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## In the Black Fantastic

Ekow Eshun

**A richly illustrated exploration of Black culture at its most wildly imaginative, artistically ambitious, and politically urgent.**

*In the Black Fantastic* celebrates a way of seeing shared by those who confront the inequities of racialized society by conjuring new narratives of Black possibility. With art and imagery from across the African diaspora, it embraces the mythic and the speculative and recycles and reconfigures elements of fable, folklore, science fiction, spiritual traditions, ceremonial pageantry, and the legacies of Afrofuturism. In works that span photography, painting, sculpture, cinema, graphic arts, music, and architecture, *In the Black Fantastic* shows how speculative fictions in Black art and culture are boldly reimagining perspectives on race, gender, and identity.

Standing apart from Western narratives of progress and modernity premised on the historical subjugation of people of color, *In the Black Fantastic* celebrates the ways that Black artists draw inspiration from African-originated myths, beliefs, and knowledge systems, confounding the Western dichotomy between the real and unreal, the scientific and the supernatural. Featuring more than 300 color illustrations, this beautifully designed book brings together works by leading artists such as Kara Walker, Chris Ofili, and Ellen Gallagher; explores groundbreaking films like *Daughters of the Dust* and *Get Out*; considers the radical politics of pan-Africanism and postcolonialism; and much more.

Each section—"Invocation," "Migration," and "Liberation"—includes an introductory text by Ekow Eshun and longer essays by Eshun, Michelle D. Commander, and Kameelah L. Martin.

**Ekow Eshun** is a writer and curator based in London. Formerly Director of the Institute of Contemporary Arts, he is the author of *Black Gold of the Sun* and *Africa State of Mind*. **Michelle D. Commander** is Associate Director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in New York and the author of *Afro-Atlantic Flight*. **Kameelah L. Martin** is Director of the African American Studies Program and Professor of African American Studies and English at the College of Charleston.

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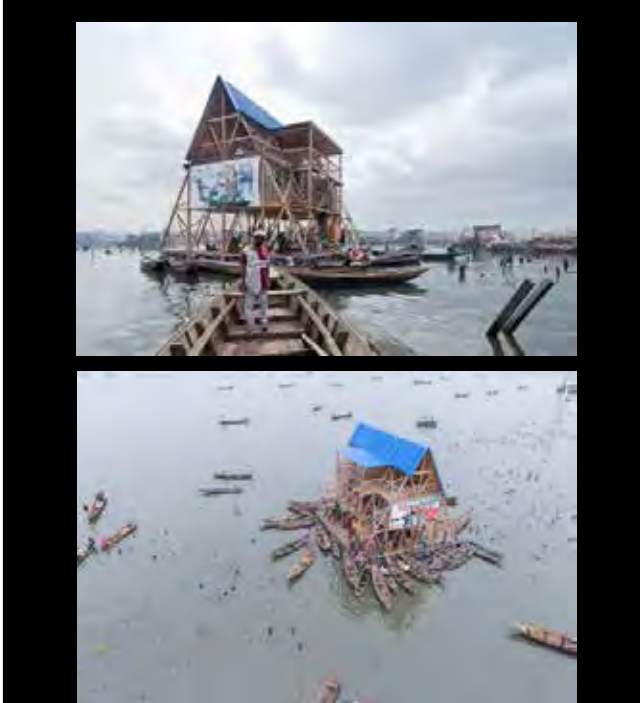
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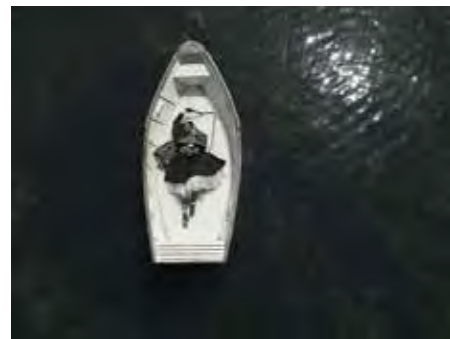


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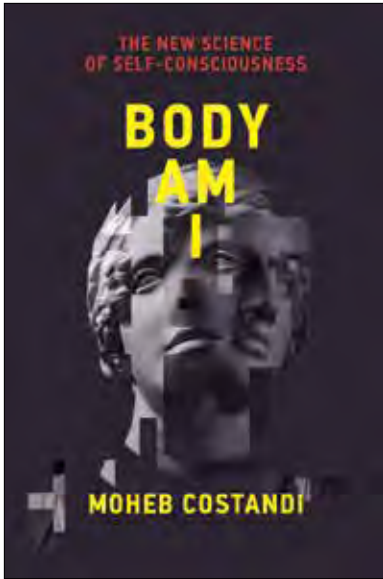


Makoko Floating School Project, Lagos, Nigeria, designed by NLE, 2012 (photographs by Iwan Baan)



Mohau Modisakeng, *Passage 8*, 2017





## Body Am I

The New Science of Self-Consciousness

Moheb Costandi

**How the way we perceive our bodies plays a critical role in the way we perceive ourselves: stories of phantom limbs, rubber hands, anorexia, and other phenomena.**

The body is central to our sense of identity. It can be a canvas for self-expression, decorated with clothing, jewelry, cosmetics, tattoos, and piercings. But the body is more than that. Bodily awareness, says scientist-writer Moheb Costandi, is key to self-consciousness. In *Body Am I*, Costandi examines how the brain perceives the body, how that perception translates into our conscious experience of the body, and how that experience contributes to our sense of self. Along the way, he explores what can happen when the mechanisms of bodily awareness are disturbed, leading to such phenomena as phantom limbs, alien hands, and amputee fetishes.

Costandi explains that the brain generates maps and models of the body that guide how we perceive and use it, and that these maps and models are repeatedly modified and reconstructed. Drawing on recent bodily awareness research, the new science of self-consciousness, and historical milestones in neurology, he describes a range of psychiatric and neurological disorders that result when body and brain are out of sync, including not only the well-known phantom limb syndrome but also phantom breast and phantom penis syndromes; body integrity identity disorder, which compels a person to disown and then amputate a healthy arm or leg; and such eating disorders as anorexia.

Wide-ranging and meticulously researched, *Body Am I* (the title comes from Nietzsche's *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*) offers new insight into self-consciousness by describing it in terms of bodily awareness.

**Moheb Costandi**, trained as a neuroscientist, is a science writer based in London whose work has appeared in publications including *Nature*, *Science*, *New Scientist*, and *Scientific American*. He is the author of *Neuroplasticity* (MIT Press) and *50 Human Brain Ideas You Really Need to Know*.

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# Curious Minds

The Power of Connection

Perry Zurn and Dani S. Bassett

**An exhilarating, genre-bending exploration of curiosity's powerful capacity to connect ideas and people.**

Curious about something? Google it. Look at it. Ask a question. But is curiosity simply information seeking? According to this exhilarating, genre-bending book, what's left out of the conventional understanding of curiosity are the wandering tracks, the weaving concepts, the knitting of ideas, and the thatching of knowledge systems—the networks, the relations between ideas and between people. Curiosity, say Perry Zurn and Dani Bassett, is a practice of connection: it connects ideas into networks of knowledge, and it connects knowers themselves, both to the knowledge they seek and to each other.

Zurn and Bassett—identical twins who write that their book “represents the thought of one mind and two bodies”—harness their respective expertise in the humanities and the sciences to get irrepressibly curious about curiosity. Traipsing across literatures of antiquity and medieval science, Victorian poetry and nature essays, as well as work by writers from a variety of marginalized communities, they trace a multitudinous curiosity. They identify three styles of curiosity—the busybody, who collects stories, creating loose knowledge networks; the hunter, who hunts down secrets or discoveries, creating tight networks; and the dancer, who takes leaps of creative imagination, creating loopy ones. Investigating what happens in a curious brain, they offer an accessible account of the network neuroscience of curiosity. And they sketch out a new kind of curiosity-centric and inclusive education that embraces *everyone's* curiosity. The book performs the very curiosity that it describes, inviting readers to participate—to be curious with the book and not simply about it.

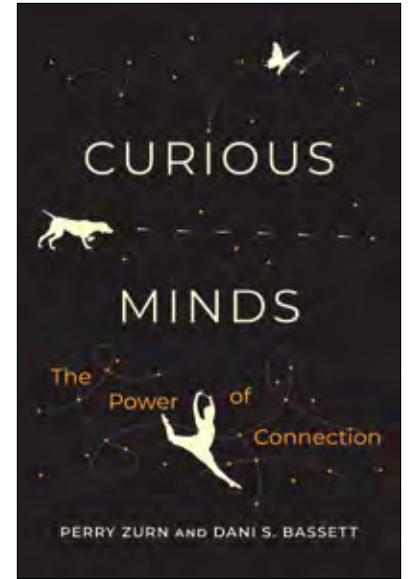
**Perry Zurn** is an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at American University. He is the author of *Curiosity and Power: The Politics of Inquiry*.

**Dani S. Bassett** is J. Peter Skirkanich Professor of Bioengineering at the University of Pennsylvania. They are the author of more than 300 scientific research articles in neuroscience, physics, network science, and complex systems science.

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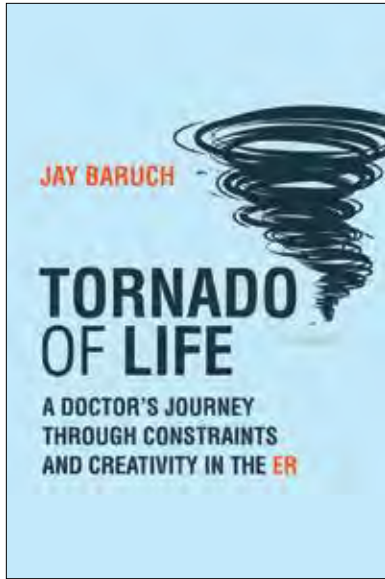
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“*Curious Minds* not only opens up a stunning new landscape for the study of innovation and creativity, but also provides fresh, practical insights into the kernel of inquisitiveness in each of us.”

—**Scott Barry Kaufman, host of *The Psychology Podcast* and author of *Transcend: The New Science of Self-Actualization***



## Tornado of Life

A Doctor's Journey through Constraints and Creativity in the ER

Jay Baruch

**Stories from the ER: a doctor shows how empathy, creativity, and imagination are the cornerstones of clinical care.**

To be an emergency room doctor is to be a professional listener to stories. Each patient presents a story; finding the heart of that story is the doctor's most critical task. More technology, more tests, and more data won't work if doctors get the story wrong. When caring for others can feel like venturing into uncharted territory without a map, empathy, creativity, imagination, and thinking like a writer become the cornerstones of clinical care. In *Tornado of Life*, ER physician Jay Baruch shares these struggles in a series of short, powerful, and affecting essays that invite the reader into stories rich with complexity and messiness.

Patients come to the ER with lives troubled by scales of misfortune that have little to do with disease or injury. ER doctors must be problem-finders before they are problem-solvers. Cheryl, for example, whose story is a chaos narrative of "and this happened, and then that happened, and then, and then and then and then," tells Baruch she is "stuck in a tornado of life." What will help her, and and what will help Mr. K., who seems like a textbook case of post-combat PTSD but turns out not to be? Baruch describes, among other things, the emergency of loneliness (invoking Chekhov, another doctor-writer); his own (frightening) experience as a patient; the patient who demanded a hug; and emergency medicine during COVID-19. These stories often end without closure or solutions. The patients are discharged into the world. But if they're lucky, the doctor has listened to their stories as well as treated them.

**Jay Baruch**, a practicing emergency room physician, is Professor of Emergency Medicine at Alpert Medical School of Brown University and the author of two award-winning short fiction collections, *What's Left Out* and *Fourteen Stories: Doctors, Patients, and Other Strangers*.

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"Through stories that are often tender, sometimes chaotic, and always revealing, Jay Baruch beautifully conveys the messy art of doctoring. Read *Tornado of Life* to understand the emergency room in all its glory—warts and all."

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"Among the vast literature of doctors writing about their profession, Dr. Jay Baruch is a unique talent, a spellbinding storyteller and an expert and experienced diagnostician. With literary references and poetic flare, *Tornado of Life* reveals the whirlwind of emotions gusting through emergency rooms. Rarely does a physician admit his own vulnerabilities and uncertainties in a way that illuminates the true art of his healing."

—**Randi Hutter Epstein**, author  
of *Aroused: The History of Hormones and How They Control Just About Everything*



# The Exquisite Machine

The New Science of the Heart

Sian E. Harding

**How science is opening up the mysteries of the heart, revealing the poetry in motion within the machine.**

Your heart is a miracle in motion, a marvel of construction unsurpassed by any human-made creation. It beats 100,000 times every day—if you were to live to 100, that would be more than 3 billion beats across your lifespan. Despite decades of effort in labs all over the world, we have not yet been able to replicate the heart's perfect engineering. But, as Sian Harding shows us in *The Exquisite Machine*, new scientific developments are opening up the mysteries of the heart. And this explosion of new science—ultrafast imaging, gene editing, stem cells, artificial intelligence, and advanced sub-light microscopy—has crucial, real-world consequences for health and well-being.

Harding—a world leader in cardiac research—explores the relation between the emotions and heart function, reporting that the heart not only responds to our emotions, it creates them as well. The condition known as Broken Heart Syndrome, for example, is a real disorder than can follow bereavement or stress. *The Exquisite Machine* describes the evolutionary forces that have shaped the heart's response to damage, the astonishing rejuvenating power of stem cells, how we can avoid heart disease, and why it can be so hard to repair a damaged heart. It tells the stories of patients who have had the devastating experiences of a heart attack, chaotic heart rhythms, or stress-induced acute heart failure. And it describes how cutting-edge technologies are enabling experiments and clinical trials that will lead us to new solutions to the worldwide scourge of heart disease.

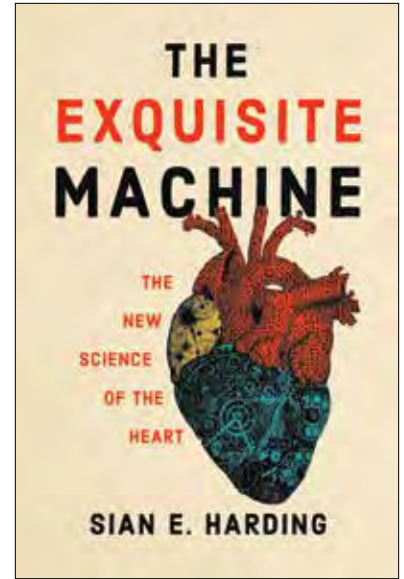
**Sian E. Harding**, a recognized authority in cardiac science, is Emeritus Professor of Cardiac Pharmacology in the National Heart and Lung Institute at Imperial College London, where she led the Division of Cardiovascular Sciences and the BHF Centre for Cardiac Regeneration.

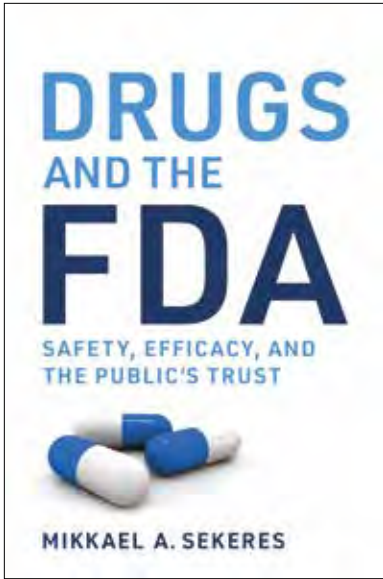
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## Drugs and the FDA

Safety, Efficacy, and the Public's Trust

Mikkael A. Sekeres

**How the FDA was shaped by public health crises and patient advocacy, told against a background of the contentious hearings on the breast cancer drug Avastin.**

Food and Drug Administration approval for COVID-19 vaccines and the controversial Alzheimer's drug Aduhelm made headlines, but few of us know much about how the agency does its work. Why is the FDA the ultimate US authority on a drug's safety and efficacy? In *Drugs and the FDA*, Mikkael Sekeres—a leading oncologist and former chair of the FDA's cancer drug advisory committee—tells the story of how the FDA became the most trusted regulatory agency in the world. It took a series of tragedies and health crises, as well as patient advocacy, for the government to take responsibility for ensuring the efficacy and safety of drugs and medical devices.

Before the FDA existed, drug makers could hawk any potion, claim treatment of any ailment, and make any promise on a label. But then, throughout the twentieth century, the government was forced to take action when children were poisoned by contaminated diphtheria and smallpox vaccines, an early antibiotic contained antifreeze, a drug prescribed for morning sickness in pregnancy caused babies to be born disfigured, and access to AIDS drugs was limited to a few clinical trials while thousands died. Sekeres describes all these events against the backdrop of the contentious 2011 hearings on the breast cancer drug Avastin, in which he participated as a panel member. The Avastin hearings, he says, put to the test a century of the FDA's evolution, demonstrating how its system of checks and balances works—or doesn't work.

**Mikkael A. Sekeres** is Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Division of Hematology at the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, and former Chair of the Oncologic Drugs Advisory Committee of the FDA. A regular contributor to the Well section of the *New York Times*, he is the author of *When Blood Breaks Down: Life Lessons from Leukemia* (MIT Press).

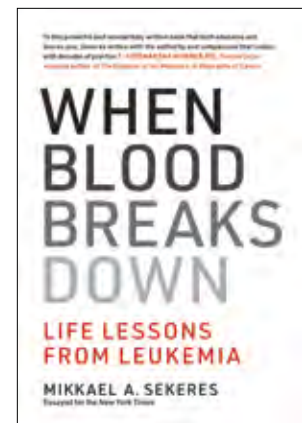
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## Methuselah's Zoo

What Nature Can Teach Us about Living Longer, Healthier Lives

Steven N. Austad

**Stories of long-lived animal species—from thousand-year-old tubeworms to 400-year-old sharks—and what they might teach us about human health and longevity.**

Opossums in the wild don't make it to the age of three; our pet cats can live for a decade and a half; cicadas live for seventeen years (spending most of them underground). Whales, however, can live for two centuries and tubeworms for several millennia. Meanwhile, human life expectancy tops out around the mid-eighties, with some outliers living past 100 or even 110. Is there anything humans can learn from the exceptional longevity of some animals in the wild? In *Methuselah's Zoo*, Steven Austad tells the stories of some extraordinary animals, considering why, for example, animal species that fly live longer than earthbound species and why animals found in the ocean live longest of all.

Austad—the leading authority on longevity in animals—argues that the best way we will learn from these long-lived animals is by studying them in the wild. Accordingly, he proceeds habitat by habitat, examining animals that spend most of their lives in the air, comparing insects, birds, and bats; animals that live on, and under, the ground—from mole rats to elephants; and animals that live in the sea, including quahogs, carp, and dolphins.

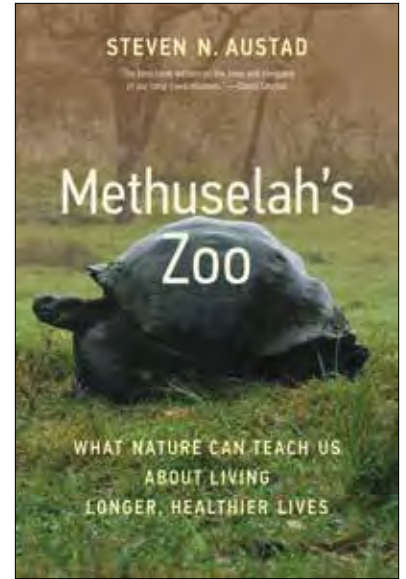
Humans have dramatically increased their lifespan with only a limited increase in healthspan; we're more and more prone to diseases as we grow older. By contrast, these species have successfully avoided both environmental hazards and the depredations of aging. Can we be more like them?

**Steven N. Austad** is Distinguished Professor of Biology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the inaugural holder of the UAB Protective Life Endowed Chair in Healthy Aging. He is the author of *Why We Age: What Science Is Discovering about the Body's Journey through Life* and *Real People Don't Own Monkeys*.

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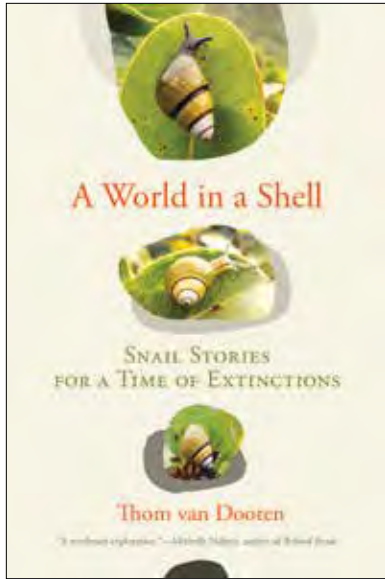
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“Steven Austad is a world class scientist who also has a rare gift for storytelling. His observations about the incredible range of longevity across species deeply informs human aging. Austad will draw you in with eloquent prose and leave you with compelling insights about aging.”

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## A World in a Shell

Snail Stories for a Time of Extinctions

**Thom van Dooren**

**Following the trails of Hawai'i's snails to explore the simultaneously biological and cultural significance of extinction.**

In this time of extinctions, the humble snail rarely gets a mention. And yet snails are disappearing faster than any other species. In *A World in a Shell*, Thom van Dooren offers a collection of snail stories from Hawai'i—once home to more than 750 species of land snails, almost two-thirds of which are now gone. Following snail trails through forests, laboratories, museums, and even a military training facility, and meeting with scientists and indigenous Hawaiians, van Dooren explores ongoing processes of ecological and cultural loss as they are woven through with possibilities for hope, care, mourning, and resilience.

Van Dooren recounts the fascinating history of snail decline in the Hawaiian Islands: from deforestation for agriculture, timber, and more, through the nineteenth century shell collecting mania of missionary settlers, and on to the contemporary impacts of introduced predators. Along the way he asks how both snail loss and conservation efforts have been tangled up with larger processes of colonization, militarization, and globalization. These snail stories provide a potent window into ongoing global process of environmental and cultural change, including the largely unnoticed disappearance of countless snails, insects, and other less charismatic species. Ultimately, van Dooren seeks to cultivate a sense of wonder and appreciation for our damaged planet, revealing the world of possibilities and relationships that lies coiled within a snail's shell.

