups” that Hitchcock promised his audience.

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“Hitchcock’s People, Places, and Things is a knowledgeable, carefully thought out, and attractively written examination of key recurrent elements in Hitchcock’s films and the overall subtlety and effectiveness of his visual design. John Bruns expertly reveals how Hitchcock’s objects and spaces powerfully convey the vulnerability and fragility of the self, an inescapable sense of homelessness and impenetrable isolation, the difficulties and limits of communication and knowledge, and the often punishing impact of nonrational forces in life.” —Sidney Gottlieb, editor of _Hitchcock on Hitchcock_

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_Godard and the Essay Film: A Form That Thinks_
Rick Warner

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Speculation: Politics, Ideology, Event develops Hegel’s radical perspective of speculative thought as a way of reclaiming and revitalizing our sense of the future and its possibilities. Engaging with such figures as Alain Badiou, Quentin Meillassoux, Ernesto Laclau, Slavoj Žižek, and Fredric Jameson, Glyn Daly articulates the distinctness of speculative philosophy and draws its implications for new debates in areas of science, politics, capitalism, ideology, ethics, and the event.

In a confrontation with today’s fatalistic milieu, principal emphasis is given to Hegel’s idea of infinity as the intrinsic dimension of negativity within all finitude. Against the modern era’s paradigmatic tendency to externalize social problems in the form of antagonism and Otherness, Daly argues for a renewal of utopian thought based on Hegelian reconciliation and the affirmation of excess as the essence of all being. On these grounds, he advances a new kind of political imagination that in speculative terms centers on uncompromising notions of truth and reason.

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“Just as Hegel distinguishes endless infinity from true infinity, Glyn Daly distinguishes pragmatic speculation under the aegis of finance capitalism from philosophical speculation oriented toward the truth of events. In this precise sense, his brilliant new book isn’t highly speculative: it is a speculative high.” —Andrew Cutrofello, author of All for Nothing: Hamlet’s Negativity

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Hegel and Spinoza: Substance and Negativity
Gregor Moder
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The Two-Soul’d Animal
Early Modern Literatures of the Classical and Christian Souls
James Jaehoon Lee

The Two-Soul’d Animal illuminates an early modern debate that recognized the troubling extent to which Christian thought had defined the human in terms of two incompatible models of soul. As the sixteenth century progressed, Christian and humanist thinkers began to realize that these two souls fundamentally contradicted each other. On the one hand, Christian theology had a great debt to Aristotle’s tripartite model of the soul based on three organic faculties: intellection, sensation, and nutrition. On the other, the Christian soul was defined by its immortal, immaterial, and transcendent substance. The sixteenth-century acknowledgment of the two souls provoked a great deal of anxiety, leading Christian thinkers to ask: How can we, as God’s perfect design, have two redundant and yet contradictory souls? And how could the core of the religious subject possibly be defined by a psychological paradox? As a result, the “soul” was an intrinsically unstable term being renegotiated in Renaissance culture.

The English writers studied in The Two-Soul’d Animal place two prevailing interpretations of the soul’s faculties—one rhetorical on the plane of aesthetics, the other theological on the plane of ethics—into contact as a way to construct a new mode of Christian agency.

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Handsomely Done
Aesthetics, Politics, and Media after Melville
Edited by Daniel Hoffman-Schwartz

Handsomely Done: Aesthetics, Politics, and Media after Melville brings together leading and emerging scholars from comparative literature, critical theory, and media studies to examine Melville's works in light of their ongoing afterlife and seemingly permanent contemporaneity. The volume explores the curious fact that the works of this most linguistically complex and seemingly most "untranslatable" of authors have yielded such compelling translations and adaptations as well as the related tendency of Melville's writing to flash into relevance at every new historical-political conjuncture.

The volume thus engages not only Melville reception across media (Jorge Luis Borges, John Huston, Jean-Luc Godard, Led Zeppelin, Claire Denis) but also the Melvillean resonances and echoes of various political events and movements, such as the Attica Uprising, the Red Army Faction, Occupy Wall Street, and Black Lives Matter. This consideration of Melville's afterlife opens onto theorizations of intermediality, un/translatability, and material intensity even as it also continually faces the most concrete and pressing questions of history and politics.