**Thom van Dooren** is a field philosopher at the University of Sydney and the University of Oslo. He is the author of *Flight Ways: Life and Loss at the Edge of Extinction* and *The Wake of Crows: Living and Dying in Shared Worlds*. Donna Haraway has called him "a leader in learning to learn without the tools of human exceptionalism."

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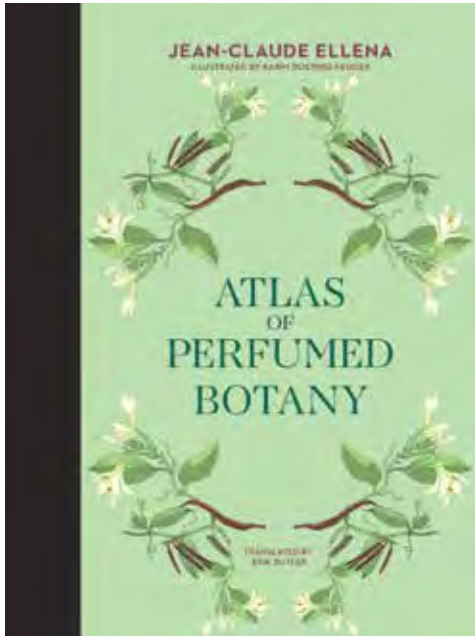
"A lyrical elegy, as beautifully written as a poem."

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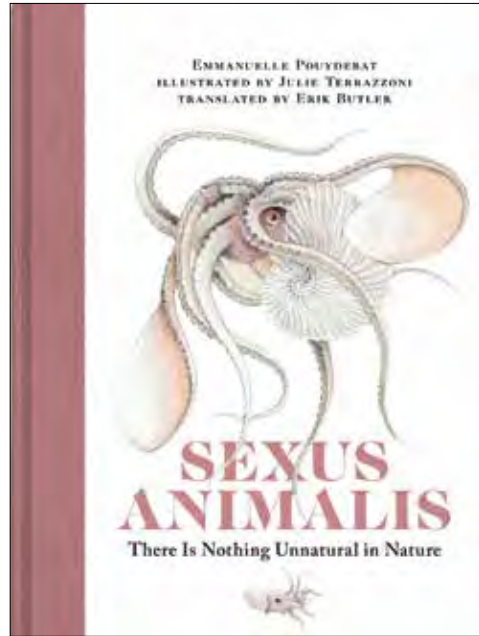


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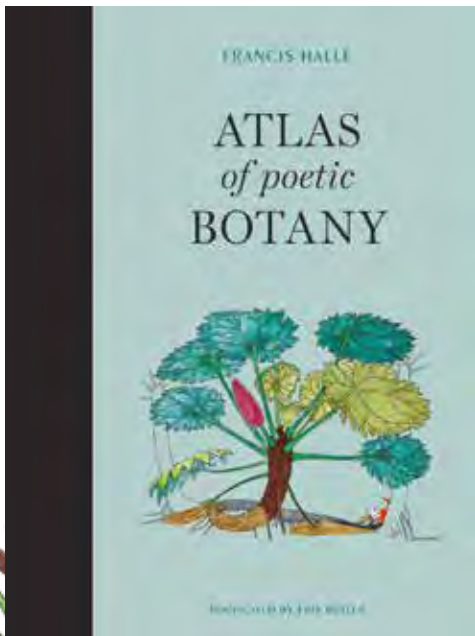
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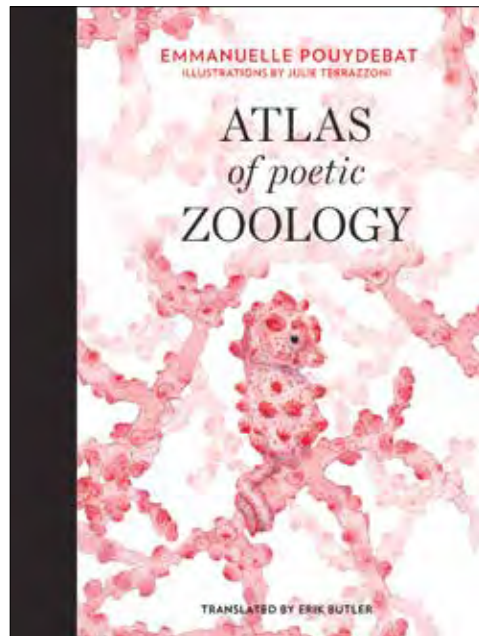
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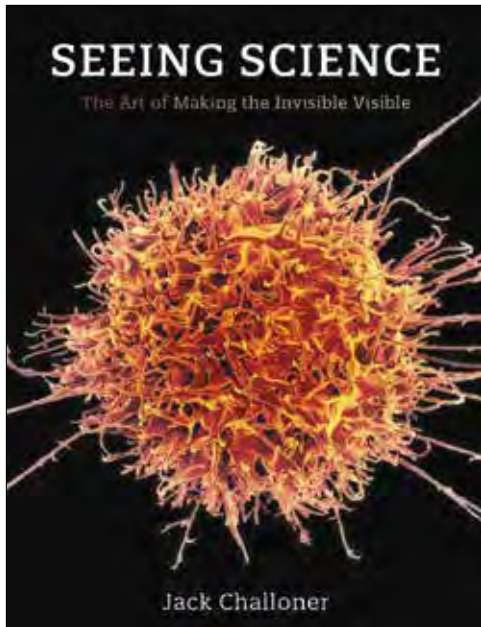
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## Seeing Science

The Art of Making the Invisible Visible

Jack Challoner

**The power of images to represent the unseeable: stunning visualizations of science, from the microscopic to the incredibly vast.**

We live among patterns of delicate beauty and exquisite chaos that our eyes can't detect; we are surrounded by invisible particles and shifting fields of matter that permeate all of space. Our very cells are intricate molecular machines, and the story of our origins stretches back through an unimaginable amount of time. How can we see the richness of what lies beyond our sensory perception? Scientists have developed visualization tools that can make the invisible visible. This bountifully illustrated

book demonstrates the power of images to represent the unseeable, offering stunning visualizations of science that range from the microscopic to the incredibly vast.

With more than 200 color images and an engaging text by leading science writer Jack Challoner, *Seeing Science* explains and illustrates the techniques by which scientists create visualizations of their discoveries. We see the first detection of a black hole as represented by an image from an X-ray telescope, get a direct view of DNA through an electron microscope, and much more. Visualizations are also used to make sense of an avalanche of data—concisely presenting information from the 20,000 or so human genes, for example. Scientists represent complex theories in computer models, which take on a curious beauty of their own. And scientists and artists collaborate to create art from science visualizations, with intriguing results.

**Jack Challoner** is the author of more than forty books on science and technology, including *The Atom: A Visual Tour*, *Water: A Visual and Scientific History* (both published by the MIT Press), and *The Elements: The New Guide to the Building Blocks of the Universe*. A leading science communicator, he has developed scientific television programs and is the founder of Explaining Science Publishing.

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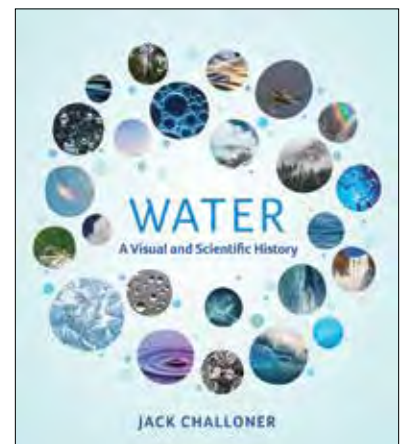
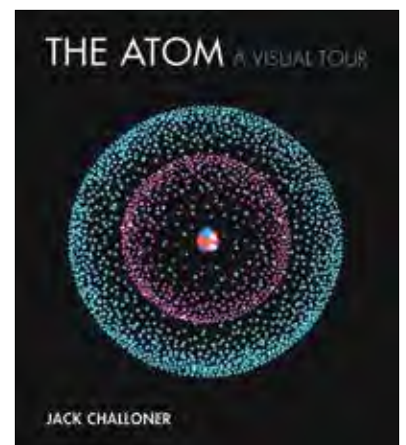
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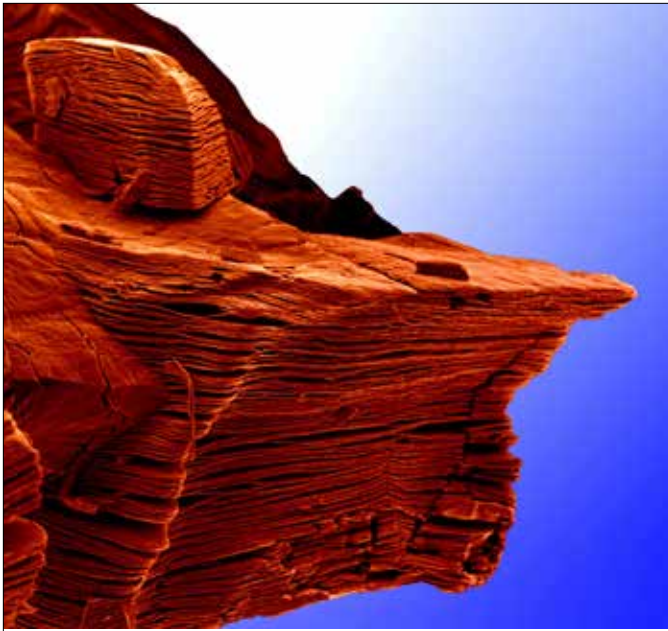
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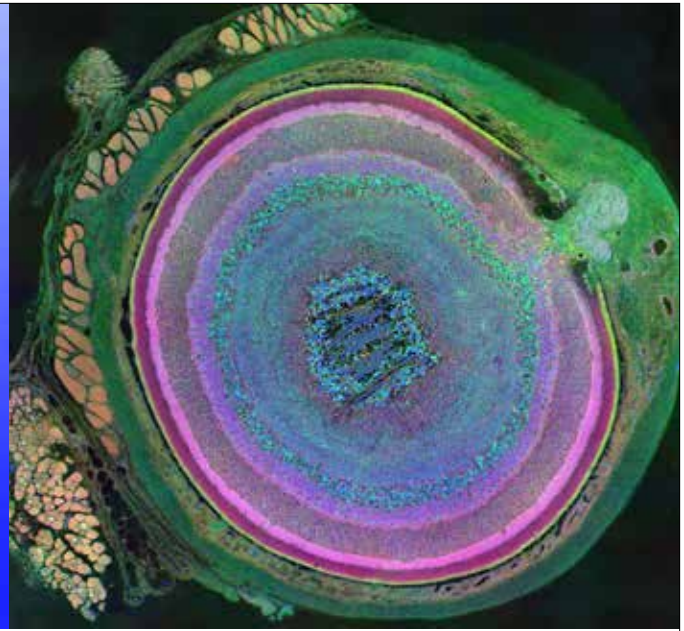
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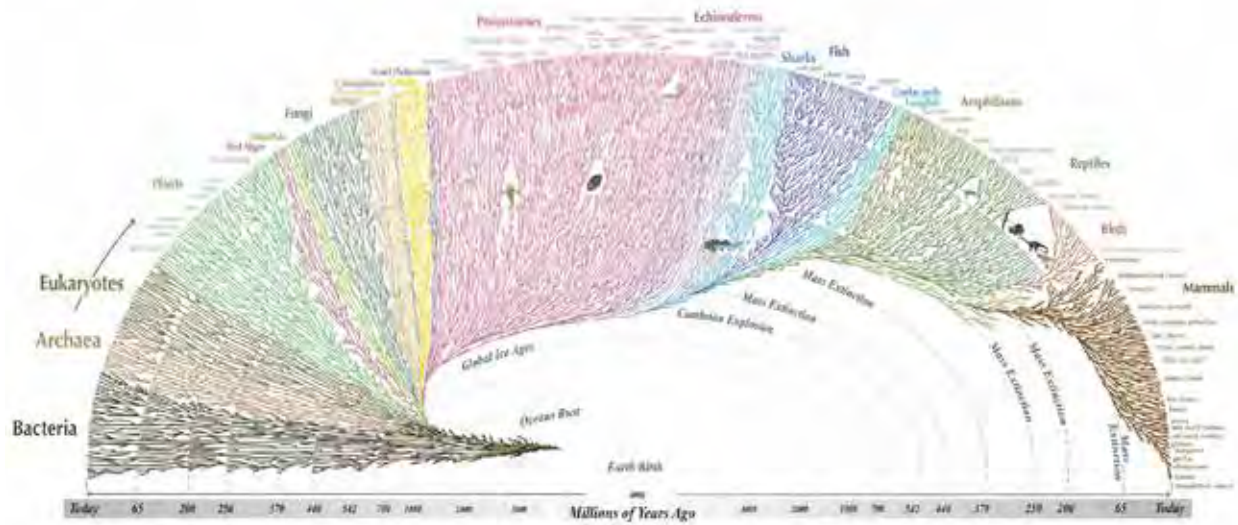
**Cliff of Titanium Carbide**  
2011  
Scanning electron microscopy  
Babak Anasori et al., Drexel University

Materials scientists are adept at creating 'MXenes'—near-two-dimensional materials just a few atoms thick. They can be strong but extremely flexible, and many are very good conductors of electricity. This is a tiny particle consisting of dozens of these ultrathin layers of the compound titanium carbide. The image was produced by collecting electrons scattered off the surface of the particle inside a scanning electron microscope, and has been false-colored using a computer.



**Metabolomic Eye**  
2012  
Computational molecular phenotyping  
Bryan Jones, Robert Marc

Scientists at the University of Utah produced this image of a mouse's retina to show what kinds of cells are present in what parts of the retina. They produced three extremely thin slices of the retina and applied a different antibody to each slice. The antibodies attached to particular compounds inside the retinal cells, and so were used as markers for those compounds. Each slice was colored red, green, or blue, and the final image combines the three to a single composite picture.

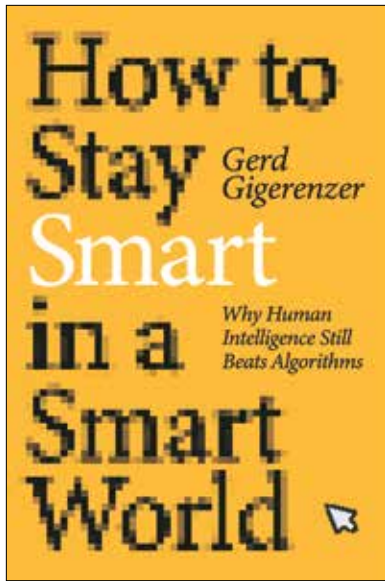


**Evolutionary Map**  
2008  
Interactive digital tree diagram  
Leonard Eisenberg

You are related to every other thing that has ever been alive. This visualization shows those interrelations clearly, and emphasizes the fact that every living thing is part of the same enormous family. It was created by Leonard Eisenberg, professor of physiology at New York Medical College. Eisenberg's graphic brings together and visualizes data collected over decades by evolutionary biologists and taxonomists—and tells the story of life on Earth.  
Earth's creation 4 billion years ago is at the center, and time runs forwards to today along both sides of the horizontal axis and radially up and outward. The oldest

known living things—simple single-celled organisms—appeared 3.5 billion years ago. Shortly before that time, but not yet discovered, is the 'last universal ancestor' of all living things, from which everything has evolved.  
Within 500 million years, around 3 billion years ago, some organisms had evolved the ability to use energy from the Sun, initiating oxygen as a waste product. The oxygen reacted with iron, producing what geologists call the 'Great Oxidation Event', here denoted as 'Oceans Rust', since iron oxide (rust) is abundant in 2.4 billion-year-old rocks all over the world. Eisenberg included other significant global events, including the Cambrian

explosion—a period of extreme diversification in which most of the groups of animals were established—and several mass extinction events.  
Around the rim of the graphic lie all the major groups of living things existing today. Humans and other primates are found at the extreme right of the tree. Tracing human heritage back to the last major branching reveals we shared a common ancestor with chimpanzees, our closest relative, 6 million years ago. Eisenberg's interactive version of the tree is available at [www.evogeneo.com](http://www.evogeneo.com) and enables anyone to work out their relationship with any other organism.



## How to Stay Smart in a Smart World

Why Human Intelligence Still Beats Algorithms

Gerd Gigerenzer

**How to stay in charge in a world populated by algorithms that beat us in chess, find us romantic partners, and tell us to “turn right in 500 yards.”**

Doomsday prophets of technology predict that robots will take over the world, leaving humans behind in the dust. Tech industry boosters think replacing people with software might make the world a better place—while tech industry critics warn darkly about surveillance capitalism. Despite their differing views of the future, they all seem to agree: machines will soon do everything better than humans. In *How to Stay Smart in a Smart World*, Gerd Gigerenzer shows why that’s not true, and tells us how we can stay in charge in a world populated by algorithms.

Machines powered by artificial intelligence are good at some things (playing chess), but not others (life-and-death decisions, or anything involving uncertainty). Gigerenzer explains why algorithms often fail at finding us romantic partners (love is not chess), why self-driving cars fall prey to the Russian Tank Fallacy, and how judges and police rely increasingly on nontransparent “black box” algorithms to predict whether a criminal defendant will reoffend or show up in court. He invokes *Black Mirror*, considers the privacy paradox (people want privacy but give their data away), and explains that social media get us hooked by programming intermittent reinforcement in the form of the “like” button. We shouldn’t trust smart technology unconditionally, Gigerenzer tells us, but we shouldn’t fear it unthinkingly, either.

**Gerd Gigerenzer** is Director Emeritus at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development and the author of *Calculated Risks*, *Gut Feelings*, and *Risk Savvy* and the coeditor of *Better Doctors*, *Better Patients*, *Better Decisions* and *Classification in the Wild* (both published by the MIT Press). He has trained judges, physicians, and managers in decision-making and understanding risk.

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“This is a masterful weaving of different facets of artificial intelligence that manages to cover some extremely complex topics in a way that nonspecialists can readily understand. It provides an important perspective on AI for all those who are tired of being bombarded by hype and exaggerated claims, and for those who are rightfully worried about the dangers to society that are posed by AI.”

—**Gary Klein, PhD, author of *Sources of Power: How People Make Decision***

“In clear, unencumbered, and unpretentious prose, Gigerenzer demystifies the logic of our ‘smart’ societies.”

—**John Zerilli, University of Oxford; coauthor of *A Citizen’s Guide to Artificial Intelligence* (MIT Press)**

“Gerd Gigerenzer is the most original and coherent follower of the bounded rationality tradition of Herbert Simon in economics and decision-making. This inspiring book dispels many myths about the predictive power of connectionist AI, describes its failures to tackle uncertain and unstable phenomena, and relaunches the simulationist psychological approach as the best way toward an ethical and human AI.”

—**Riccardo Viale, Secretary General of Herbert Simon Society**



## Digital Lethargy

Dispatches from an Age of Disconnection

Tung-Hui Hu

**The exhaustion, disappointment, and listlessness experienced under digital capitalism, explored through works by contemporary artists, writers, and performers.**

Sometimes, interacting with digital platforms, we want to be passive—in those moments of dissociation when we scroll mindlessly rather than connecting with anyone, for example, or when our only response is a shrugging “lol.” Despite encouragement by these platforms to “be yourself,” we want to be anyone but ourselves. Tung-Hui Hu calls this state of exhaustion, disappointment, and listlessness digital lethargy. This condition permeates our lives under digital capitalism, whether we are “users,” who are what they click, or racialized workers in Asia and the Global South. Far from being a state of apathy, however, lethargy may hold the potential for social change.

Hu explores digital lethargy through a series of works by contemporary artists, writers, and performers. These dispatches from the bleeding edge of digital culture include a fictional dystopia where low-wage Mexican workers laugh and emote for white audiences; a group that invites lazy viewers to strap their Fitbits to a swinging metronome, faking fitness and earning a discount on their health insurance premiums; and a memoir of burnout in an Amazon warehouse. These works dwell within the ordinariness and even banality of digital life, redirecting our attention toward moments of thwarted agency, waiting and passing time. Lethargy, writes Hu, is a drag: it weighs down our ability to rush to solutions, and forces us to talk about the unresolved present.

**Tung-Hui Hu** is Associate Professor of English at the University of Michigan. A former network engineer and a published poet, he is the author of *A Prehistory of the Cloud* (MIT Press), praised by the *New Yorker* as “mesmerizing” and by the *Guardian* as “witty, sharp, and theoretically aware.”

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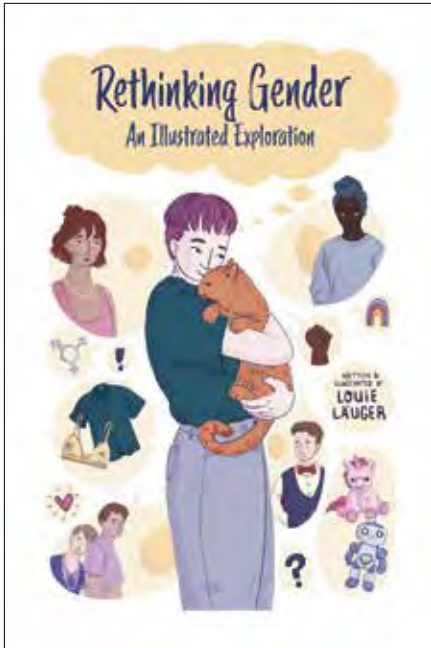
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“Tung-Hui Hu presents a compelling case to reclaim “lethargy” from the criticism of cultural apathy, characterizing it instead as a mirror to the dysfunctional dynamics in society.”

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## Rethinking Gender

An Illustrated Exploration

Louie Läger

**A lively, informative, and engaging guide to gender by an author-illustrator who helps readers understand the multiplicity of answers to “What even is gender?”**

Queer, cisgender, transgender, nonbinary, androgynous, maverique, intergender, genderfluid. Louie and their cat (a.k.a. “Cat”) take you on a journey through the world of gender—without claiming to have it all figured out or knowing the perfect definition for this widely complex subject. Gender is tricky to understand because it’s a social construct intersecting with many other parts of our identity, including class, race, age, religion. For a long time, people thought of gender as binary: male/female, pirate/princess, sports/shopping. Now, we’re starting to understand it’s not that simple.

That’s what this book is about: figuring out what gender means, one human being at a time, and giving us new ways to let the world know who we are.

Boy, girl, either/or, neither/nor, everything in between: gender is a spectrum, and it’s hard to know where you fit, especially when your position isn’t necessarily fixed—and the spectrum keeps expanding. That’s where *Rethinking Gender* can help: it gives you a toolbox for empathy, understanding, and self-exploration. Louie’s journey includes a deep dive into the historical context of LGBTQIA+ rights activism and the evolution of gender discourse, politics, and laws—but it also explores these ideas through the diversity of expressions and experiences of people today.

In *Rethinking Gender* Louie offers a real-world take on what it means to be yourself, see yourself, and see someone else for who they are, too.

**Louie Läger** (they/them) is an illustrator and author based in Germany. They studied media education and information design. Today they work in the intersection of feminism, illustration, and education. You can find them and their work online as @tenderrebellions.

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Men often have difficulties admitting their struggles or problems. For many men it seems impossible to experience, express, or process a wide range of emotions. Suppressed emotions often include sadness, fear, or loneliness. Pushing these emotions to the side leads to mental health and/or anger management issues for some men. But because men are taught not to be "weak," they rarely look for help. Their struggles become visible in high rates of alcohol and drug abuse and suicide.

In general, men have a higher probability (than women) to die early. They are expected to perform more dangerous or physically demanding jobs. They are also more often involved in crime, as perpetrator as well as victim.

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When men display emotions typically associated with women or femininity, they sometimes get called a "pussy" or are confronted with homophobic slurs.

This isn't only unfair to men; it is also based on the idea that women and gay men are "weaker" and "inferior."

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Things you may want to know about me:

That's me! Hi! My name is Louie and I'm an illustrator and author based in Germany. I like coffee and feminism.

This is my cat. Her name is Cat and she really doesn't care about gender.

This is the point of view I'm writing from:

I have white privilege.

I am an activist in intersectional feminist communities.

English is my second language.

This book was created as part of my master's degree.

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Gender is a ridiculously complicated topic.

Thinking about your own gender identity is hard enough. Understanding the gender of others? That seems impossible sometimes.

This book is here to help!

Things you should know about this book:

- There is more to learn than what's in this book!
- It's not free of mistakes.
- It will not explain the "wrong" or "right" ways to think of gender. (Because what is wrong or right, really?)

Sorry about that!

The question "What even is gender?" can be answered in more than one way. I want to show you some possible perspectives and answers in this book.

You can think of this book as a sort of map of the landscape of gender.

Or as a notebook that helps you reflect on your own gender.

Or as a toolbox that might help you empathize with others.

Or just simply as a good, old-fashioned book.

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## Behind Their Screens

What Teens Are Facing (and Adults Are Missing)

Emily Weinstein and Carrie James

**How teens navigate a networked world and how adults can support them.**

What are teens actually doing on their smartphones? Contrary to many adults' assumptions, they are not simply "addicted" to their screens, oblivious to the afterlife of what they post, or missing out on personal connection. They are just trying to navigate a networked world. In *Behind Their Screens*, Emily Weinstein and Carrie James, Harvard researchers who are experts on teens and technology, explore the complexities that teens face in their digital lives, and suggest that many adult efforts to help—"Get off your phone!" "Just don't sext!"—fall short.

Weinstein and James warn against a single-minded focus by adults on "screen time." Teens worry about dependence on their devices, but disconnecting means being out of the loop socially, with absence perceived as rudeness or even a failure to be there for a struggling friend. Drawing on a multiyear project that surveyed more than 3,500 teens, the authors explain that young people need empathy, not exasperated eye-rolling. Adults should understand the complicated nature of teens' online life rather than issue commands, and they should normalize—let teens know that their challenges are shared by others—without minimizing or dismissing. Along the way, Weinstein and James describe different kinds of sexting and explain such phenomena as watermarking nudes, comparison quicksand, digital pacifiers, and collecting receipts. *Behind Their Screens* offers essential reading for any adult who cares about supporting teens in an online world.

**Emily Weinstein** is a Research Director at Project Zero at Harvard and a Lecturer at the Graduate School of Education. **Carrie James** is a sociologist and Principal Investigator at Project Zero at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. She is the author of *Disconnected: Youth, New Media, and the Ethics Gap* (MIT Press).

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"Weinstein and James have nailed it! This book is a superb blend of research and real-life vignettes from teens. It's the perfect vehicle to ensure productive conversations—share tactics rather than scare tactics."

—**Delaney Ruston, MD, filmmaker, Screenagers and Screenagers Next Chapter, and author of *Parenting in the Screen Age***

"It's such a relief to see a book about screen time that centers young peoples' voices and treats them with respect."

—**Anya Kamenetz, author of *The Art of Screen Time* and reporter for NPR**



# Long Days, Short Years

A Cultural History of Modern Parenting

Andrew Bomback

**How parenting became a verb, from Dr. Spock and June Cleaver to baby whispering and free-range kids.**

When did “parenting” become a verb? Why is it so hard to parent, and why is parenting so rife with the possibility of failure? Sitcom families of the past—the Cleavers, the Bradys, the Conners—didn’t seem to lose any sleep about their parenting methods. Today, parents are likely to be up late, doomscrolling on parenting websites. In *Long Days, Short Years*, Andrew Bomback—physician, writer, and father of three young children—looks at why it can be so much fun to be a parent but, at the same time, so frustrating and difficult to parent. It’s not a “how to” book (although Bomback has read plenty of these) but a “how come” book, investigating the emergence of an immersive, all-in approach to raising children that has made parenting a competitive (and often not very enjoyable) sport.

Drawing on parenting books, mommy blogs, and historical accounts of parental duties as well as novels, films, podcasts, television shows, and his own experiences as a parent, Bomback charts the cultural history of parenting as a skill to be mastered, from the laid-back Dr. Spock’s 1950s childcare bible—in some years outsold only by the actual Bible—to the more rigid training schedules of *Babywise*. Along the way, he considers the high costs of commercialized parenting (from the babymoon on), the pressure on mothers to have it all (and do it all), scripted parenting as laid out in *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen*, parenting during a pandemic, and much more.

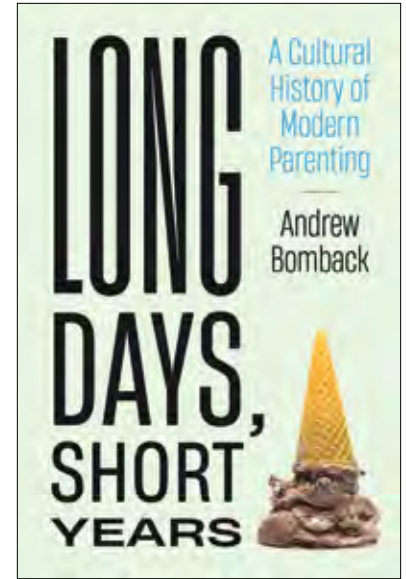
**Andrew Bomback** is Associate Professor of Medicine at Columbia University Irving Medical Center and the author of *Doctor*. His essays have appeared in the *Atlantic*, *Los Angeles Review of Books*, *McSweeney’s*, and elsewhere.

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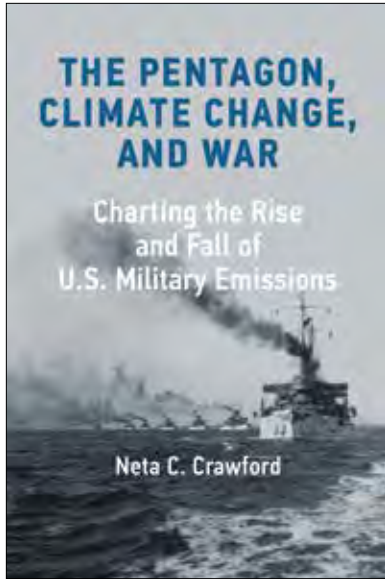


“Physician and father Andrew Bomback brings remarkable compassion to this meditation on the work of parenting. *Long Days, Short Years* is an insightful and enjoyable read.”

—**Amy Fusselman, author of *The Means***

“*Long Days, Short Years* reflects on the pitfalls, lessons, and pleasures of modern parenting. With a keen yet relaxed narrative style, Andrew Bomback explains how being a parent became a culturally supercharged job: punishingly mundane, sometimes sublime, always a moving target.”

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## The Pentagon, Climate Change, and War

Charting the Rise and Fall of U.S. Military Emissions

**Neta C. Crawford**

**How the Pentagon became the world's largest single greenhouse gas emitter and why it's not too late to break the link between national security and fossil fuel consumption.**

The military has for years acknowledged that climate change is real, anticipating that extreme conditions will lead to future climate wars. At the same time, the U.S. military is the largest single energy consumer in the United States and the world's largest institutional greenhouse gas emitter. In this eye-opening book, Neta Crawford traces the U.S. military's growing consumption of energy and calls for a reconceptualization of foreign policy and military doctrine. Only such a rethinking, she argues, will break the link between national security and fossil fuels.

*The Pentagon, Climate Change, and War* shows how the U.S. economy and military together have created a deep and long-term cycle of economic growth, fossil fuel use, and dependency. This cycle has shaped U.S. military doctrine and, over the past fifty years, has driven the mission to protect access to oil in the Persian Gulf and elsewhere. Crawford shows that even as the U.S. military has acknowledged and adapted to human-caused climate change, it has also resisted reporting its own greenhouse gas emissions.

Examining the idea of climate change as a “threat multiplier” in national security, Crawford argues that the United States faces more risk from climate change than from lost access to Persian Gulf oil—or from most military conflicts. The most effective way to cut military emissions, Crawford suggests, is to rethink U.S. grand strategy, which would enable the United States to reduce the size and operations of the military.

**Neta C. Crawford** is Montague Burton Professor of International Relations at the University of Oxford and Codirector of the Costs of War Project. She is the author of *Argument and Change in World Politics* (winner of a best book award from the American Political Science Association) and *Accountability for Killing: Moral Responsibility for Collateral Damage in America's Post-9/11 Wars*.

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“Crawford’s careful study provides pathways to decreasing U.S. military spending and reorienting the economy to more economically productive activities; heeding her informed advice could also free us to spend fewer anxious nights worrying about the next war and the next heat wave.”

—**Bill McKibben, Middlebury College; author of *The Flag, the Cross, and the Station Wagon***

“In this important and meticulously researched book, Crawford untangles the complex relationship between the military and its dependence on fossil fuels, warning that the United States faces greater risk from climate change than from lost access to oil—or from most military conflicts.”

—**Linda J. Bilmes, Harvard University; coauthor of *The Three Trillion Dollar War***

“Crawford exposes the self-reinforcing cycle of fossil fuel dependency and vast military deployments to ensure its availability. Without a radical shift in traditional military thinking and clear understanding of ‘ecological security,’ the United States—indeed the world—will never meet its climate goals.”

—**Jerry Brown, Governor of California, 1975–1983 and 2011–2019**

## The Leak

Politics, Activists, and Loss of Trust at Brookhaven National Laboratory

Robert P. Crease

with Peter D. Bond

**How the discovery of a harmless leak of radiation sparked a media firestorm, political grandstanding, and fearmongering that closed a vital scientific facility.**

In 1997, scientists at Brookhaven National Laboratory found a small leak of radioactive water near their research reactor. Brookhaven was—and is—a world-class, Nobel Prize-winning lab, and its reactor was the cornerstone of US materials science and one of the world's finest research facilities. The leak, harmless to health, came from a storage pool rather than the reactor. But its discovery triggered a media and political firestorm that resulted in the reactor's shutdown, and even attempts to close the entire laboratory.

A quarter century later, the episode reveals the dynamics of today's controversies in which fears and the dismissal of science disrupt serious discussion and research of vital issues such as vaccines, climate change, and toxic chemicals. This story has all the elements of a thriller, with vivid characters and dramatic twists and turns. Key players include congressmen and scientists; journalists and university presidents; actors, supermodels, and anti-nuclear activists, all interacting and teaming up in surprising ways. The authors, each with insider knowledge of and access to confidential documents and the key players, reveal how a fact of no health significance could be portrayed as a Chernobyl-like disaster. This compelling exposé reveals the gaps between scientists, politicians, media, and the public that have only gotten more dangerous since 1997.

**Robert P. Crease** is Professor in and Chair of the Department of Philosophy at Stony Brook University, where he has taught for more than three decades. He is the author of *The Great Equations*, *The Prism and the Pendulum*, and other books. A contributor of op-eds, articles, and reviews to publications including the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*, he writes a monthly column for *Physics World*. **Peter Bond** is a retired physicist who worked at Brookhaven National Laboratory for 43 years in a wide variety of roles, including interim laboratory director, during much of the period covered by this book.

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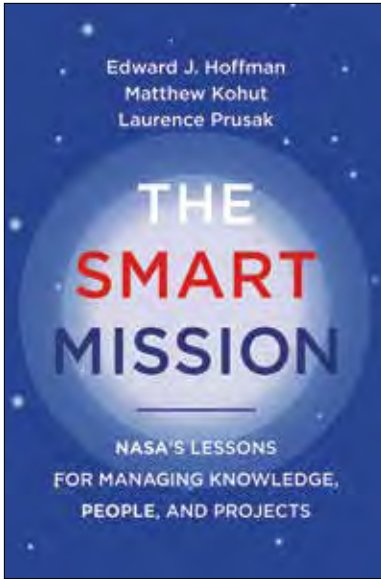
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“In 1997, a leak of water containing radioactivity was discovered at Brookhaven National Laboratory. Though federal, state, and local officials declared that it posed no health hazard either to the lab's employees or to the surrounding community, it triggered a media and political firestorm. . . . The story of the events at Brookhaven in 1997 exposes dangers that US science faces now and in the foreseeable future and illustrates lessons about the management of large scientific facilities that need to be learned or relearned. This book is therefore about not just Brookhaven National Laboratory but the kinds of social and political dynamics on which the existence of scientific facilities such as Brookhaven continue to depend.”

— from the prologue



## The Smart Mission

NASA's Lessons for Managing Knowledge, People, and Projects

**Edward J. Hoffman, Matthew Kohut, and Laurence Prusak**

**Why human skills and expertise, not technical tools, are what make projects succeed.**

The project is the basic unit of work in many industries. Software applications, antiviral vaccines, launch-ready spacecraft: all were produced by a team and managed as a project. Project management emphasizes control, processes, and tools—but, according to *The Smart Mission*, that is not the right way to run a project. Human skills and expertise, not technical tools, are what make projects successful. Projects run on knowledge. This paradigm-shifting book—by three project management experts, all of whom have decades of experience at NASA and elsewhere—challenges the conventional wisdom on project management, focusing on the human dimension: learning, collaboration, teaming, communication, and culture.

The authors emphasize three themes: projects are fundamentally about how teams work and learn together to get things done; the local level—not an organization's upper levels—is where the action happens; and projects don't operate in a vacuum but exist within organizations that are responsible to stakeholders. Drawing on examples and case studies from NASA and other organizations, the authors identify three project models—micro, macro, and global—and their different knowledge needs. Successful organizations have a knowledge-based culture. Successful project management guides the interplay of knowledge, projects, and people.

**Edward J. Hoffman**, currently CEO of Knowledge Strategies, LLC, and Senior Lecturer at Columbia University, was NASA's first Chief Knowledge Officer and founder of the NASA Academy of Program/Project and Engineering Leadership (APPEL). Following the Columbia shuttle failure, he led the team that designed the Strategic Management and Governance Handbook. He is the coauthor of *Shared Voyage: Learning and Unlearning from Remarkable Projects*. **Matthew Kohut**, former major communication advisor to NASA, is coauthor of *Compelling People: The Hidden Qualities That Make Us Influential*, named one of Amazon's Best Business Books of 2013. **Laurence Prusak**, former strategy consultant to Hoffman at NASA, is Senior Lecturer in the Information and Knowledge Strategy graduate program at Columbia University and the coauthor of *Working Knowledge*, a widely cited text about how knowledge works in organizations, and other books.

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"This book is about people (often a missing ingredient), knowledge, and the grand value of stories...and oh yes, projects too. The three authors gave me more concrete advice on leading people, knowledge, and projects in this book than I could have ever learned from hiring an outside consultant for a year."

**—E. LaVerne Johnson, Founder, President and CEO, International Institute for Learning, Inc.**

"Every leader who leads and manages teams should read *The Smart Mission*. It explains the intangibles of successful knowledge organizations in a tangible way. The authors master the art of explaining how people culture, process, and relationships drive the successes and failures of projects. The book helped me to gain clarity and focus about the challenges we try to solve in our organization."

**—Susann Roth, Chief of Knowledge Management, Asian Development Bank**



## Cloud Empires

How Digital Platforms Are Overtaking the State  
and How We Can Regain Control

Vili Lehdonvirta

**The rise of the platform economy into state-like dominance over the lives of entrepreneurs, users, and workers.**

The early Internet was a lawless place, populated by scam artists who made buying or selling anything online risky business. Then Amazon, eBay, Upwork, and Apple established secure digital platforms for selling physical goods, crowdsourcing labor, and downloading apps. These tech giants have gone on to rule the Internet like autocrats. How did this happen? How did users and workers become the hapless subjects of online economic empires? The Internet was supposed to liberate us from powerful institutions. In *Cloud Empires*, digital economy expert Vili Lehdonvirta explores the rise of the platform economy into statelike dominance over our lives and proposes a new way forward.

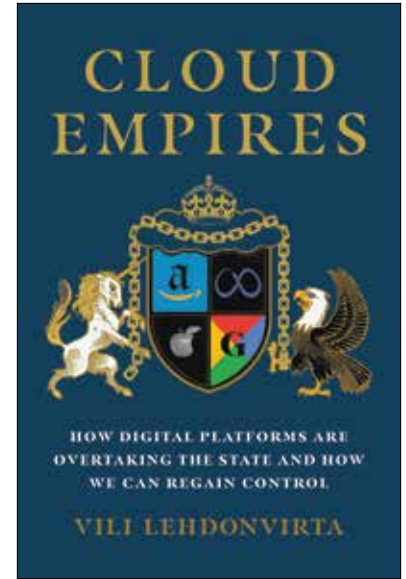
Digital platforms create new marketplaces and prosperity on the Internet, Lehdonvirta explains, but they are ruled by Silicon Valley despots with little or no accountability. Neither workers nor users can “vote with their feet” and find another platform because in most cases there isn’t one. And yet using antitrust law and decentralization to rein in the big tech companies has proven difficult. Lehdonvirta tells the stories of pioneers who helped create—or resist—the new social order established by digital platform companies. The protagonists include the usual suspects—Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, Travis Kalanick of Uber, and Bitcoin’s inventor Satoshi Nakamoto—as well as Kristy Milland, labor organizer of Amazon’s Mechanical Turk, and GoFundMe, a crowdfunding platform that has emerged as an ersatz stand-in for the welfare state. Only if we understand digital platforms for what they are—institutions as powerful as the state—can we begin the work of democratizing them.

**Vili Lehdonvirta** is Professor of Economic Sociology and Digital Social Research at the Oxford Internet Institute at the University of Oxford. A former software developer, he is the coauthor of *Virtual Economies: Design and Analysis* (MIT Press).

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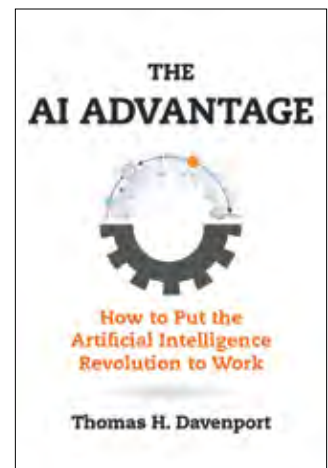
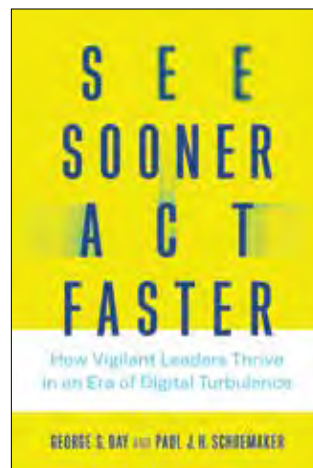
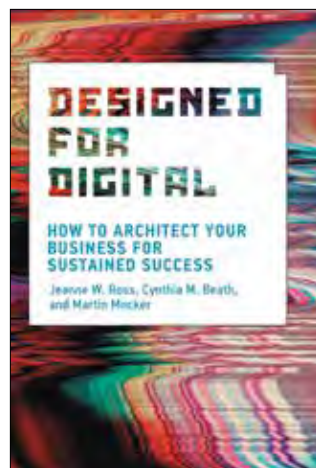
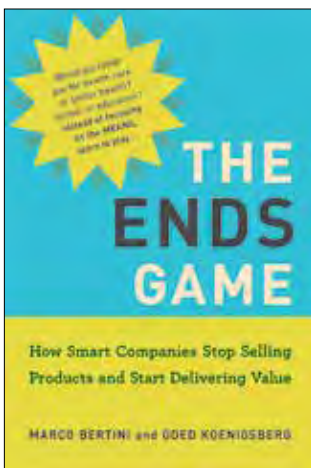
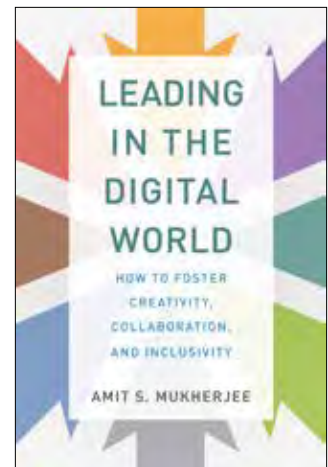
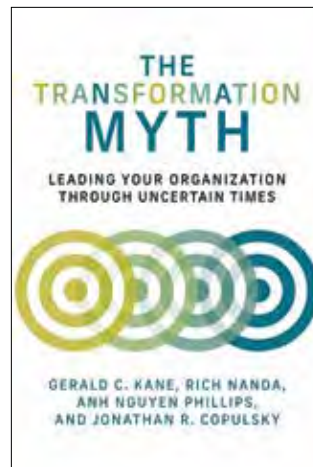
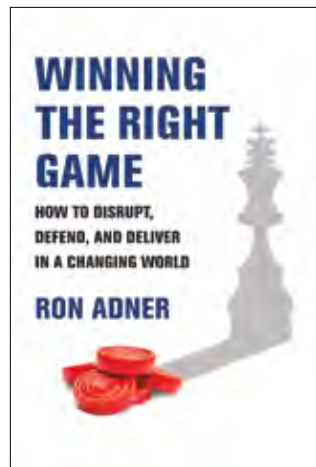
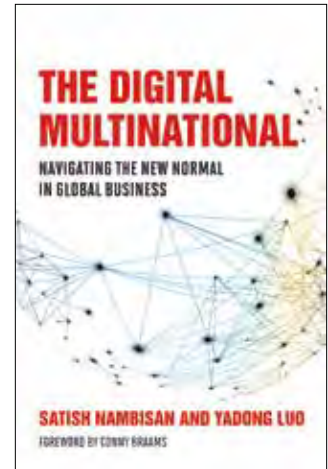
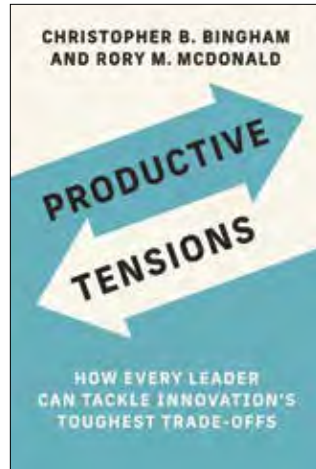
“A fascinating and necessary guide to our new world in which the Internet giants have not only disrupted existing governments and power structures, but created their own, with significant consequences for the future.”