Handsomely Done presents readers with a Melville who is a philologist and even a cinematographer, but also a potent political thinker, a thinker of capital and credit as well as of resistance, insubordination, and escape.

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"This is a vibrant, fascinating collection of essays on the permanently powerful, enigmatic corpus of Melville's writings. The analyses range across the canonical and not-so-canonical texts, articulating them with compelling works of art and pertinent historical configurations in Melville's aftermath. Diverse in their objects haunted or informed by Melville, these intense essays never fail to illuminate. Their close attention does a kind of belated justice to Melville too often denied in his lifetime." — Ian Balfour

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One Foot in the Finite: Melville's Realism Reclaimed
K. L. Evans
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The Price of Literature
The French Novel’s Theoretical Turn
Patrick M. Bray

*The Price of Literature* examines the presence of theory in the nineteenth-century French novel, something Proust likened to leaving a price tag on a gift. Emerging after the French Revolution, what we now call literature was conceived as an art liberated from representational constraints. Patrick M. Bray shows how literature’s freedom to represent anything at all has meant, paradoxically, that it cannot articulate a coherent theory of itself—unless this theory is a necessarily subversive literary representation, or “the novel’s theoretical turn.”

Literary thought, or the theory produced by the text, can only function by exploring what escapes dominant representations. *The Price of Literature* analyzes how certain iconic texts from the nineteenth century (by Mme de Staël, Hugo, Balzac, Flaubert, and Proust) perform a theoretical turn to claim the freedom to represent anything in the world, but also literature’s ability to transform the world it represents. The conclusion, “Distributions of Literature,” advances a new way of thinking about literary scholarship—one based on how literature redistributes ways of writing by lending form to thought.

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*The Novel Map: Space and Subjectivity in Nineteenth-Century French Fiction*
Patrick M. Bray
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New media are often greeted with suspicion by older media. *The Fourth Estate at the Fourth Wall* explores how, when the commercial press arrived in France in 1836, popular theater critiqued its corruption, its diluted politics, and its tendency to orient its content toward the lowest common denominator.

July Monarchy plays, which provided affordable entertainment to a broad section of the public, constitute a large, nearly untapped reservoir of commentary on the arrival of the forty-franc press. Vaudevilles and comedies ask whether journalism that benefits from advertisement can be unbiased. Dramas explore whether threatening to spread false news is an acceptable way for journalists to exercise their influence. Hollinshead-Strick uses both plays and novels to show that despite their claims to enlighten their readers, newspapers were often accused of obscuring public access to information. Balzac’s interventions in this media sphere reveal his utopian views on print technology. Nerval’s and Pyat’s demonstrate the nefarious impact that corrupt theater critics could have on authors and on the public alike.

Scholars of press and media studies, French literature, theater, and nineteenth-century literature more generally will find this book a valuable introduction to a cross-genre debate about press publicity that remains surprisingly resonant today.

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Absolutist Attachments
Emotion, Media, and Absolutism in Seventeenth-Century France
Chloé Hogg

In Absolutist Attachments, Chloé Hogg uncovers the affective and media connections that shaped Louis XIV’s absolutism. Studying literature, painting, engravings, correspondence, and the emerging periodic press, Hogg diagnoses the emotions that created absolutism’s feeling subjects and publics.

Louis XIV’s subjects explored new kinds of affective relations with their sovereign, joining with the king in acts of aesthetic judgment, tender feeling, or seizing upon the “newsiness” of emerging print culture. Such alternative modes of adhesion countered the hegemonic model of kingship upheld by divine right, reason of state, or corporate fidelities and privileges with subject-driven attachments and practices. Absolutist Attachments discovers absolutism’s alternative political and cultural legacy—not the spectacle of an unbound king but the binding connections of his subjects.

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Sacred and Secular Transactions in the Age of Shakespeare
Edited by Katherine Steele Brokaw and Jay Zysk

The term “secular” inspires thinking about disenchantment, periodization, modernity, and subjectivity. The essays in *Sacred and Secular Transactions in the Age of Shakespeare* argue that Shakespeare’s plays present “secularization” not only as a historical narrative of progress but also as a hermeneutic process that unleashes complex and often problematic transactions between sacred and secular. These transactions shape ideas about everything from pastoral government and performative language to wonder and the spatial imagination.