— **Nathaniel Popper, author of *Digital Gold: Bitcoin and the Inside Story of the Misfits and Millionaires Trying to Reinvent Money***

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Thomas H. Davenport and Steven M. Miller

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This book breaks through both the hype and the doom-and-gloom surrounding automation and the deployment of artificial intelligence enabled systems at work. Management and technology experts Thomas Davenport and Steven Miller show that, contrary to widespread predictions, prescriptions, and denunciations, AI is not primarily a job destroyer. Rather, AI changes the way we work—by taking over some tasks but not entire jobs, freeing people to do other, more important and more challenging work. By offering detailed, real-world case studies of AI-augmented jobs in settings that range from finance to the factory floor, Davenport and Miller also show that AI in the workplace is not the stuff of futuristic speculation. It is happening now to many companies and workers.

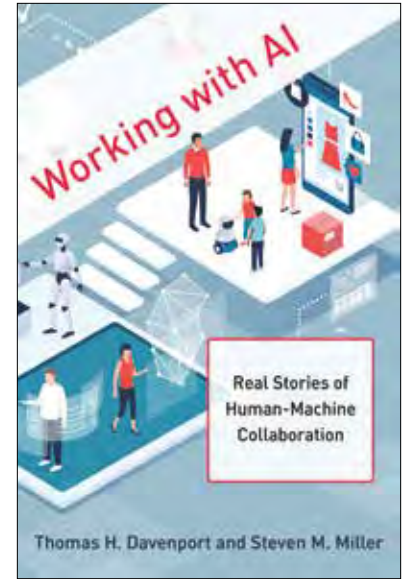
These cases include a digital system for life insurance underwriting that analyzes applications and third-party data in real time, allowing human underwriters to focus on more complex cases; an intelligent telemedicine platform with a chat-based interface; a machine-learning system that identifies impending train-maintenance issues by analyzing diesel fuel samples; and Flippy, a robotic assistant for fast food preparation. For each one, Davenport and Miller describe in detail the work context for the system, interviewing job incumbents, managers, and technology vendors. Short “insight” chapters draw out common themes and consider the implications of human collaboration with these smart systems.

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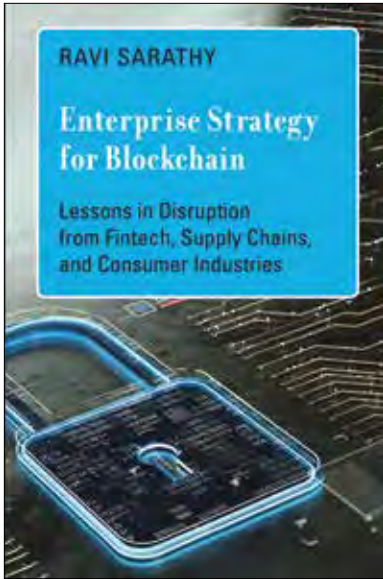
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## Enterprise Strategy for Blockchain

Lessons in Disruption from Fintech, Supply Chains, and Consumer Industries

Ravi Sarathy

**How companies can gain strategic advantage by developing blockchain capabilities.**

Blockchain is far more than cryptocurrency. Regarded for a decade as complex and with limited application, blockchain has now matured to be on the verge of fully realizing its disruptive potential. In *Enterprise Strategy for Blockchain*, business strategy expert Ravi Sarathy shows how companies can gain competitive advantage by developing and deploying blockchain capabilities. Sarathy explains what makes blockchain unique, including its capacities to eliminate intermediaries, guard against hackers, decentralize, and protect privacy. Presenting examples drawn from such sectors as finance, supply chains, computer services, consumer products, and entertainment, he describes how executives can strategically assess blockchain's applicability to their business.

After outlining blockchain's technological features—and its technological obstacles—Sarathy describes disruptive technologies already happening in the financial services market with the emergence of decentralized finance, or DeFi, arguing that a wave of innovation might be positioning DeFi as blockchain's “killer app.” He also explores, among many other uses, a blockchain application that addresses chronic supply chain problems, pilot blockchain programs aimed at facilitating cross-border payments, and the use of NFTs (non-fungible tokens) that allow digital art to be collected and traded. And he outlines a path for organizations that includes establishing a business case for applying blockchain, evaluating enterprise cost-benefits, and preparing the organization to develop the requisite knowledge and people skills while overcoming resistance to change.

Business leaders should invest, explore and experiment with blockchain now, positioning their organizations to be first in their fields, ahead of both rising startups and late-to-the game incumbent peers.

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“While the ever-broadening reach of the technology is remarkable, the size, power, and commitment of the entities embracing blockchain is telling. They are positioning themselves to be first in their fields and to meet competition from rising start-ups and late-to-the-game incumbent peers. Why? Blockchain's advanced encryption and decentralized storage of copies across nodes makes it almost impossible for hackers to intrude and alter or extract information.”

— from the introduction



# The Future of Competitive Strategy

Unleashing the Power of Data and Digital Ecosystems

Mohan Subramaniam

**How legacy firms can combine their traditional strengths with the power of data and digital ecosystems to forge a new competitive strategy for the digital era.**

How can legacy firms remain relevant in the digital era? In *The Future of Competitive Strategy*, strategic management expert Mohan Subramaniam explains how firms can leverage both their traditional strengths and the modern-day power of data and digital ecosystems to forge a new competitive strategy. Drawing on the experiences of a range of companies, including Caterpillar, Sleep Number, and Whirlpool, he explains how firms can benefit from data's enlarged role in modern business, develop digital ecosystems tailored to their unique business needs, and use new frameworks to harness the power of data for competitive advantage.

Subramaniam presents digital ecosystems as a combination of *production* and *consumption* ecosystems, which can be used by legacy firms to unlock the value of data at various levels—from improving operational efficiencies to creating new data-driven services and transforming traditional products into digital platforms. He explores the ways sensors and the Internet of Things provide new kinds of customer data; presents the concept of *digital competitors*—other firms that have access to similar data; discusses the new digital capabilities that firms need to develop; and addresses privacy and security issues associated with data sharing.

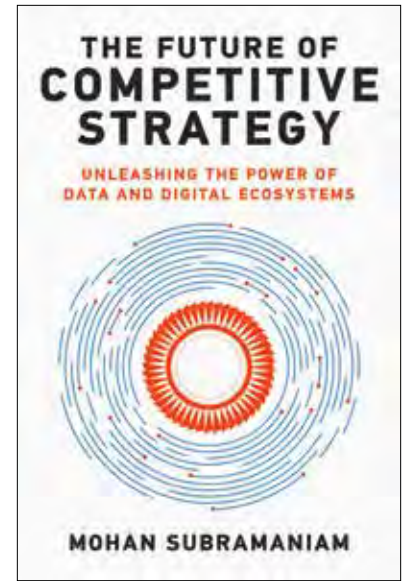
Who needs this book? Any firm that wants to revitalize traditional business models, offer a richer customer experience, and expand its competitive arena into new digital ecosystems.

**Mohan Subramaniam** has been a Strategy Professor for over 20 years. He has trained senior executives around the world on digital competitive strategy and strategic digital transformation.

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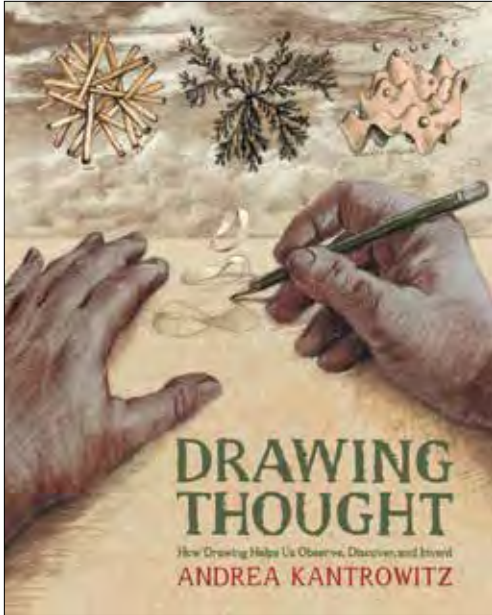


“Mohan Subramaniam offers a new paradigm for competitive strategy essential for all firms that desire to remain relevant in the digital era. This book provides a unique perspective for firms on the quest for competitive advantage.”

—**Jahangir Doongaji,**  
**Member of the Executive Board and designated CEO, Hilti Corporation**

“The elegant simplicity of Mohan Subramaniam’s *The Future of Competitive Strategy* provides a framework for any company to balance the pressures of managing present customers with the demands of creating future customers. Discovering value in digital customers, competitors, and capabilities and building a competitive strategy is an important idea that should permeate the strategic thinking at all companies.”

—**Praveen K. Kopalle, Signal Companies’ Professor of Management, Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth**



## Drawing Thought

How Drawing Helps Us Observe, Discover, and Invent

Andrea Kantrowitz

**Drawing as a tool of thought: an investigation of drawing, cognition, and creativity that integrates text and hand-drawn images.**

Drawing is a way of constructing ideas and observations as much as it is a means of expressing them. When we are not ready or able to put our thoughts into words, we can sometimes put them down in arrangements of lines and marks. Artists, designers, architects, and others draw to generate, explore, and test perceptions and mental models. In *Drawing Thought*, artist-educator Andrea Kantrowitz invites readers to use drawing to extend and reflect on their own thought processes. She interweaves illuminating hand-drawn images with text, integrating recent findings in cognitive psychology and neuroscience with accounts of her own artistic and teaching practices.

The practice of drawing seems to be found across almost all known human cultures, with its past stretching back into the caves of prehistory. It takes advantage of the ways in which human cognition is embodied and situated in relationship to the environments in which we find ourselves. We become more aware of the interplay between our external surroundings and the inner workings of our minds as we draw. We can trace moments of perception and understanding in a sketchbook that might otherwise be lost, and go back to reexamine and revise those traces later. Kantrowitz encourages readers to draw out their own ideas and observations through a series of guided exercises and experiments, with her lively drawings and engaging text pointing the way. Drawing is a tool for thought in anyone's hands; it is creativity in action.

**Andrea Kantrowitz**, an artist and educator, is Associate Professor and Director of the Art Education Program at SUNY New Paltz. She leads workshops and symposia on art and cognition around the world.

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"Kantrowitz masterfully intertwines the mental and physical acts of drawing through beautiful images, textual clarity, and scholarly foundations. I can't wait to use this book—bravo!"

— **Lois Hetland, Professor Emerita, Massachusetts College of Art and Design and co-author of *Studio Thinking: The Real Benefits of Visual Arts Education* and *Studio Thinking from the Start: The K-8 Art Educator's Handbook***

"Drawing isn't about making pretty pictures. It's about feeling and learning and engaging with the world. It's about thinking more deeply and living more richly. This gorgeous, erudite book will show you how."

— **Danny Gregory, author of *The Creative License* and *Art Before Breakfast***



Thought is **EMBODIED** and **SITUATED** in the environments in which we find ourselves.

Human thought consists of a complex series of interactions between our brain, bodies, and the environment. As we move through the world, we make sense of current experiences based on prior knowledge and innate cognitive predispositions. We are aware of much less than we realize at any given moment. Our attention may be limited, but it is flexible and responsive, constantly adjusting to external and internal changes.

Our understandings and perceptions are continually updated from multiple sources of information flowing between the central nervous system (including the brain), the whole body, and our surroundings.

We **LEARN** from **EXPERIENCE**.

Our thoughts are not bounded by instinct or innate predisposition: they are malleable. We learn by trial and error. (Babies will often throw their spoons or dishes on the floor, just to see if someone will pick them up again!) We respond flexibly to new experiences, by virtue of our remarkable ability to learn from one another and the environment in which we find ourselves. We can respond to opportunities that may become available in unfamiliar or ambiguous situations. We are able to work together to adapt to whatever might happen next: we can "GO with the FLOW."

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Consciousness is **FLUID** and continuous.

The nineteenth-century philosopher William James first coined the expression "stream of consciousness." He argued against what was (and remains) a popular mechanical model of the brain/mind. His fluid analogy conveys that thoughts are not contained in discrete boxes neatly stacked together to form our understanding of the world and ourselves. Instead, James proposed that thought is continuous and infinitely variable, a river in which waters are always changing. We can never experience exactly the same thought twice. Yet the clean and rational metaphor of the brain as machine persisted, appealing to human preferences for orderly and systematic explanations.

"Consciousness is not chopped up in bits. It is a continuous stream of thought." - William James, *The Principles of Psychology*, 1890

We have built thinking machines.

Our minds calculate well enough to invent and build computers millions of times faster and more precise at calculation than we are. Engineers design computational systems that teach themselves to solve well-defined problems much faster and better than humans. We have even built instruments that can measure the flow of our thoughts.

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"The life of REASON...demands...a LOVE of TRUTH and a CONTEMPT for lying, a CONCERN for accuracy in observation and inference, and a corresponding REPUGNANCE at error in LOGIC or FACT..."

**FEAR** and anger, **JOY** and contentment, sadness and disgust recruit different neural processes and feedback loops between raw bodily sensations, emotions, feelings, and conscious thoughts. Emotions are universal, but feelings (how we interpret and what we do with our emotions) are unique to the individual. We can learn to sit with difficult emotions like fear and anger that might otherwise stir us to fight or flight. Instead, we can consider what prompted our negative emotions, transforming our felt experience and response.

**EMOTION and REASON** are in a dynamic relationship of feeling and knowing that help us negotiate between inner and outer worlds. If we ignore our fears while walking down a dark alley at night, we might miss shifting shadows or muffled footsteps that could signify danger. In broad daylight, ignoring joy, we might miss the opportunity for the quiet pleasure a clear blue sky offers. If we only pay attention to our emotions, we could miss fun adventures out of fear or never make it to work on time due to our happiness, sitting at home drinking our morning coffee. Our emotions alert us to changes in ourselves and surroundings, and feelings and thoughts help us figure out what to do about it. According to Damasio (an expert on the intimate relationship between emotion and reason), consciousness itself is simply the feeling of knowing that we have feelings.

We are **INFOVORES**. There is nothing more human than the hunger for information, whether it's neighborhood gossip, sports scores, or the latest political news bulletin. We can easily get addicted to scrolling through our phones to discover the latest gossip among our online "friends." Neuroscientists Ed Vessel and Irving Biederman discovered that opioid-driven pleasure receptors in our brains respond to fresh understandings of complex phenomena. There are more opioid receptors at higher levels of understanding and this very real chemical underpinning extends to aesthetic experience. Once we satisfy our immediate physical needs, we are driven to pursue our favorite flavor of cognitive delight, whether it is insight into a difficult mathematical equation or a hike to a spectacular mountain top view. There is real pleasure in "drawing out" new meaning from what we thought we knew.

**FEEL YOUR THOUGHTS...**  
How that we are near the end of this chapter, take a minute to feel the qualities of your thoughts. What is their rhythm (staccato or legato?), their shape (round or pointy?), their texture (fuzzy, rough, or silky)? Are they heavy or light? Perhaps contradictory thoughts are going through your mind. Make a quick sketch that expresses some qualities of your thoughts RIGHT NOW.

Philosopher of science and education Israel Scheffler identified cognitive emotions such as "concern for accuracy in observation and inference, and a corresponding repugnance at error in logic or fact" that are intrinsic to the drawing process.

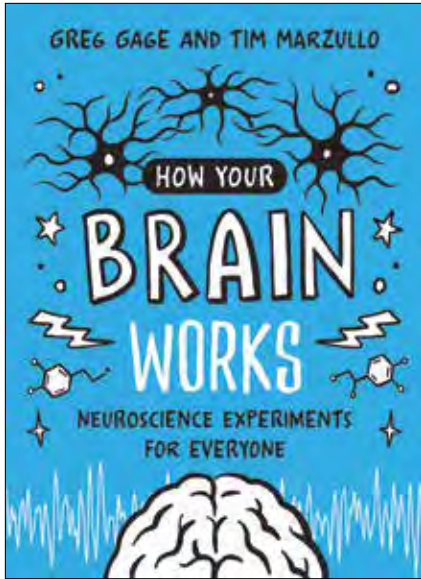
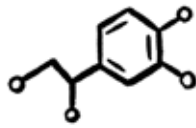
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Our minds naturally wander. When confronted with an ambiguous or unknown situation, it can help to let go of preconceived ideas and goals, for a moment at least.

Whether we are drawing or daydreaming or even when we are moved by a work of art, we often find personal meaning in unexpected places. Neuroscientists call this state of mind activation of the **default mode network**. Loosening top-down, executive control of thinking processes and allowing thoughts to wander widely over the landscape of our minds, we sometimes happen upon a solution where we least expect it. On a leisurely walk, the work-around for a stubborn computer glitch or an idea I couldn't put into words before suddenly occurs to me. It could be the result of seeing things from a different angle, coming at a problem from the opposite direction.

The nature of thought is dynamic, always in flux, always moving forward. Drawing materializes the fluid, continuous, iterative, and action-oriented nature of human thought. We can record the paths our minds take and revisit, revise, and reconstruct these mental journeys. We can play with alternatives.

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## How Your Brain Works

Neuroscience Experiments for Everyone

Greg Gage and Tim Marzullo

Discover the hidden electrical world inside your nervous system using DIY, hands-on experiments, for all ages.

The workings of the brain are mysterious: What are neural signals? What do they mean? How do our senses really sense? How does our brain control our movements? What happens when we meditate? Techniques to record signals from living brains were once thought to be the realm of advanced university labs—but not anymore! This book allows anyone to participate in the discovery of neuroscience through hands-on experiments that record the hidden electrical world beneath our skin and skulls. In *How Your Brain Works*, neuroscientists Greg Gage and Tim Marzullo offer a practical guide—accessible and useful to readers from middle schoolers to college undergraduates to curious adults—for learning about the brain through hands-on experiments.

Armed with some DIY electrodes, readers will get to see what brain activity really looks like through simple neuroscience experiments. Written by two neuroscience researchers who invented open-source techniques to record signals from neurons, muscles, hearts, eyes, and brains, *How Your Brain Works* includes more than forty-five experiments to gain a deeper understanding of your brain, offering fascinating reading for students at any level, curious readers, and scientists interested in using electrophysiology in their research or teaching.

**Greg Gage** and **Tim Marzullo** are award-winning neuroscientists who met while getting their PhDs at Neural Engineering Lab at the University of Michigan. They are the cofounders of Backyard Brains ([backyardbrains.com](http://backyardbrains.com)), which produces kits that are used by students at all levels to learn about the brain.

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# Changing How We Choose

The New Science of Morality

**A. David Redish**

**The “new science of morality” that will change how we see each other, how we build our communities, and how we live our lives.**

In *Changing How We Choose*, David Redish makes a bold claim: Science has “cracked” the problem of morality. Redish argues that moral questions have a scientific basis and that morality is best viewed as a technology—a set of social and institutional forces that create communities and drive cooperation. This means that some moral structures really are better than others and that the moral technologies we use have real consequences on whether we make our societies better or worse places for the people living within them. Drawing on this new scientific definition of morality and real-world applications, *Changing How We Choose* is an engaging read with major implications for how we see each other, how we build our communities, and how we live our lives.

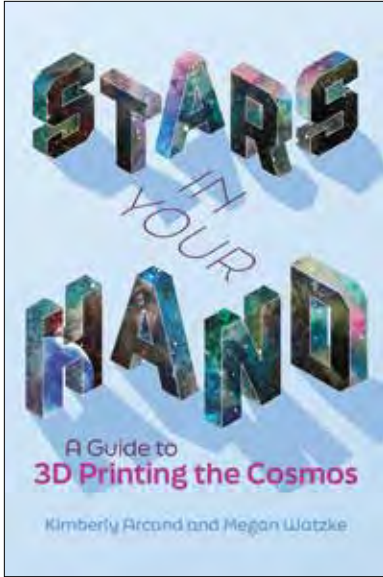
Many people think of human interactions in terms of conflicts between individual freedom and group cooperation, where it is better for the group if everyone cooperates but better for the individual to cheat. Redish shows that moral codes are technologies that change the game so that cooperating is good for the community and for the individual. Redish, an authority on neuroeconomics and decision-making, points out that the key to moral codes is how they interact with the human decision-making process. Drawing on new insights from behavioral economics, sociology, and neuroscience, Redish shows that there really is a “new science of morality” and that this new science has implications—not only for how we understand ourselves but also for how we should construct those new moral technologies.

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## Stars in Your Hand

A Guide to 3D Printing the Cosmos

Kimberly Arcand and Megan Watzke

**An illustrated guide to exploring the Universe in three dimensions.**

Astronomers have made remarkable discoveries about our Universe, despite their reliance on the flat projection, or 2D view, the sky has offered them. But now, drawing on the vast stores of data available from telescopes and observatories on the ground and in space, astronomers are using 3D technology to go beyond a flattened view of the cosmos. In *Stars in Your Hand*, Kimberly Arcand and Megan Watzke offer an illustrated guide to exploring the Universe in three dimensions, with easy-to-follow instructions for creating models of stars and constellations using a 3D printer and 3D computer imaging.

*Stars in Your Hand* and 3D technology make learning about space an adventure. Intrigued by the stunning images from high-powered telescopes? Using this book, you can fly virtually through a 3D spacescape and hold models of cosmic objects in your hand. Arcand and Watzke outline advances in 3D technology, describe some amazing recent discoveries in astronomy, acquaint us with the night sky, and provide brief biographies of the telescopes, probes, and rovers that are bringing us so much data. They then offer images and instructions for printing and visualizing stars, nebulae, supernovae, galaxies, and even black holes in 3D. The 3D Universe is a marvel, and *Stars in Your Hand* serves as a unique and thrilling portal to discovery.

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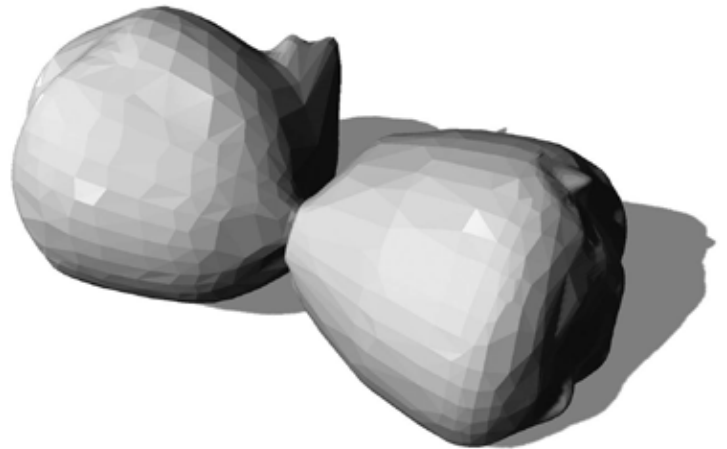
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**Plate 21**

Astronomers have been watching Eta Carinae since it underwent the "Great Eruption" in the 1840s, temporarily becoming the second-brightest star in the sky. Eta Carinae is a double star system and its violent outbursts have created these two giant lobes of material seen in this image from the Hubble Space Telescope. One day, Eta Carinae may explode as the next supernova in the Milky Way.



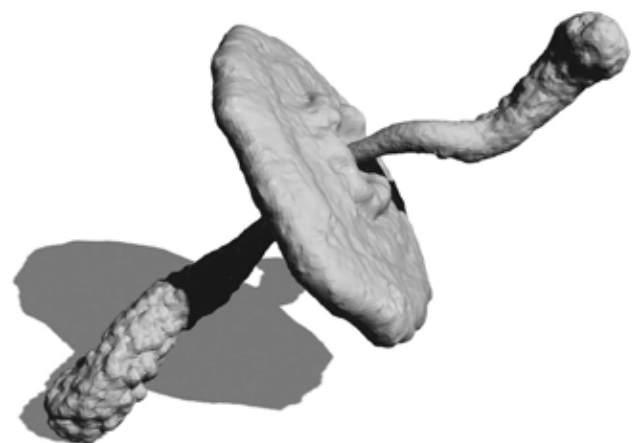
**Figure 8.2**

Eta Carinae is a double star system and could potentially be the next supernova in our home galaxy. The model depicts its double-lobed shell that's called the Homunculus Nebula, showing the protrusions, trenches, holes, and other irregularities throughout the gaseous material.



**Plate 27**

In 1054 A.D., observers in several countries reported the discovery of a "new star" in the constellation of Taurus. Today, this object is known as the Crab Nebula and astronomers know it is powered by a rapidly rotating dense object called a neutron star that was formed when a massive star ran out of fuel and collapsed on itself. This image contains X-ray, optical, and infrared light.



**Figure 8.8**

The Crab Nebula contains the remains of an exploded star being energized by a pulsar, which is sending out bursts of radiation thirty times a second. This model shows the inner X-ray structure of the Crab with a striking ringed disk and jets of particles firing off from opposite ends of the object.



## Whiteness

Martin Lund

**The socially constructed phenomenon of whiteness: how it was created, how it changes, and how it protects and privileges people who are perceived as white.**

This volume in the MIT Press Essential Knowledge series examines the socially constructed phenomenon of whiteness, tracing its creation, its changing formation, and its power to privilege and protect people who are perceived as white. Whiteness, author Martin Lund explains, is not one single idea but a shifting, overarching category, a flexible cluster of historically, culturally, and geographically contingent ideals and standards that enable systems of hierarchical classification. Lund discusses words used to talk about whiteness, from white privilege to white fragility; the intersections of whiteness with race, class, and gender; whiteness in popular culture; and such ideas as “colorblindness” and “reverse racism,” which, he argues, actually uphold whiteness.

Lund shows why it is important to keep talking and thinking about whiteness. The word “whiteness,” he writes, doesn’t describe; it conjures something into being. Drawing on decades of critical whiteness studies and citing a range of examples (primarily from the United States and Sweden), Lund argues that whiteness is continually manufactured and sustained through language, laws, policies, science, and representations in media and popular culture. It is often positioned as normative, even universal. And despite its innocuous-seeming manifestations in sitcoms and superheroes, whiteness is always in the service of racial domination.

**Martin Lund** is Senior Lecturer, Department of Society, Culture, and Identity at Malmö University. He is the author of *Re-Constructing the Man of Steel: Superman 1938–1941*, *Jewish American History*, and *The Invention of the Jewish–Comics Connection*.

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**Kathryn T. Hall** is Deputy Executive Director of Boston Public Health Commission and Assistant Professor (part-time) in Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Associate Molecular Biologist in the Division of Preventive Medicine at Brigham and Women’s Hospital.

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**Jan E. Dizard** is Charles Hamilton Houston Professor of American Culture Emeritus at Amherst College. He is the author of books and articles on the changing family, race relations, and, of particular relevance to hunting, articles on environmental policy, hunting ethics, and wildlife.

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# Analog

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**Why, surrounded by screens and smart devices, we feel a deep connection to the analog—vinyl records, fountain pens, Kodak film, and other nondigital tools.**

We're surrounded by screens; our music comes in the form of digital files; we tap words into a notes app. Why do we still crave the “realness” of analog, seeking out vinyl records, fountain pens, cameras with film? In this volume in the MIT Press Essential Knowledge series, Robert Hassan explores our deep connection to analog technology. Our analog urge, he explains, is about what we've lost from our technological past, something that's not there in our digital present. We're nostalgic for what we remember indistinctly as somehow more real, more human. Surveying some of the major developments of analog technology, Hassan shows us what's been lost with the digital.

Along the way, he discusses the appeal of the 2011 silent, black-and-white Oscar-winning film *The Artist*; the revival of the non-e-book book; the early mechanical clocks that enforced prayer and worship times; and the programmable loom. He describes the effect of the typewriter on Nietzsche's productivity, the pivotal invention of the telegraph, and the popularity of the first televisions despite their iffy picture quality.

The transition to digital is marked by the downgrading of human participation in the human-technology relationship. We have unwittingly unmoored ourselves, Hassan warns, from the anchors of analog technology and the natural world. Our analog nostalgia is for those ancient aspects of who and what we are.

**Robert Hassan** is Professor of Media and Communication at the University of Melbourne. He is the author of *The Condition of Digitality*, *The Age of Distraction*, and other books.

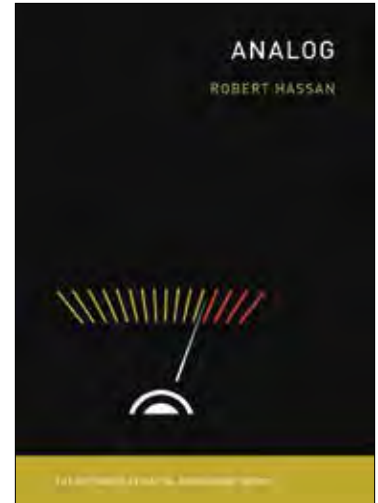
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After considering such related concepts as wellbeing and flourishing, Lomas traces ideas of happiness from the ancient Buddhist notions of sukha and nirvana through Aristotle's distinction between hedonic and eudaemonic happiness to today's therapeutic and scientific approaches. He discusses current academic perspectives, looking at the breadth of happiness research across disciplines; examines the mechanics of happiness—the physiological, psychological, phenomenological, and sociocultural processes that make up happiness; explores the factors that influence happiness, both individual and social; and discusses the cultivation of happiness.

**Tim Lomas** is a Research Affiliate at the Human Flourishing Program at Harvard University and the author of *Translating Happiness: A Cross-Cultural Lexicon of Well-Being*. His work has been featured in *Time*, the *New Yorker*, *Vox*, *Scientific American*, and the *Atlantic*.

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Coeckelbergh examines industrial robots and their potential to take over tasks from humans; “social” robots and possible risks to privacy; and robots in health care and their effect on quality of care. He considers whether a machine can be moral, or have morality built in; how we ascribe moral status; and if machines should be allowed to make decisions about life and death. When we discuss robot ethics from a philosophical angle, Coeckelbergh argues, robots can function as mirrors for reflecting on the human. Robot ethics is more than applied ethics; it is a way of doing philosophy.

**Mark Coeckelbergh** is Professor of Philosophy of Media and Technology at the University of Vienna. He is the author of *New Romantic Cyborgs: Romanticism, Information Technology, and the End of the Machine*, *AI Ethics* (both published by the MIT Press), *Introduction to Philosophy of Technology*, and other books.

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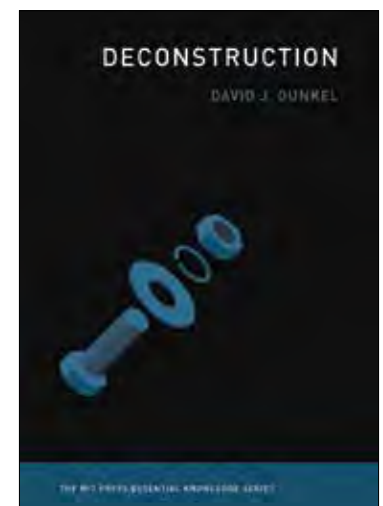
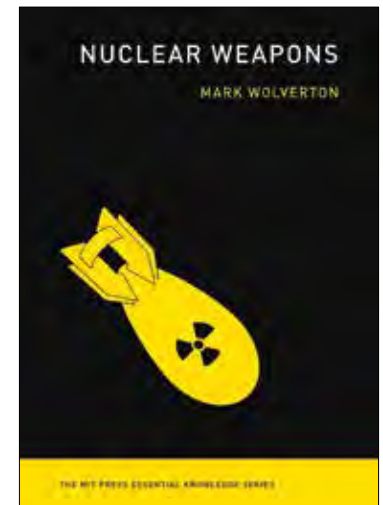
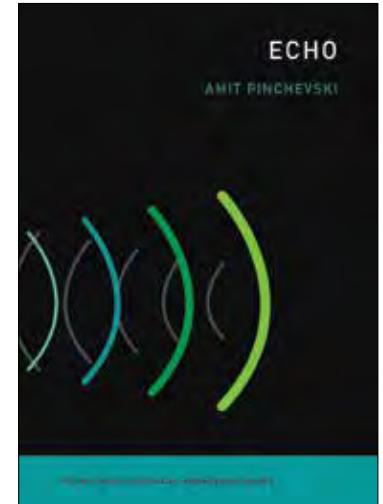
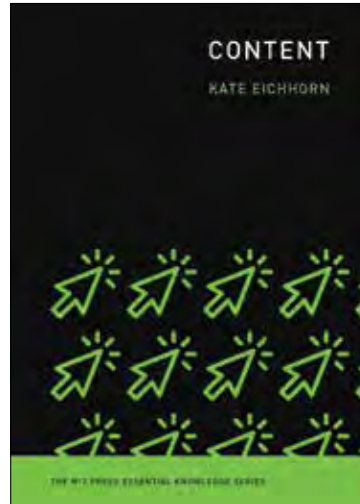
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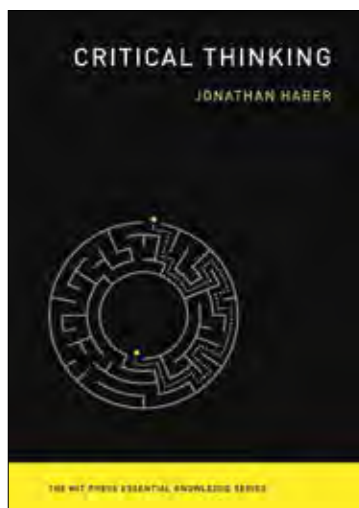
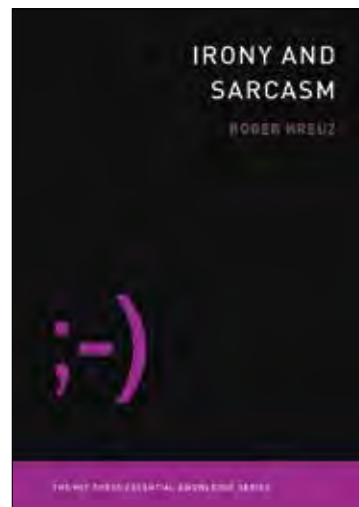
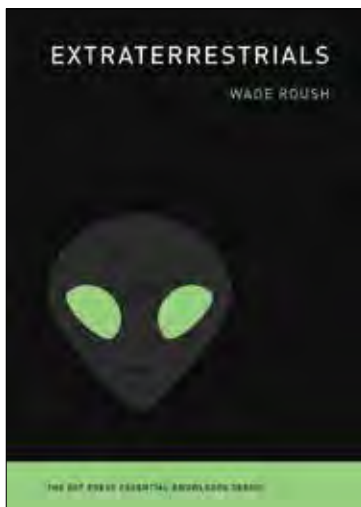
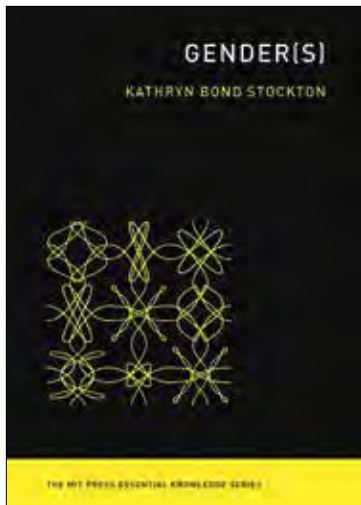
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J. J. Connington

introduction by Matthew Battles

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**As a bacteria threatens to wipe out humankind, a plutocrat sets himself up as the benignant dictator of a survivalist colony.**

In this novel originally published in 1923, as denitrifying bacteria inimical to plant growth spreads around the world, toppling civilizations and threatening to wipe out humankind, the British plutocrat Nordenholt sets himself up as the benignant dictator of a ruthlessly efficient, entirely undemocratic, survivalist colony established in Scotland's Clyde Valley. Discovering just how far their employer is willing to go in his effort to spare one million lives, Jack Flint, the colony's director of operations, and Elsa Huntingtower, Nordenholt's personal assistant, are forced to grapple with the question of whether a noble end justifies dastardly means.

Under the pseudonym J. J. Connington, **Alfred Walter Stewart** (1880–1947) wrote seventeen well-received detective novels; *Nordenholt's Million* is his only science fiction novel. Stewart was a distinguished British chemist and author of the popular textbooks *Recent Advances in Organic Chemistry* (1908) and *Recent Advances in Physical and Inorganic Chemistry* (1909). Via a 1918 theory of the physical chemistry of radioactivity, he contributed the term *isobar*—as complementary to the term *isotope*—to science. **Matthew Battles** is the author of *Library: An Unquiet History*, *Palimpsest*, and *Tree*, as well as the story collection *The Sovereignities of Invention*. His writing on the cultural dimensions of science, technology, and the natural world have appeared in the *Atlantic*, the *Boston Globe*, and *Orion*. For Harvard's metaLAB, he develops research into the dark abundance of collections, cultural and technology, and conditions of experience in the context of deep time.

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## Of One Blood

Pauline Hopkins

introduction by Minister Faust

**A mixed-race Harvard medical student stumbles upon a hidden Ethiopian city, the inhabitants of which possess both advanced technologies and mystical powers.**

Long before Marvel Comics gave us Wakanda, a high-tech African country that has never been colonized, this 1903 novel gave readers Reuel Brigg—a mixed-race Harvard medical student, passing as white, who stumbles upon Telassar. In this long-hidden Ethiopian city, whose wise, peaceful inhabitants possess both advanced technologies and mystical powers, Reuel discovers the incredible secret of his own birth. Now, he must decide whether to return to the life he's built, and the woman he loves, back in America—or play a role in helping Telassar take its rightful place on the world stage. Considered one of the earliest articulations of Black internationalism, *Of One Blood* takes as its theme the notion that race is a social construct perpetuated by racists.

**Pauline Hopkins** (1859-1930), an African-American journalist and editor of Boston's *The Colored American Magazine*, was the author of four novels: *Contending Forces: A Romance Illustrative of Negro Life North and South* (1900), *Hagar's Daughter: A Story of Southern Cast Prejudice* (1901-1902), *Winona: A Tale of Negro Life in the South and Southwest* (1902-1903), and *Of One Blood* (1903). Her work illuminated African history, racist injustice, and women's liberation, earning her a reputation as a key public intellectual of her time. **Minister Faust** is best known as author of *The Coyote Kings of the Space-Age Bachelor Pad* (2004) and 2007's Kindred Award-winning *From the Notebooks of Dr. Brain* (retitled *Shrinking the Heroes*, it also received the Philip K. Dick Award Special Citation). An award-winning journalist, community organizer, teacher, and workshop designer, Faust is also a former television host and producer, radio broadcaster, and podcaster. His 2011 TEDx talk, "The Cure For Death by Smalltalk," has been viewed more than 840,000 times.

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Rose Macaulay

introduction by Matthew De Abaitua

In a near-future England, a new government entity—the Ministry of Brains—attempts to stave off idiocracy through a program of compulsory selective breeding. Kitty Grammont, who shares the author’s own ambivalent attitude to life, gets involved in the Ministry’s propaganda efforts, which are detailed with an entertaining thoroughness. However, when Kitty falls in love with the Minister for Brains, a man whose genetic shortcomings make a union with her impossible, their illicit affair threatens to topple the government. Because it ridiculed wartime bureaucracy, the planned 1918 publication of *What Not*, whose alphabetical caste system would directly influence Aldous Huxley’s 1932 dystopia *Brave New World*, was delayed until after the end of World War I.

**Rose Macaulay** (1881–1958) was an English writer who during the First World War worked in the British Propaganda Department; later, she became a civil servant in the War Office. Several of her satirical novels, including *Potterism* (1920), *Dangerous Ages* (1921), and *Told by an Idiot* (1923) were best-sellers. Macaulay was also a journalist, poet, and essayist, and the author of biographies and travelogues. She is best remembered today for her autobiographical final novel, *The Towers of Trebizond* (1956). **Matthew De Abaitua** is a Senior Lecturer in Creative Writing at the University of Essex. His debut science fiction novel *The Red Men* (2007) was shortlisted for the Arthur C. Clarke Award and adapted into a short film, *Dr. Easy*. His science fiction novels *IF THEN* (2015) and *The Destructives* (2016) complete the loose trilogy. His book *Self & I: A Memoir of Literary Ambition* (2018) was shortlisted for the New Angle Prize for Literature.

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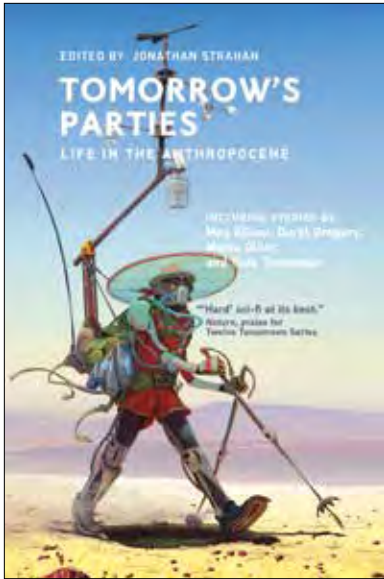
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In these stories—by writers from the United Kingdom, the United States, Nigeria, China, Bangladesh, and Australia—a young man steals from delivery drones; a political community lives on an island made of ocean-borne plastic waste; and a climate change denier tries to unmask “crisis actors.” Climate-changed life also has its pleasures and epiphanies, as when a father in Africa works to make his son’s dreams of “Viking adventure” a reality, and an IT professional dispatched to a distant village encounters a marvelous predigital fungal network. Contributors include Pascall Prize for Criticism winner James Bradley, Hugo Award winners Greg Egan and Sarah Gailey, Philip K Dick Award winner Meg Elison, and *New York Times* bestselling author Daryl Gregory.

**Jonathan Strahan** is a World Fantasy Award–winning editor, anthologist, and podcaster. Reviews editor for *Locus* magazine and consulting editor for Tor.com, he cohosts and produces the Hugo-nominated *Coode Street Podcast*.

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*The Great Easter* was first published in French in 1969 and became famous a few years later when in their milestone work *Anti-Oedipus* Gilles Deleuze and Félix Guattari referred to Besse's book as the quintessential "double stroll of the schizo." (Besse was a patient at Guattari's psychiatric clinic La Borde.) Besse's stroll purées past and present, real and not-real: a rendezvous with a sex worker intersects with Sergei Eisenstein and his entourage, a bellowed song about the sea is overwhelmed by "memories" of the 1830 July Revolution, and the entire universe gathers itself up into a bubble above Gare d'Austerlitz. He is seized by anxiety, released by joy; he announces his cosmic celebrity via a huge (imaginary) television while freezing in the night and calling out for bread. A cult favorite in France, *The Great Easter* is an engrossing, surreal road movie of a book.

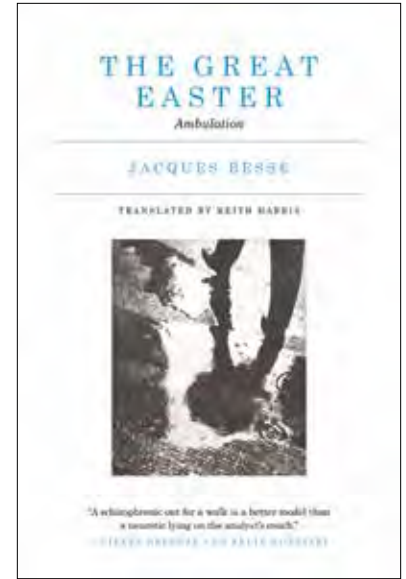
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**Jacques Besse** (1921–1999) was a composer for the cinema and theater. After years of mental health crises and time spent in and out of psychiatric hospitals and prisons, he went to live at the experimental psychiatric clinic La Borde, under the care of Félix Guattari.