Thinking about Shakespeare and secularization also involves thinking about how to interpret history and temporality in the contexts of Shakespeare’s medieval past, the religious reformations of the sixteenth century, and the critical dispositions that define Shakespeare studies today. These essays reject a necessary opposition between “sacred” and “secular” and instead analyze how such categories intersect. In fresh analyses of plays ranging from *Hamlet* and *The Tempest* to *All’s Well That Ends Well* and *All Is True*, secularization emerges as an interpretive act that explores the cultural protocols of representation within both Shakespeare’s plays and the critical domains in which they are studied and taught.

The volume’s diverse disciplinary perspectives and theoretical approaches shift our focus from literal religion and doctrinal issues to such aspects of early modern culture as theatrical performance, geography, race, architecture, music, and the visual arts.

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Rethinking the Early Modern
Marcus Keller, Ellen McClure, and Feisal Mohamed, Series Editors

*Milton’s Modernities: Poetry, Philosophy, and History from the Seventeenth Century to the Present*
Edited by Feisal G. Mohamed and Patrick Fadely
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Polish Literature and the Holocaust
Eyewitness Testimonies, 1942–1947
Rachel Feldhay Brenner

In this pathbreaking study of responses to the Holocaust in wartime and postwar Polish literature, Rachel Feldhay Brenner explores seven writers’ compulsive need to share their traumatic experience of witness with the world. The Holocaust put the ideological convictions of Kornel Filipowicz, Józef Mackiewicz, Tadeusz Borowski, Zofia Kossak, Leopold Buczkowski, Jerzy Andrzejewski, and Stefan Otwinowski to the ultimate test. Tragically, witnessing the horror of the Holocaust implied complicity with the perpetrator and produced an existential crisis that these writers, who were all exempted from the genocide thanks to their non-Jewish identities, struggled to resolve in literary form.

Polish Literature and the Holocaust: Eyewitness Testimonies, 1942–1947 is a particularly timely book in view of the continuing debates about the attitudes of Poles toward the Jews during the war. The literary voices from the past that Brenner examines posit questions that are as pertinent now as they were then. And so, while this book speaks to readers who are interested in literary responses to the Holocaust, it also illuminates the universal issue of the responsibility of witnesses toward the victims of any atrocity.

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Eardrums
Literary Modernism as Sonic Warfare

Tyler Whitney

In this innovative study, Tyler Whitney demonstrates how a transformation and militarization of the civilian soundscape in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries left indelible traces on the literature that defined the period. Both formally and thematically, the modernist aesthetics of Franz Kafka, Robert Musil, Detlev von Liliencron, and Peter Altenberg drew on this blurring of martial and civilian soundscapes in traumatic and performative repetitions of war. At the same time, Richard Huelsenbeck assaulted audiences in Zurich with his “sound poems,” which combined references to World War I, colonialism, and violent encounters in urban spaces with nonsensical utterances and linguistic detritus—all accompanied by the relentless beating of a drum on the stage of the Cabaret Voltaire.

Eardrums is the first book-length study to explore the relationship between acoustical modernity and German modernism, charting a literary and cultural history written in and around the eardrum. The result is not only a new way of understanding the sonic impulses behind key literary texts from the period. It also outlines an entirely new approach to the study of literature as the interaction of text and sonic practice, voice and noise, which will be of interest to scholars across literary studies, media theory, sound studies, and the history of science.

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“Eardrums is an excellent example of how media studies and literary studies can be fruitfully and insightfully combined. Whitney brings scientific studies and literary representations of scenes of listening from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries into resonance with each other in original and creative ways.” —Sean Franzel, author of Connected by the Ear: The Media, Pedagogy, and Politics of the Romantic Lecture

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Connected by the Ear: The Media, Pedagogy, and Politics of the Romantic Lecture
Sean Franzel
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Kantian Transpositions
Derrida and the Philosophy of Religion