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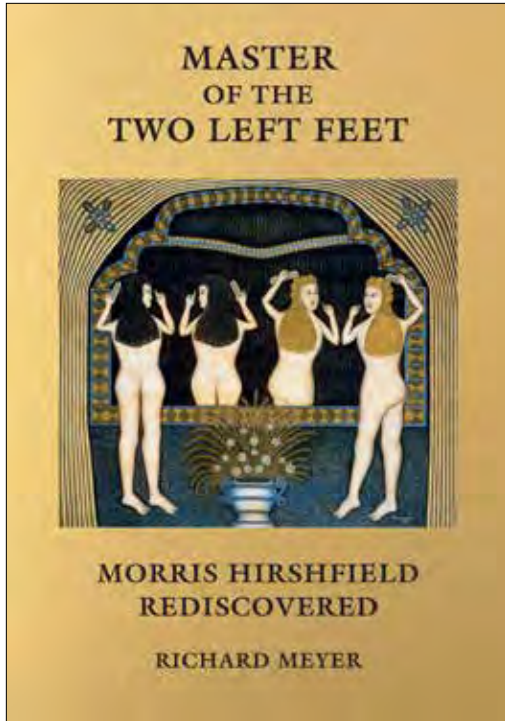
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## Master of the Two Left Feet

Morris Hirshfield Rediscovered

Richard Meyer

**An account of the life and work of a once-famous, self-taught American artist of the 1940s, and a study of how artists go missing from public memory.**

A garment worker and slipper manufacturer with no training in art, Morris Hirshfield was never expected to make history. Against all odds, his wildly stylized paintings became internationally known in the 1940s. Admired by Pablo Picasso, Piet Mondrian, and the French surrealists, his peak moment of visibility occurred in 1943, when the Museum of Modern Art mounted a one-man show of his work. The exhibition was widely reviewed—though mostly reviled—by the press, who jeeringly crowned Hirshfield

“Master of the Two Left Feet” for his tendency to display the female body in an unorthodox fashion.

After the artist’s death in 1946, his work was largely forgotten. In *Master of the Two Left Feet*, Richard Meyer rediscovers Hirshfield for twenty-first century viewers, offering full-color reproductions that capture the eye-popping palette, vibrant patterns, and sheer visual pleasure of Hirshfield’s paintings, and a catalog of works compiled by curator Susan Davidson which provides the most comprehensive documentation of the artist’s paintings ever assembled.

Ten years in the making, the book presents Hirshfield’s unlikely career as a painter not only as a missing episode in the history of twentieth-century art but also as a case study of the ways in which artists go missing from historical knowledge and public memory. By looking at the ways in which Hirshfield mattered in the 1940s, Meyer demonstrates how much we have yet to learn, and to see, of the visual past.

**Richard Meyer** is Robert and Ruth Halperin Professor in Art History at Stanford University. He is author of *Outlaw Representation: Censorship and Homosexuality in Twentieth-Century American Art* and *What Was Contemporary Art?* (MIT Press) as well as coeditor, with Catherine Lord, of *Art and Queer Culture*, and coauthor, with Peggy Phelan, of *Contact Warhol: Photography without End*.

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**A lavishly illustrated guide to the magnum opus of the great seventeenth-century anatomist, master embalmer, artist, and collector of specimens.**

Frederik Ruysch (1638–1731) was a celebrated Dutch anatomist, master embalmer, and museologist. He is best remembered today for strange tableaux, crafted from fetal skeletons and other human remains, that flicker provocatively at the edges of science, art, and memento mori. Ruysch exhibited these pieces, along with hundreds of other artful specimens, in his home museum and catalogued them in his lavishly illustrated *Thesaurus Anatomicus*. This book offers the first English translation of Ruysch's guide to his collection, along with all the illustrations from the original volume, photographs of some of his most imaginative extant specimens, and more.

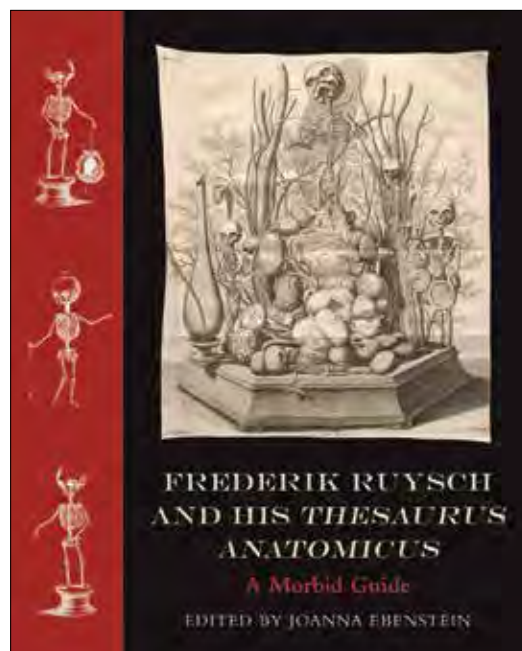
Ruysch was at once a brilliant scientist, a preternaturally gifted technician, an esteemed physician, a religious moralizer, and an artist whose prime form of expression was the medium of human remains. His works were sometimes described as “Rembrandts of anatomical preparation”; today, they seem so strange that we can hardly believe that they even existed, much less that they were so popular in their time. His combination of the religious and the scientific, the painstakingly accurate and the extravagantly fantastical, offers vivid testimony of an era in which science overlapped seamlessly with religion and art. Essays accompanying Ruysch's text and images consider such topics as the historical context of Ruysch's work, the paradox of an artist of death whose work engenders the illusion of life, the conservation of Ruysch's specimens, and the shifting ascendancies of romanticism and rationality in the natural sciences.

**Joanna Ebenstein** is a Brooklyn-based artist, writer, curator, photographer, and graphic designer. She is the creator of the Morbid Anatomy blog, library, and event series and cofounded the now-shuttered Morbid Anatomy Museum.

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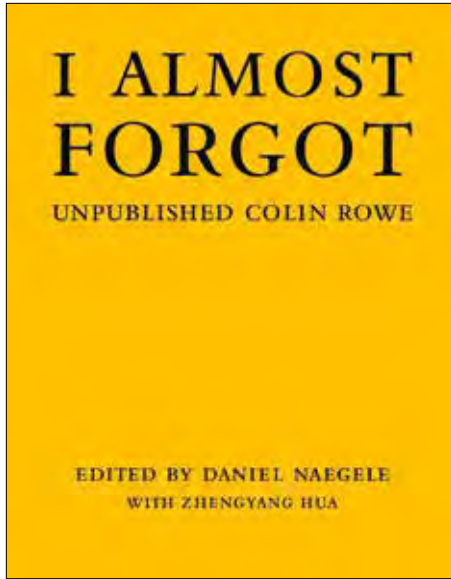


“A true masterpiece that persists at capturing the reader's attention in the most imaginative ways possible. The book's amazing images and anatomical sculptures certainly make the history of science significantly more visually spectacular.”

—**John Troyer, Director of the Centre for Death and Society at the University of Bath; author of *Technologies of the Human Corpse***

“The macabre and fantastical tableaux of Frederik Ruysch are among the strangest and most exquisite creations in the history of anatomy. In this lavish and much-anticipated volume, Joanna Ebenstein and her collaborators bring exuberant scholarship to bear on their history, their artistry, their science, and their multiple meanings, and present us with the first English translation of Ruysch's own guide to the wonders of his collection.”

—**Mike Jay, author of *The Influencing Machine***



## I Almost Forgot

Unpublished Colin Rowe

edited by Daniel Naegele

with Zhengyang Hua

**Unpublished writings of Colin Rowe— letters, essays, lectures, and a postcard— clarify his thinking on key concepts while revealing his wit and erudition.**

Colin Rowe (1920–1999) was one of the great architectural historians of the twentieth century, publishing the influential works *The Mathematics of the Ideal Villa and Other Essays* (1976) and *Collage City* (1978). While his written work was rigorous and authoritative, his lectures and letters were more casual, “carefully careless,” both witty and erudite.

*I Almost Forgot* gathers twenty-four such writings— letters, essays, lectures, a postcard, and a eulogy. Both edifying and entertaining, sometimes tongue-in-cheek, occasionally scathing, they fill in personal details and clarify key concepts in Rowe’s work.

In these writings, Rowe tells of the “Corbu superstructure upon a beaux-arts base” that refugee Polish architects and their students introduced to his alma mater, the University of Liverpool, in the early 1940s. He characterizes his controversial essay “The Mathematics of the Ideal Villa” as a “pretty clever but, otherwise, perfectly innocent little article,” and reports that Le Corbusier’s *Villa Schwob* “played an entirely disproportionate role in my mental life.” Rowe’s voice and opinions are strong in his discussions of architecture, current events, and his own life and work. Each piece begins with a brief introduction by the volume editor. The writings are illustrated by images of Rowe’s drawings, letters, and postcards; photographs and drawings of Rowe’s only built work; and illustrations chosen by Rowe for lectures.

**Daniel Naegele** is an architect and Associate Professor Emeritus at Iowa State University. His essays and articles have appeared in *AA Files*, *Harvard Design Magazine*, *L’Architecture d’Aujourd’hui*, and other publications. He is the editor of *The Letters of Colin Rowe* and the author of *Naegele’s Guide to the Only Good Architecture in Iowa* and *Who Shot Le Corbusier?*

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# Ambulance Chasers

Abraham Adams

text a by David Joselit

**A series of photographic diptychs that investigate the behavior of images and offer an account of American precarity.**

*Ambulance Chasers* offers a series of photographic diptychs by the artist Abraham Adams: on the left, the faces of personal injury lawyers photographed from roadside billboards; on the right, the landscapes they survey. The gesture is a double rotation: each photograph is imagined as the spectator of the other, and in each pairing, the exorbitant promises of the animated lawyers are deflated by their juxtaposition with an often featureless roadside landscape. The ambulance chasers smile, grin, grimace, scowl; their hair is neatly coiffed, slicked back, unnaturally dark. They gaze at country roads, busy highways, empty intersections, blue skies, building sites, and parking lots. They offer assistance—at a price. Adams’s conceptual performance and art historian David Joselit’s text tell a story of American precarity.

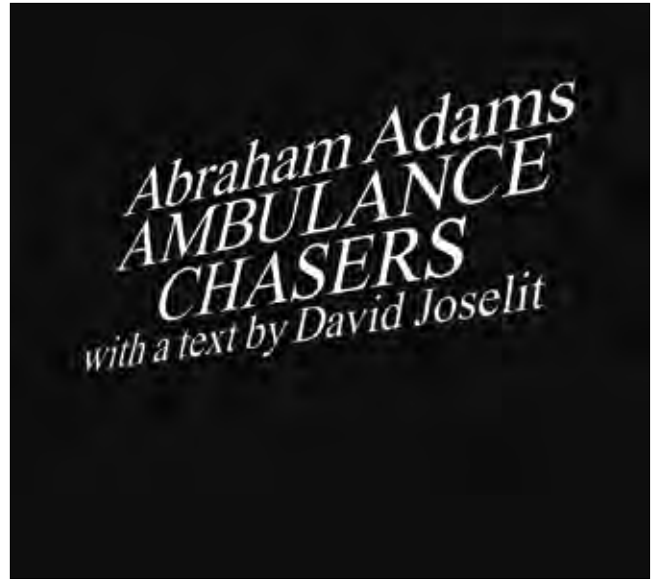
Joselit’s text unrolls alongside the photographs like a long, broken caption. Adams and Joselit conceived their collaboration as an investigation of the behavior and poetics of images—both in the world as billboards and in the book as reproductions—in a visual and textual language quite different from standard theoretical texts. In a long interview, they explore the project’s aesthetic and historical concerns, focusing on its hybridization of typologies central to post-World War II photography—the conceptual catalogs best exemplified by the work of Bernd and Hilla Becher and their students, and the “anti-heroic” American landscape, as charted by artists ranging from Ed Ruscha to Lewis Baltz and Robert Adams.

**Abraham Adams** is an artist whose work has been exhibited at Galerie Barbara Weiss in Berlin, Artists Space in New York, and elsewhere. The author of *Nothing in MoMA*, he is a master’s candidate at the Royal College of Art. **David Joselit** is Professor and Chair in the Department of Art, Film, and Visual Studies at Harvard University. His most recent book, *Heritage and Debt: Art in Globalization* (MIT Press), received the 2021 Robert Motherwell Book Award.

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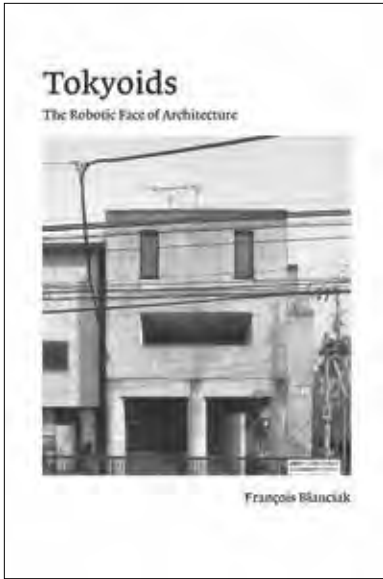
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“Strange, provocative, unique, opaque—to say the least—but also strong and enigmatic, *Ambulance Chasers* makes an important statement about the visual landscape of twenty-first-century America.”

—**Shelley Rice, New York University**



## Tokyoids

The Robotic Face of Architecture

François Blanciak

**A photographic survey of the robotic face of Tokyo buildings and an argument that robot aesthetics plays a central role in architectural history.**

In *Tokyoids*, architect François Blanciak surveys the robotic faces omnipresent in Tokyo buildings, offering an architectural taxonomy based not on the usual variables—size, material, historical style—but on the observable expressions of buildings. Are the eyes (windows) twinkling, the mouth (door) laughing? Is that balcony a howl of distress? Investigating robot aesthetics through his photographs of fifty buildings, Blanciak argues that the robot face originated in architecture—before the birth of robotics—and has played a central role in architectural history.

Blanciak first puts the robot face into historical perspective, examining the importance of the face in architectural theory and demonstrating that the construction of architecture’s emblematic portraits triggered the emergence of a robot aesthetics. He then explores the emotions conveyed by the photographed buildings’ robot faces, in chapters titled “Awe,” “Wrath,” “Mirth,” “Pain,” “Angst,” and “Hunger.” As he does so he considers, among other things, the architectural relevance of Tokyo’s ordinary buildings; the repression of the figural in contemporary architecture; an aesthetic of dismemberment, linked to the structure of the Japanese language and local building design; and the influence of automation technology upon human interaction.

Part photographic survey, part theoretical inquiry, *Tokyoids* upends the usual approach to robotics in architecture by considering not the automation of architectural output but the aesthetic properties of the robot.

**François Blanciak** is an architect and Associate Professor in the Department of Architecture at the National University of Singapore. He is the author of *Siteless: 1001 Building Forms* (MIT Press).

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“This book is more than a treatise on robotic aesthetics. It is a psycho-historical critique—and simultaneously a visual celebration—of the technological world in which we live. It brings to the fore the overlapping intellectual and visual dimensions of our modern culture.”

**—Mark Jarzombek, Professor of the History and Theory of Architecture at MIT**

“From *architecture parlante* to Gundam towers, this fascinating book offers a panorama of the many faces that define the messy skyline of late-modern Tokyo, situating the aesthetics of cacophony and narcissism in the complex confrontations between autonomy and automation, tradition and modernity, Japan and the world.”

**—Seng Kuan, Project Associate Professor, University of Tokyo; Lecturer in Architecture at Harvard University**

# The Cute

edited by Sianne Ngai

**A collection that tracks the astonishing impact of one vernacular aesthetic category—the cute—on postwar and contemporary art.**

*The Cute* tracks the astonishing impact of a single aesthetic category on post-war and contemporary art, and on the vast range of cultural practices and discourses on which artists draw. From robots and cat videos to ice cream socials, *The Cute* explores the ramifications of an aesthetic “of” or “about” minor-ness—or what is perceived to be diminutive, subordinate, and above all, unthreatening—on the shifting forms and contents of art today. This anthology is the first of its kind to show how contemporary artists have worked on and transformed the cute, in ways that not only complexify its meaning, but also reshape their own artistic practices.

**Sianne Ngai**, Andrew W. Mellon Professor of English at the University of Chicago, is the author of *Ugly Feelings*, *Our Aesthetic Categories: Zany, Cute, Interesting*, and *Theory of the Gimmick: Aesthetic Judgment and Capitalist Form*.

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## Feminist Worldmaking and the Moving Image

edited by Erika Balsom and Hila Peleg

**A generously illustrated intersectional, intergenerational, and international collection of essays on nonfiction filmmaking by women.**

This book offers intersectional, intergenerational, and international perspectives on nonfiction film- and videomaking by and about women, examining practices that range from activist documentaries to avant-garde experiments. Concentrating primarily on the period between the 1970s and 1990s, the contributions revisit major figures, contexts, and debates across a polycentric, global geography. They explore how the moving image has been a crucial terrain of feminist struggle—a way of not only picturing the world but remaking it.

The contributors consider key decolonial filmmakers, including Trinh T. Minh-ha and Sarah Maldoror; explore collectively produced films with ties to women’s liberation movements in different countries; and investigate the cinematic expressions of tensions and alliances between feminism and anti-imperialist struggles. They grapple with the need for a broader more inclusive definition of the term “feminism”; meditate on the figure of the grandmother; reflect on realist aesthetics; and ask what a feminist film historiography might look like.

The book, generously illustrated with film stills and other images, many in color, offers ten original texts, two conversations, and eight short essays composed in response to historical texts written by filmmakers. The historical texts, half of which are published in English for the first time, appear alongside the essays.

**Erika Balsom** is Reader in Film Studies at King’s College London and the author of four books, including *TEN SKIES* and *After Uniqueness: A History of Film and Video Art in Circulation*. She is coeditor of *Documentary Across Disciplines* (HKW/MIT Press). **Hila Peleg** is Associate Curator at the Haus der Kulturen der Welt (HKW), Berlin and was formerly Artistic Director of the Berlin Documentary Forum. She is coeditor of *Documentary Across Disciplines* (HKW/MIT Press).

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# Kara Walker

edited by Vanina G  r  

**Selected texts that survey the full range of Kara Walker’s artistic practice, emphasizing the work itself rather than the debates and controversies around it.**

Kara Walker’s work and its borrowings from an iconography linked to the fantasized and travestied history of American chattel slavery has been theorized and critiqued in countless texts throughout her career. Exegeses of her work have been shaped by the numerous debates on the very debates it generated. How, then, do we approach a work that has been covered by such “thick theoretical layers”? This collection is unique in emphasizing Walker’s work itself rather than the controversies surrounding it. These essays and interviews survey Walker’s artistic practice from her early works in the 1990s through her most recent ones, from her famous silhouette projects to her lesser-known drawings and lantern shows.

The texts, by art historians, curators, critics, scholars, and writers engage scrupulously with Walker’s pieces as material works of art, putting them in the context of the sociopolitical and cultural environments that shape—but never determine—them. They include an interview of the artist by Thelma Golden of the Studio Museum in Harlem; an essay in the form of a lexicon, cataloguing key elements in Walker’s art, by curator Yasmil Raymond; and an essay by volume editor Vanina G  r   on Walker’s use of historical archives. Finally, novelist Zadie Smith considers Walker’s public art as counter-propositions to colonial monuments and as a reflection on colonial history.

**Vanina G  r  ** is Professor of Art History and Theory at the Villa Arson National School of Fine Arts in Nice, France. She is the author of a monograph on Kara Walker, *Les mauvais sentiments: l’art de Kara Walker*.

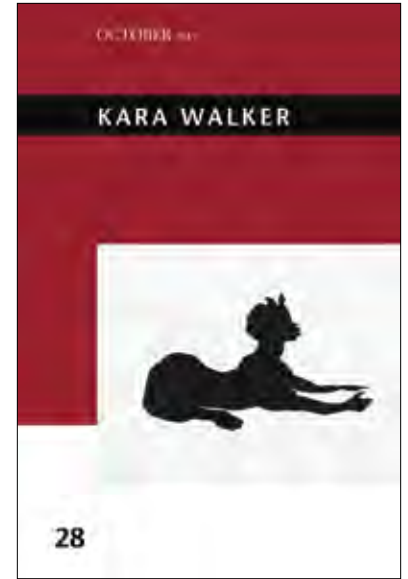
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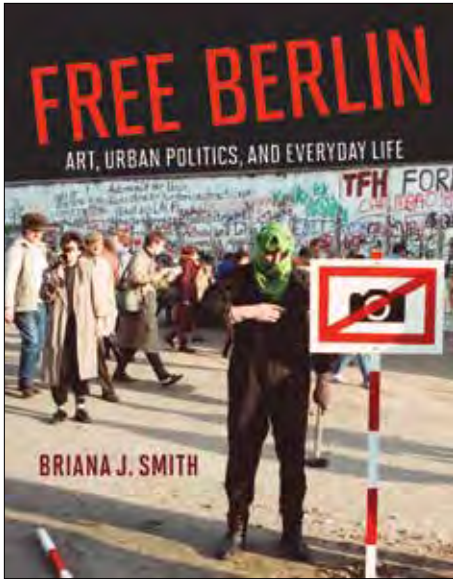
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## Free Berlin

Art, Urban Politics, and Everyday Life

Briana J. Smith

**An alternative history of art in Berlin, detaching artistic innovation from art world narratives and connecting it instead to collective creativity and social solidarity.**

In pre- and post-reunification Berlin, socially engaged artists championed collective art making and creativity over individual advancement, transforming urban space and civic life in the process. During the Cold War, the city's state of exception invited artists on both sides of the Wall to detour from artistic tradition; post-Wall, art became a tool of resistance against the orthodoxy of economic growth. In *Free Berlin*, Briana Smith explores the everyday peculiarities, collective joys, and grassroots provocations of experimental artists in late Cold War Berlin and their legacy in today's city.