Eddis N. Miller

*Kantian Transpositions* presents an important new reading of Jacques Derrida's writings on religion and ethics. Eddis N. Miller argues that Derrida's late texts on religion constitute an interrogation of the meaning and possibility of a “philosophy of religion.” It is the first book to fully engage Derrida's claim, in “Faith and Knowledge: The Two Sources of ‘Religion’ at the Limits of Reason Alone,” to be transposing the Kantian gesture of thinking religion “within the limits of reason alone.” Miller outlines the terms of this “transposition” and reads Derrida's work as an attempt to enact such a transposition. Along the way, he stakes out new ground in the debate over deconstruction and ethics, showing—against recent interpretations of Derrida's work—that there is an ethical moment in Derrida's writings that cannot be understood properly without accounting for the decisive role played by Kant's ethics. The result is the most sustained demonstration yet offered of Kant's indispensable contribution to Derrida's thought.

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Lived Time
Phenomenological and Psychopathological Studies

Eugène Minkowski
Translated from the French by Nancy Metzel
With a new foreword by Dan Zahavi

Eugène Minkowski’s *Lived Time* articulates a phenomenology of time that is as inspired by the philosophical writings of Henri Bergson and Edmund Husserl as it is by the psychiatric descriptions of Eugen Bleuler. After providing a phenomenological description of the experience of time in normal life, Minkowski considers a number of mental illnesses, including schizophrenia, manic depression, and dementia, and he attempts to show that these pathological cases can be characterized in terms of a distortion of lived time and space. First published in French in 1933 as *Le temps vécu*, this edition of this classic work of phenomenological psychiatry and psychopathology includes a foreword that presents some of Minkowski's main ideas and discusses his contemporary relevance.

**EUGÈNE MINKOWSKI** (1885–1972) was a French psychiatrist known for his incorporation of phenomenology into psychopathology. He was the author of numerous articles and seven books.

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The Philosophy of Hegel as a Doctrine of the Concreteness of God and Humanity

Volume One: The Doctrine of God
Volume Two: The Doctrine of Humanity

I. A. Il’in
Edited and translated by Philip T. Grier

This landmark two-volume translation from Russian of The Philosophy of Hegel as a Doctrine of the Concreteness of God and Humanity marks the first appearance in English of any work by Russian philosopher Ivan Aleksandrovich Il’in (Ilyin). Originally published in 1918 on the eve of the Russian civil war, Il’in’s commentary on Hegel marked both an apogee of Russian Silver Age philosophy and a significant manifestation of the resurgence of interest in Hegel that began in the early twentieth century.

A. F. Losev accurately observed in the same year it appeared: “Neither the study of Hegel nor the study of contemporary Russian philosophical thought is any longer thinkable without this book of I. A. Il’in’s.” Some Hegel scholars may know this work through the abridged translation into German that Il’in produced himself in 1946. That edition, however, omitted most of the second volume.

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Essays by Spencer Reece and Luis J. Rodriguez
Afterword by Richard Blanco

Over twenty-five years ago two Americans, Dr. Diana Frade and her husband, Episcopalian Bishop Leo Frade, founded Our Little Roses Home for Girls in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Until then abandoned girls were often given to prisoners since no such homes existed. Now Our Little Roses has some 60 rescued or orphaned girls in a city once considered the “murder capital of the world.” Poverty and violence—especially in the past 25 years attributed to deported Los Angeles–based gangs—has affected the lives of all in the poorest Spanish-speaking country of the hemisphere. Unaccompanied youth from Honduras were among the 100,000 refugees, which also included children and youth from El Salvador and Guatemala, arriving to the United States between 2013 and 2015.

American poet and Episcopalian priest Spencer Reece spent two years at Our Little Roses teaching poetry to girls who have lost family due to poverty, violence, and disasters like Hurricane Mitch that struck Honduras, Nicaragua, and Guatemala in 1998, resulting in 22,000 people dead or missing, 2.7 million homeless, and $6 billion in damages.

This book has essays by Reece and Luis J. Rodríguez as a backdrop to the girls’ voices, and a foreword and afterword by poets Marie Howe and Richard Blanco. Luis and his wife Trini, a poet, teacher, and indigenous healer, also helped teach at Our Little Roses and the Holy Family Bilingual School inside a walled compound in one of the city’s poorest neighborhoods. Here poetry and stories transcend the pain of loss that often goes unexpressed. Here poetry serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration in the shadows. Here poetry can save lives.

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