These artists worked intentionally outside the art market, believing that art should be everywhere, freed from its confinement in museums and galleries. They used art as a way to imagine new forms of social and creative life. Smith introduces little-known artists including West Berlin feminist collective Black Chocolate, the artist duo paint the town red (p.t.t.r), and the Office for Unusual Events, creators of satirical urban political theater, as well as East Berlin action art and urban interventionists Erhard Monden, Kurt Buchwald, and others. Artists and artist-led urban coalitions in 1990s Berlin carried on the participatory spirit of the late Cold War, with more overt forms of protest and collaboration at the neighborhood level. The temperament lives on in twenty-first century Berlin, animating artists' resolve to work outside the market and citizens' spirited defenses of green spaces, affordable housing, and collectivist projects.

With *Free Berlin*, Smith offers an alternative history of art in Berlin, detaching artistic innovation from art world narratives and connecting it instead to Berliners' historic embrace of care, solidarity, and cooperation.

**Briana J. Smith** is Assistant Director and Lecturer in the Committee on Degrees in History and Literature at Harvard University and teaches for the Harvard Extension School.

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"In *Free Berlin* Smith shows vividly what has made dour Berlin twinkle: the offbeat creatives who dared to live out their eccentricities on its streets and in the drafty walkups—not for money but because this is who they had to be, and Berlin was the best place to be it."

—**Paul Hockenos, author of *Berlin Calling: A Story of Anarchy, Music, The Wall, and the Birth of the New Berlin.***

# Symbionts

Contemporary Artists and the Biosphere

edited by **Caroline A. Jones, Natalie Bell,  
and Selby Nimrod**

**Essays, conversations, selected texts, and  
a rich collection of thought-provoking  
artworks celebrate a revolution in bio art.**

The texts and artworks in *Symbionts* provoke a necessary conversation about our species and its relation to the planet. Are we merely “mammalian weeds,” as evolutionary biologist Lynn Margulis put it? Or are we partners in producing and maintaining the biosphere, as she also suggested? *Symbionts* reflects on a recent revolution in bio art that departs from the late-1990s code-oriented experiments to embrace entanglement and symbiosis (“with-living”). Combining documentation of contemporary artworks with texts by leading thinkers, *Symbionts*, which accompanies an exhibition at MIT List Visual Arts Center, offers an expansive view of humanity’s place on the planet.

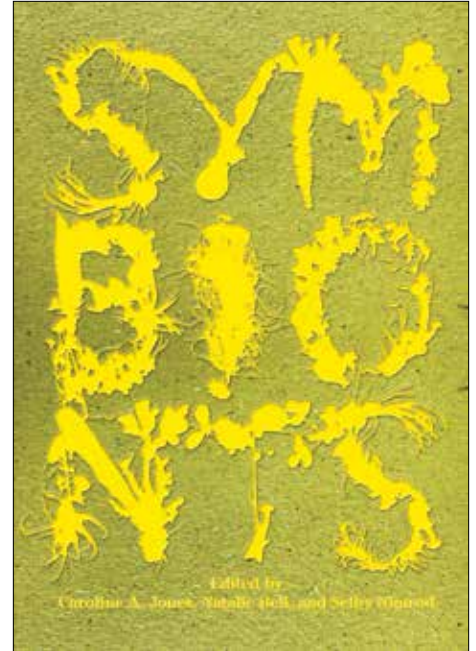
Color reproductions document works by international artists that respond to the revelation that planetary microbes construct and maintain our biosphere. A central essay by coeditor Caroline Jones sets their work in the context of larger discussions around symbiosis; additional essays, an edited roundtable discussion, and selected excerpts follow. Contributors explore, among other things, the resilient ecological knowledge of indigenous scholars and artists, and “biofiction,” a term coined by Jones to describe the work of such theoretical biologists as Jacob von Uexküll as well as the witty parafictions of artist Anicka Yi. A playful glossary puts scientific terms in conversation with cultural ones.

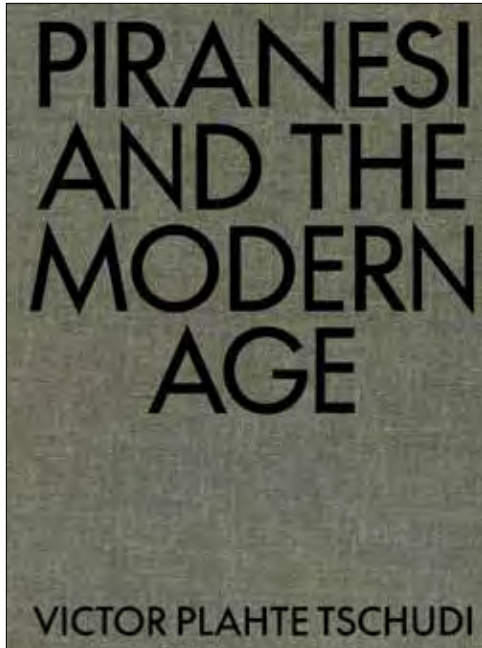
**Caroline A. Jones** is an art historian, author, and curator and Professor in the History, Theory, and Criticism in the Department of Architecture at MIT. She is the author of, most recently, *The Global Work of Art: World’s Fairs, Biennials, and the Aesthetics of Experience*. **Natalie Bell** is Curator at the MIT List Visual Arts Center and editor or coeditor of several exhibition publications, including *Matthew Angelo Harrison* (MIT Press). **Selby Nimrod** is Assistant Curator at the MIT List Visual Arts Center.

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## Piranesi and the Modern Age

Victor Plahte Tschudi

**The complex appropriation of Piranesi by modern literature, photography, art, film, and architecture.**

The etchings of the Italian printmaker, architect, and antiquarian Giovanni Battista Piranesi (1720–78) have long mesmerized viewers. But, as Victor Plahte Tschudi shows, artists and writers of the modern era found in these works—Piranesi’s visions of contradictory space, endless vistas, and self-perpetuating architecture—a formulation of the modern. In *Piranesi and the Modern Age*, Tschudi explores the complex appropriation and continual rediscoveries of Piranesi by modern literature, photography, art, film, and architecture.

Tracing the ways that the modern age constructed itself and its origin through Piranesi across genres, he shows, for example, how Piranesi’s work formulates the ideas of “contrast” in photography, “abstraction” in painting and “montage” in cinema.

Piranesi’s modern-day comeback, Tschudi argues, relied on new dimensions found within his work that inspired attempts to inscribe within them a world that was very modern. For more than a century, these interpretations have helped legitimize new forms, theories, technologies, and movements. Tschudi examines, among other things, how Piranesi’s disturbing prison interiors—the *Carceri*—became modern metaphors for the mind; how Alfred H. Barr and the Museum of Modern Art made the case for Piranesi’s alleged abstraction in the 1930s; and how Sergei Eisenstein reinvented Piranesi as a progenitor of his own innovative filmmaking techniques. Tschudi’s exploration of Piranesi’s influence on modern architectural discourse includes interviews with such distinguished architects as Peter Eisenman, Bernard Tschumi, Steven Holl, and Rem Koolhaas. Generously illustrated, *Piranesi and the Modern Age* offers an entirely new reading of Piranesi’s work.

**Victor Plahte Tschudi** is Professor in Architectural History at the Oslo School of Architecture and Design and the author of *Baroque Antiquity: Archaeological Imagination in Early Modern Europe*. He curated the 2022 exhibition “Piranesi and the Modern Age” at the National Museum of Norway.

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“The etchings of the eighteenth-century Venetian printmaker, architect, and antiquarian Giovanni Battista Piranesi have long mesmerized viewers. But, as Victor Plahte Tschudi shows, these same images continued to fascinate assorted onlookers in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, becoming points of reference not just for artists and architects, but also for photographers, writers, filmmakers, and psychoanalysts. While there are many studies that deal with Piranesi’s significance for particular artists and practices, no one before has comprehensively treated his impact upon all these different media in one work. Tschudi’s achievement is to have done this, and to have made it into an opportunity not just to think about what underlies the modern fascination with Piranesi, but to explore Piranesi’s impact upon the modern mind. The result is a truly wonderful book.”

**—Adrian Forty, Emeritus Professor of the History of Architecture, The Bartlett School of Architecture, University College London**



# Some Reasons for Traveling to Italy

Peter Wilson

**An idiosyncratic guidebook to architectural (and other) wonders of Italy, accompanied by the author's own witty illustrations.**

In *Some Reasons for Traveling to Italy*, architect Peter Wilson offers a Grand Tour of Grand Tours, providing an idiosyncratic guidebook to architectural (and other) wonders of Italy, illustrated by his own witty watercolors and sketches. Wilson chronicles the reasons that people throughout history have traveled to Italy—ranging from “To Be the Subject of an Equestrian Painting by Uccello in Florence Cathedral” to “To Rebuild Herculaneum in Malibu” (the desire of oil tycoon J. Paul Getty in the 1970s)—while giving readers a deeper understanding of Italy’s architectural habitat and cultural mythology.

In Wilson’s narratives and anecdotes, place names function as talismans; the events may not tally with recorded history, or with the exact topographies of actual places. Wilson offers historical reworkings, appropriations, and an architect’s scrutiny of certain Italian tropes. He recounts that Edward de Vere, 17th Earl of Oxford, set out “To Flee England Out of Embarrassment” after breaking wind when he bowed to Queen Elizabeth I; French novelist Stendhal went “To Discover an Anti-France”; and an English architect went “To Get Some Ideas for a Mausoleum.” At the first Venice Biennale of Architecture in 1980, a dapper architect found that he had come to Italy “To Fall Overboard in a White Suit,” the artist Cy Twombly went simply “To See,” and Wilson himself found that he was “Captured by the Ospedale Degli Innocenti,” enchanted by the sight of Brunelleschi’s architrave.

**Peter Wilson** is an architect based in Münster, Germany. He is the founder, with his wife Julia Bolles, of the architectural firm BOLLES + WILSON, architects of many significant buildings across Europe.

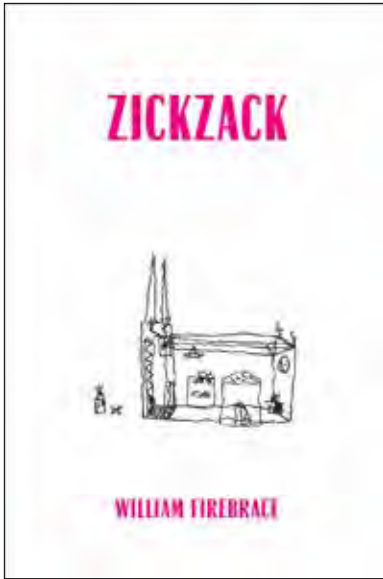
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## Zickzack

William Firebrace

**Zigzagging through six locations on the edges of the German-speaking world, exploring them through politics, architecture, literature, film, art, music, food, and history.**

“Zickzack” is the German word for “zigzag”: hopping around, moving back and forth, never following a straight line, avoiding the monotony of one thing following another. *Zickzack* is William Firebrace’s zigzagging exploration of six places on the edges of the German-speaking world. Deploying essays, narration, conversations, descriptions, and lists, Firebrace celebrates locations on defined and undefined borders, where cultures, languages, and histories mix. In his nonlinear wandering, he touches on ethnicity, topography, history, film, literature, myth, languages, and gastronomy.

These locales are not the famous cities of Berlin, Vienna, and Zurich, but areas that straddle countries, geographies, and influences. Two are within Germany itself, one lies on (and over) the border with Poland, and three were once within the loose German cultural zone but now belong to other countries. Firebrace explores Strasbourg, capital of Alsace and part of a long-running territorial dispute between France and Germany; Königsberg, which spent some of the twentieth century as Kaliningrad; and Görlitz and Zgorzelec, twin cities on either side of a river. He plays hopscotch with churches in Backstein and takes a train trip past cities with double names—Sterzing-Vipiteno, Brixen-Bressanone, Klausen-Chiusa, signs of the double culture, where everything happens twice but in a slightly different way. In the zigzags of the German-speaking world, the original culture sometimes survives, sometimes is deliberately destroyed, sometimes merges with other cultures, and often, if submerged, resurfaces in a different form.

**William Firebrace** is an architect and writer in London. He is the author of a trilogy of books: *Marseille Mix*, *Memo for Nemo*, and *Zickzack*.

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“Firebrace is at once keen dragoman, critic, poet, constantly astonished spectator, and informal reporter. His curiosity is boundless.”

—Jonathan Meades

## Marseille Mix

William Firebrace

**A journey through the history, cultures, and societies of Marseille.**

There are many Marseilles, or at least many versions of Marseille: seaside village, haven of gangsters, gateway to the East, city of immigrants and outcasts. It is by



turns the dull bourgeois provincial town where nothing ever happens and the mysterious unknowable city of the Mediterranean. In *Marseille Mix*, William Firebrace explores the many Marseilles, the invented and the actual. Leading readers down narrow streets, through undulating terrain that seems at once, or serially, Italian, Greek, Levantine, and North

African, Firebrace traces the history and culture of Marseille through landscapes, buildings, food, films, literature, and criminology.

In seven chapters, in writing that is by turns essay, narrative, description, list, recipe, glossary, and conversation, Firebrace investigates the city's defining mix. He tells stories of famous Marseillais, including Marcel Pagnol and Antonin Artaud, and famous visitors, including the dying Arthur Rimbaud and Walter Benjamin (who wrote about one visit in "Hashish in Marseille"). He describes the brief period when Marseille was the point of departure for European refugees fleeing the Nazis and the city's mixture of desperation and decadence during the Vichy regime. He visits the basilica of Notre Dame de la Garde and gazes down from its terrace at the panoramic view: an agglomeration of neighborhoods and landscapes that became a city.

"A relentlessly intriguing book about this relentlessly intriguing city... as illuminating a picture of any city as you're likely to read."

—Kevin Lippert, Princeton Architectural Press,  
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William Firebrace is an architect and writer in London. He is the author of a trilogy of books: *Marseille Mix*, *Memo for Nemo*, and *Zickzack*.

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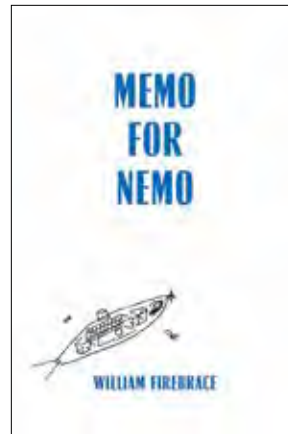
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## Memo for Nemo

William Firebrace

**A cultural history of living in the undersea, both fictional and real, from Jules Verne's Captain Nemo to NASA's ECCO2 project.**

In *Memo for Nemo*, William Firebrace investigates human inhabitation of the undersea, both fictional and real.



Beginning with Jules Verne's Captain Nemo—an undersea Renaissance man with a library of 12,000 volumes on his submarine—and proceeding through aquariums, undersea photography, artificial seas on land, nuclear-powered submarines, undersea film epics, giant squid, and NASA satellites, Firebrace examines the undersea as a zone created by exploration and invention.

Throughout, the history of undersea life is accompanied by an imagined undersea, envisioned by cultural figures ranging from Verne and Herman Melville to Orson Welles and Jimi Hendrix.

Firebrace takes readers through the enormous sequence of rooms (impossible in real life) in Nemo's submarine, recounts the competition among nineteenth-century cities to build the most spectacular aquatic world, and explains the workings of the bathysphere—an early underwater vessel modeled on a hot-air balloon. He considers the aquarium's function in films as a sort of viewing lens, describes the chlorine-proof artificial sea life seen by passengers on the submarine ride at Disneyland, and reports that Jacques Cousteau's famous underwater documentaries were in fact highly staged.

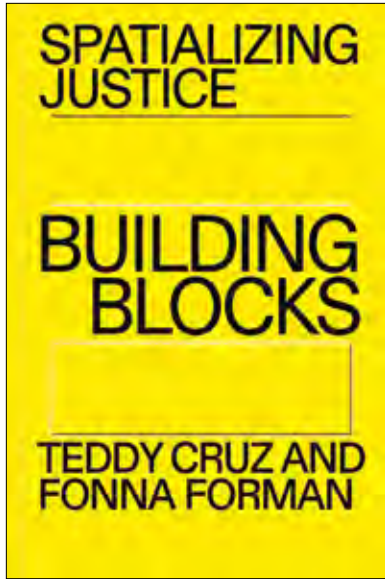
The oceans of today are not those imagined by Verne; they are changing from both natural processes and human influence. *Memo for Nemo* documents the power of the undersea in both art and life.

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## Spatializing Justice

Building Blocks

**Teddy Cruz and Fonna Forman**

**A manifesto calling for a new kind of architecture that confronts social and economic inequality and uneven urban growth.**

*Spatializing Justice* calls for architects and urban designers to do more than design buildings and physical systems. Architects should take a position against inequality and practice accordingly. With these thirty short, manifesto-like texts—building blocks for a new kind of architecture—*Spatializing Justice* offers a practical handbook for confronting social and economic inequality and uneven urban growth in architectural and planning practice, urging practitioners to adopt approaches that range from redefining infrastructure to retrofitting McMansions.

These building blocks call for expanded modes of practice, through which architects can imagine new spatial procedures, political and economic strategies, and modalities of sociability. Challenging existing exclusionary policies can advance a more experimental architecture not bound by formal parameters. Architects must think of themselves as designers not only of things but of civic processes, complicate the ideas of ownership and property, and imagine new sites of research, pedagogy, and intervention. As one of the texts advises, “The questions must be different questions if we want different answers.”

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# Richard Riemerschmid's Extraordinary Living Things

Freyja Hartzell

**How Richard Riemerschmid's designs of everyday—but “extraordinary”—objects recalibrate our understanding of modernism.**

At the beginning of the twentieth century, German artist Richard Riemerschmid (1868–1957) was known as a symbolist painter and, by the advent of World War I, had become an important modern architect. This, however, the first English-language book on Riemerschmid, celebrates his understudied legacy as a designer of everyday objects—furniture, tableware, clothing—that were imbued with an extraordinary sense of vitality and even personality. Freyja Hartzell makes a case for the importance of Riemerschmid's designed objects in the development of modern design—and for the power of everyday things to change the way we live our lives, understand history, and design our future. Hartzell offers for the first time an interpretive history of Riemerschmid's design practice embedded in a fresh examination of modernism told by the objects themselves.

Hartzell explores Riemerschmid's early drawings, paintings, and prints; his interiors and housewares, which represent a modernist shift from exclusive image to accessible object; his designs for women's clothing; his immensely popular wooden furniture; his serially produced ceramics and their appeal to German nationalism of the period; and his complex and compelling pattern designs for textiles and wallpapers, the only part of his creative practice that spanned his entire career. Riemerschmid, Hartzell writes, was at his most inventive, playful, and free when designing things for everyday use. His uniquely designed forms allow us to recognize the utilitarian object not just as a tool but as an individual being—a thing with a soul.

**Freyja Hartzell** teaches the history of design, architecture, and art at Bard Graduate Center in New York City. She is currently involved in new research on dolls, automatons, and robots in the history of design and their relationship to humans and humanness; she will curate an exhibition on this topic opening at Bard Graduate Center in 2025.

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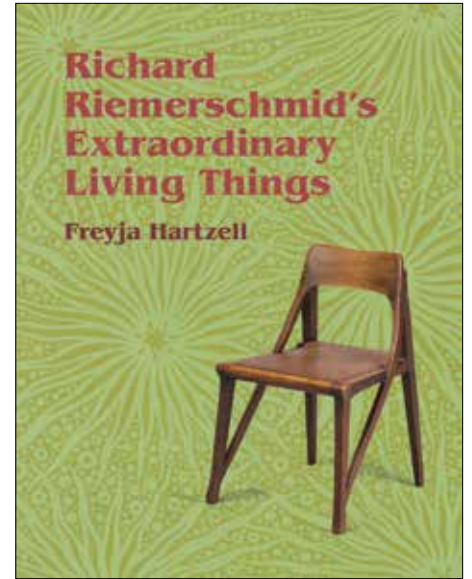
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“Freyja Hartzell's pioneering study examines Richard Riemerschmid's uncanny, seemingly animated, designed objects in relation to empathy theory, emergent psychoanalytic concepts, and to biological and art historical discourses. By making visible the paradoxes of Riemerschmid—iconoclast and historicist; avant-gardist and commercial designer; progressive and nationalist—Hartzell offers a significant rethinking of modernism itself.”

—Tim Barringer, Yale University  
Paul Mellon Professor of the  
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## Catalog Design Progress

Advancing  
Standards in Visual  
Communication

**Ladislav Sutnar  
and K. Lonberg-Holm**

with Steven Heller

**A meticulously  
created facsimile  
edition of a classic  
work on design by the  
progenitor of today's  
information design.**

Long before the internet and its vast stores of information in digital form, information in analog form needed to be organized so that it was legible and accessible. One designer who revolutionized the presentation of printed information was modernist pioneer Ladislav Sutnar (1897–1976). In 1950, Sutnar and architect K. Lonberg-Holm published *Catalog Design Progress*, a guide to modernizing the design of printed materials through typographic simplicity, compositional ingenuity, and navigational devices that signal the logical flow of information. This meticulously created facsimile of the original book illustrates and enacts Sutnar's ideas, making clear their continuing influence on graphic design.

For this edition, the Ladislav Sutnar Faculty of Art and Design at the University of West Bohemia in Pilsen, Czech Republic, has carefully recreated the original, with redrawn figures, retouched photos, re-typeset texts, five-color printing, and spiral binding. A separate reader's guide by celebrated design historian Steven Heller accompanies the book. Both book and guide are packaged together.

**Ladislav Sutnar**, a Czech-born designer who came to the United States in 1939, is considered the progenitor of today's information design.

Danish-born **K. Lonberg-Holm** trained as an architect and was an influential exponent of modernism. **Steven Heller** is an American art director and writer on graphic design.

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# Nudging

Riccardo Viale

**How “nudges” by government can empower citizens without manipulating their preferences or exploiting their biases.**

We’re all familiar with the idea of “nudging”—using behavioral mechanisms to encourage people to make certain choices—popularized by Richard Thaler and Cass Sunstein in their bestselling 2008 book *Nudge*. This approach, also known as “libertarian paternalism,” goes beyond typical programs that simply provide information and incentives; nudges can range from automatic enrollment in a pension plan to flu-shot scheduling. In *Nudging*, Riccardo Viale explores the evolution of nudging and proposes new approaches that would empower citizens without manipulating them paternalistically. He shows that we can use the tools of the behavioral sciences without abandoning the principle of conscious decision-making.

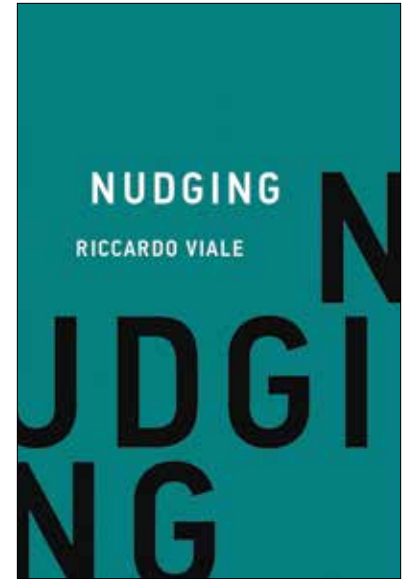
Viale discusses the work of Herbert Simon, Gerd Gigerenzer, Daniel Kahneman, and Amos Tversky that laid the foundation of behavioral economics, describes how policy makers have sought to help people avoid bad decisions, offers examples of effective nudging, and considers how to nudge the nudgers. How can we tell good nudges from bad nudges? Viale explains that good nudges help us avoid bias and encourage deliberate decision making; bad nudges, on the other hand, use bias to nudge people unconsciously into unintentional behaviors. Bad nudges attempt to compel decisions based on economic rationality. Good nudges encourage decisions based on a pragmatic, adaptive, ecological kind of rationality. Policy makers should take note.

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## Snapshots of the Mind

Gary Klein

**How people make decisions, size up situations, spot anomalies, and anticipate problems in real-world settings.**

Gary Klein, author of the bestselling *Sources of Power*, is the cognitive psychologist who discovered how people actually make decisions, particularly under time pressure and uncertainty. In *Snapshots of the Mind*, he offers a set of short essays—“snapshots” of different aspects of cognitive functioning in real-world settings that will help us learn to recognize the cognitive processes that underlie and drive performance. In these essays Klein provides practical tools for escaping fixation on initial hunches and learning to detect the ways that people make decisions, size up situations, spot anomalies, and anticipate problems.

*Snapshots of the Mind* grows out of the Naturalistic Decision Making movement, which studies how decision makers handle uncertainty and complexity in high-stakes situations. In the essays, Klein examines how people make tough choices and assessments in the real-world, discussing such topics as training, information technology, teamwork, expertise, and insights. Debunking the idea that artificial intelligence will soon take over human decision making, he argues instead for machines that make us smarter and expand our expertise. He describes his Recognition-Primed Decision (RPD) model, which has been incorporated into Army doctrine and was one of the inspirations for Malcolm Gladwell’s *Blink*. *Snapshots of the Mind* offers fresh takes on such topics as confirmation bias, anomaly detection, intuition, anticipatory thinking and perspective-taking. Readers come away attuned to the primary aspects of expert cognition: the mindsets, mental models, and perceptual sensitivity.

**Gary Klein** is Senior Scientist at MacroCognition LLC and Chairman and Chief scientist at ShadowBox LLC. He is the author of *Seeing What Others Don't*, *Streetlights and Shadows*, and *Sources of Power* (the last two published by the MIT Press).

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# On Freud

Elvio Fachinelli

introduction by Gioele P. Cima

translated by Christina Chalmers

**Writings on Freud by Italy's leading psychoanalyst of the twentieth century.**

Elvio Fachinelli was one of the most original and controversial Italian psychoanalysts of the twentieth century. He viewed psychoanalytic theory as inextricably linked to the concrete experience of everyday reality and as a crucial compass for understanding the social and political turmoil of his era. This compact volume collects Fachinelli's writing on Freud, offering readers both an accessible and engaging introduction to Freud's thinking and an overview of Fachinelli's own main ideas. Written between 1966 and 1989, these essays serve to introduce readers to some of the most provocative aspects of Fachinelli's critiques of psychoanalysis and society.

*On Freud* includes a long essay on Freud that weaves the theoretical foundations of psychoanalysis together with a surprising number of idiosyncratic observations about Freud the person. In it, Fachinelli offers a series of parallax perspectives: Freud the conquistador, who leads psychoanalysis to the exploration of new fields of knowledge; Freud the archaeologist, who discovers antithetical and incongruous elements in the territory of the unconscious; and Freud the Victorian, whose bourgeois values clashed with the revolutionary character of his discovery. Other essays include an assessment of psychoanalysis as a general social phenomenon that is increasingly showing its historical limits; a discussion of an encounter between Freud and the poet Rainer Maria Rilke; Fachinelli's pointed account of Freud's view of psychoanalysis for "the poor"; and an examination of the importance of the element of surprise—for both analyst and analysand—in analysis. Without surprise, Fachinelli writes, psychoanalysis is just a "ministering and administering of knowledge, a repetition of the already known."

This edition includes an authoritative survey of Fachinelli's work and insight into how it continues to be relevant today.

**Elvio Fachinelli** (1928–1989) was a leading psychoanalyst in Italy from the 1960s to the 1980s.

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Insubordinations: Italian Radical Thought



"Fachinelli's international recognition as one of the greatest minds in the history of psychoanalysis is long overdue. With this expertly produced volume, the global appreciation of his exhilarating ideas can finally begin."

— **Dany Nobus, Professor of Psychoanalytic Psychology, Brunel University London**



## Selfie Democracy

The New Digital Politics of Disruption and Insurrection

Elizabeth Losh

**How politicians' digital strategies appeal to the same fantasies of digital connection, access, and participation peddled by Silicon Valley.**

Smartphones and other digital devices seem to give us a direct line to politicians. But is interacting with presidential tweets really a manifestation of digital democracy? In *Selfie Democracy*, Elizabeth Losh examines the unintended consequences of politicians' digital strategies, from the Obama campaign's pioneering construction of an online community to Trump's Twitter dominance. She finds that politicians who use digital media appeal to the same fantasies of digital connection, access, and participation peddled by Silicon Valley. Meanwhile, smartphones and social media don't enable participatory democracy so much as they incentivize citizens to perform attention-getting acts of political expression.

Losh explores presidential rhetoric casting digital media as tools of democracy, describes the conflation of gender and technology that contributed to Hillary Clinton's defeat in 2016, chronicles the Biden campaign's early digital stumbles in 2020, and recounts the TikTok campaign that may have spoiled a Trump rally. She shows that although Obama and Trump may seem diametrically opposed in both style and substance, they both used mobile digital media in ways that reshaped the presidency and promised a new kind of digital democracy. Obama used data and digital media to connect to citizens without intermediaries; Trump followed this strategy to its most extreme conclusion. What were the January 6 insurrectionists doing, as they livestreamed themselves and their cohorts attacking the Capitol, but practicing their own brand of selfie democracy?

**Elizabeth Losh** is Duane A. and Virginia S. Dittman Professor of American Studies and English at William & Mary. She is the author of *Virtualpolitik: An Electronic History of Government Media-Making in a Time of War, Scandal, Disaster, Miscommunication, and Mistakes*, *The War on Learning: Gaining Ground in the Digital University* (both published by the MIT Press), and other books.

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# Collective Wisdom

Co-Creating Media for Equity and Justice

**Katerina Cizek and William Uricchio**

with Juanita Anderson, Maria Agui Carter, Detroit Narrative Agency, Thomas Allen Harris, Maori Karmael Holmes, Richard Lachman, Louis Massiah, Cara Mertes, Sara Rafsky, Michèle Stephenson, Amelia Winger-Bearskin, and Sarah Wolozin

**How to co-create—and why: the emergence of media co-creation as a concept and as a practice grounded in equity and justice.**

Co-creation is everywhere: It's how the internet was built; it generated massive prehistoric rock carvings; it powered the development of vaccines for COVID-19 in record time. Co-creation offers alternatives to the idea of the solitary author privileged by top-down media. But co-creation is easy to miss, as individuals often take credit for—and profit from—collective forms of authorship, erasing whole cultures and narratives as they do so. *Collective Wisdom* offers the first guide to co-creation as a concept and as a practice, tracing co-creation in a media-making that ranges from collaborative journalism to human-AI partnerships.

Why co-create—and why now? The many coauthors, drawing on a remarkable array of professional and personal experience, focus on the radical, sustained practices of co-creating media within communities and with social movements. They explore the urgent need for co-creation across disciplines and organization, and the latest methods for collaborating with nonhuman systems in biology and technology. The idea of “collective intelligence” is not new, and has been applied to such disparate phenomena as decision making by consensus and hived insects. *Collective wisdom* goes further. With conceptual explanation and practical examples, this book shows that co-creation only becomes wise when it is grounded in equity and justice.

**Katerina Cizek**, an Emmy and Peabody-winning documentarian, is the Artistic Director and Cofounder of the Co-Creation Studio at MIT Open Documentary Lab. **William Uricchio** is Professor of Comparative Media Studies at MIT, where he is also Founder and Principal Investigator of the MIT Open Documentary Lab and Principal Investigator of the Co-Creation Studio.

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## There Are No Facts

Attentive Algorithms, Extractive Data Practices,  
and the Quantification of Everyday Life

**Mark Shepard**

**The entanglements of people and data, code and space, knowledge and power: how data and algorithms shape the world—and shape us within that world.**

With the emergence of a post-truth world, we have witnessed the dissolution of the common ground on which truth claims were negotiated, individual agency enacted, and public spheres shaped. What happens when, as Nietzsche claimed, there are no facts, but only interpretations? In this book, Mark Shepard examines the entanglements of people and data, code and space, knowledge and power that have produced an uncommon ground—a disaggregated public sphere where the extraction of behavioral data and their subsequent processing and sale have led to the emergence of micropublics of ever-finer granularity.

Shepard explores how these new post-truth territories are propagated through machine learning systems and social networks, which shape the public and private spaces of everyday life. He traces the balkanization and proliferation of online news and the targeted distribution of carefully crafted information through social media. He examines post-truth practices, showing how truth claims are embedded in techniques by which the world is observed, recorded, documented, and measured. Finally, he shows how these practices play out, at scales from the translocality of the home to the planetary reach of the COVID-19 pandemic—with stops along the way at an urban minimarket, an upscale neighborhood for the one percent, a Toronto waterfront district, and a national election.

**Mark Shepard** is Associate Professor of Architecture and Media Study at the University at Buffalo, State University of New York, where he directs the Media Arts and Architecture Program (MAAP) and the Center for Architecture and Situated Technologies (CAST). He is the editor of *Sentient City* (MIT Press). His work has been exhibited at museums, galleries and festivals internationally.

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## The Anthropocene Cookbook

Recipes and Opportunities for Future Catastrophes

Zane Cerpina and Stahl Stenslie

More than sixty speculative art and design projects explore how art, food, and creative thinking can prepare us for future catastrophes.



In the age of the Anthropocene—a era characterized by human-caused climate disaster—catastrophes and dystopias loom. *The Anthropocene Cookbook* takes our planetary state of emergency as an opportunity to seize the moment to imagine constructive change and new ideas. How can we survive in an age of constant environmental crises? How can we thrive? *The Anthropocene Cookbook* answers these questions by presenting a series of investigative art and design projects that explore how art, food, and creative thinking can prepare us for future catastrophes. This cookbook of ideas rethinks our eating habits and traditions, challenges our food taboos, and proposes new recipes for humanity’s survival.

These more than sixty projects propose new ways to think and make food, offering tools for creative action rather than traditional recipes. They imagine modifying the human body to digest cellulose, turning plastic into food, tasting smog, extracting spices and medicines from sewage, and growing meat in the lab. They investigate provocative possibilities: What if we made cheese using human bacteria, enabled human photosynthesis through symbiosis with algae, and brought back extinct species in order to eat them? The projects are diverse in their creative approaches and their agendas—multilayered, multifaceted, hybrid, and cross-pollinated. *The Anthropocene Cookbook* offers a survival guide for a future gone rogue, a road map to our edible futures.

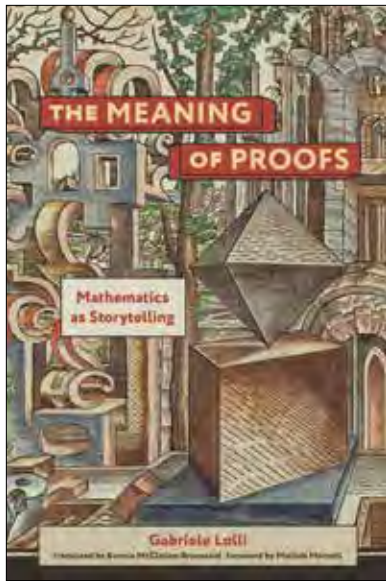
**Zane Cerpina** is a curator and writer working within experimental and digital arts. **Stahl Stenslie** is a curator and researcher specializing in experimental and emerging aesthetics, and disruptive technologies who has held positions at Academy of Media Arts Cologne, Oslo National Academy of the Arts, and Aalborg University.

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## The Meaning of Proofs

Mathematics as Storytelling

**Gabriele Lolli**

translated by Bonnie McClellan-Broussard

foreword by Matilde Marcolli

**Why mathematics is not merely formulaic: an argument that to write a mathematical proof is tantamount to inventing a story.**

In *The Meaning of Proofs*, mathematician Gabriele Lolli argues that to write a mathematical proof is tantamount to inventing a story. Lolli offers not instructions for how to write mathematical proofs, but a philosophical and poetic reflection on mathematical proofs as narrative. Mathematics, imprisoned within its symbols and images, Lolli writes, says nothing if its meaning is not narrated in a story. The minute mathematicians open their mouths to explain something—the meaning of  $x$ , how to find  $y$ —they are framing a narrative.

Every proof is the story of an adventure, writes Lolli, a journey into an unknown land to open a new, connected route; once the road is open, we correct it, expand it. Just as fairy tales offer a narrative structure in which new characters can be inserted into recurring forms of the genre in original ways, in mathematics, each new abstract concept is the protagonist of a different theory supported by the general techniques of mathematical reasoning. In ancient Greece, there was more than an analogy between literature and mathematics, there was direct influence. Euclid's proofs have roots in poetry and rhetoric. Mathematics, Lolli asserts, is not the mere manipulation of formulas.

**Gabriele Lolli** was Professor of Mathematical Logic from 1975 to 2008 in the Computer Science Department of the University of Turin and Professor of Philosophy of Mathematics in Scuola Normale Superiore in Pisa from 2008 until his retirement in 2014. He is the author of many books, including *Discorso sulla matematica*, which proposes a mathematical reading of Italo Calvino's *Six Memos for the Next Millennium*.

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# What It All Means

Semantics for (Almost) Everything

**Philippe Schlenker**

**How meaning works—from monkey calls to human language, from spoken language to sign language, from gestures to music—and how meaning is connected to truth.**

We communicate through language, connecting what we mean to the words we say. But humans convey meaning in other ways as well, with facial expressions, hand gestures, and other methods. Animals, too, can get their meanings across without words. In *What It All Means*, linguist Philippe Schlenker explains how meaning works, from monkey calls to human language, from spoken language to sign language, from gestures to music. He shows that these extraordinarily diverse types of meaning can be studied and compared within a unified approach—one in which the notion of truth plays a central role.

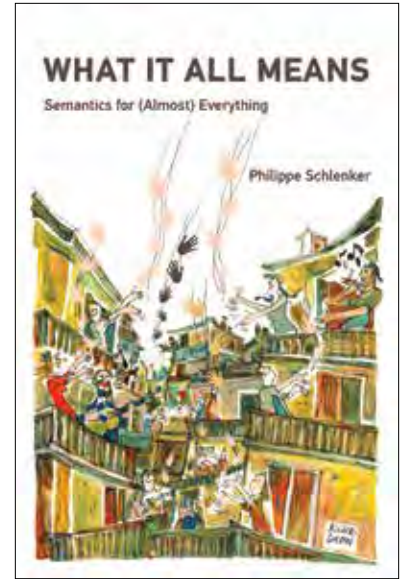
“It’s just semantics” is often said dismissively. But Schlenker shows that semantics—the study of meaning—is an unsung success of modern linguistics, a way to investigate some of the deepest questions about human nature using tools from the empirical and formal sciences. Drawing on fifty years of research in formal semantics, Schlenker traces how meaning comes to life. After investigating meaning in primate communication, he explores how human meanings are built, using in some cases sign languages as a guide to the workings of our inner “logic machine.” Schlenker explores how these meanings can be enriched by iconicity in sign language and by gestures in spoken language, and then turns to more abstract forms of iconicity to understand the meaning of music. He concludes by examining paradoxes, which—being neither true nor false—test the very limits of meaning.

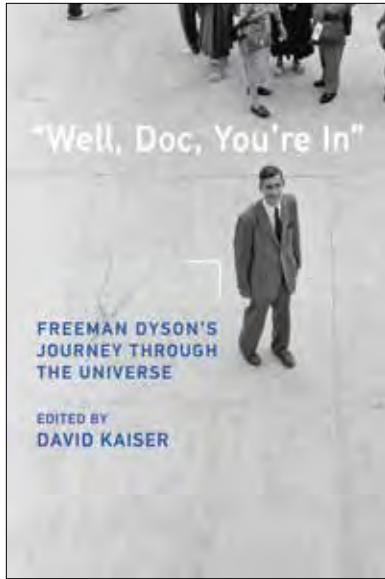
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## “Well, Doc, You’re In”

Freeman Dyson’s Journey through the Universe

edited by David Kaiser

**The life and work of Freeman Dyson—renowned scientist, visionary, and iconoclast—and his particular way of thinking about deep questions.**

Freeman Dyson (1923–2020)—renowned scientist, visionary, and iconoclast—helped invent modern physics. Not bound by disciplinary divisions, he went on to explore foundational topics in mathematics, astrophysics, and the origin of life. General readers were introduced to Dyson’s roving mind and heterodox approach in his 1979 book *Disturbing the Universe*, a poignant autobiographical reflection on life and science. “*Well, Doc, You’re In*” (the title quotes Richard Feynman’s remark to Dyson at a physics conference) offers a fresh examination of Dyson’s life and work, exploring his particular way of thinking about deep questions that range from the nature of matter to the ultimate fate of the universe.

The chapters—written by leading scientists, historians, and science journalists, including some of Dyson’s colleagues—trace Dyson’s formative years, his budding interests and curiosities, and his wide-ranging work across the natural sciences, technology, and public policy. They describe Dyson’s innovations at the intersection of quantum theory and relativity, his novel nuclear reactor design (and his never-realized idea of a spacecraft powered by nuclear weapons), his years at the Institute for Advanced Study, and his foray into cosmology. In the coda, Dyson’s daughter Esther reflects on growing up in the Dyson household. “*Well, Doc, You’re In*” assesses Dyson’s successes, blind spots, and influence, assembling a portrait of a scientist’s outsized legacy.

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**Rosengarten Professor**  
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# Imperfection

A Natural History

**Telmo Pievani**

translated by Michael Gerard Kenyon

foreword by Ian Tattersall

**In praise of imperfection: how life on our planet is a catalog of imperfections, errors, alternatives, and anomalies.**

In the beginning, there was imperfection, which became the source of all things. Anomalies and asymmetries caused planets to take shape from the bubbling void and sent light into darkness. Life on earth is a catalog of accidents, alternatives, and errors that turned out to work quite well. In this book, Telmo Pievani shows that life on our planet has flourished and survived not because of its perfection but despite (and perhaps because of) its imperfection. He begins his story with the disruption-filled birth of the universe and proceeds through the random DNA copying errors that fuel evolution, the transformations of advantages into handicaps by natural selection, the anatomical and functional jumble that is the human brain, and our many bodily mismatches.

Along the way, Pievani tells readers about the Irish elk (incidentally, neither Irish nor elk), whose enormous antlers serve to illustrate the first two laws of imperfection; the widespread dissemination of costly or useless traits; and the neuroimperfection of the human brain—“a frozen accident of evolution that was not designed from scratch,” as Pievani calls it. He sizes up the alleged perfection of the human body, asking, for example, if everything in our bodies serves a purpose, why do we have appendixes? Why bipedalism, with the inevitable back pain that results? In this fascinating account, Pievani offers the first comprehensive explanatory theory for the ubiquity of imperfection.

**Telmo Pievani** is Full Professor in the Department of Biology at the University of Padua, where he covers the first Italian chair of Philosophy of Biological Sciences. A leading science communicator and columnist for *Il Corriere della Sera*, he is the author of *The Unexpected Life*, *Creation without God*, *Serendipity*, and other books.

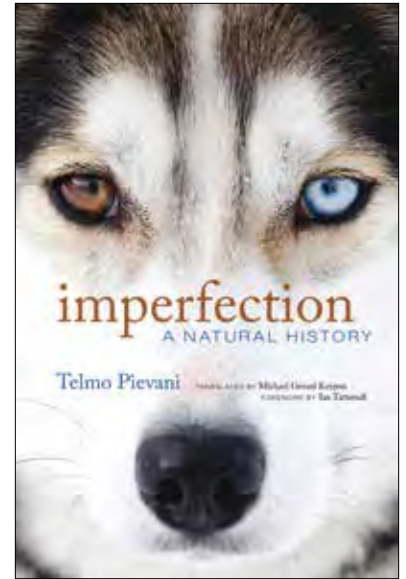
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## First Dawn

From the Big Bang to Our Future in Space

**Roberto Battiston**

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foreword by Marcia Bartusiak

**From the very first moments of the universe to the birth of the first star, our solar system, and our planet: a physicist traces the known and the unknown.**

Since the beginning of the twentieth century, the horizon of our knowledge about the universe has expanded to encompass the infinitesimally small—and the infinitely vast. In *First Dawn*, physicist Roberto Battiston takes readers on a journey through space and time, to the boundaries of our knowledge and beyond. From the violence of the Big Bang and the birth of the first star, hundreds of millions of years later, to the emergence of our solar system, the dawn of life on Earth, and the possibility of life on other planets, Battiston maps what we know about the universe and how we came to know it—cautioning us, however, that what we know is a minuscule fraction of what there is to know.

Battiston outlines discoveries by some of the greatest theoretical physicists of the twentieth century, including Einstein, Bohr, Schrödinger, Heisenberg, Fermi, and Hubble; discusses the mysteries of dark energy and dark matter; and considers what it means for the universe to have emerged out of nothing. The ignition of the first star illuminated a universe that had been expanding, unobserved and unobservable, in the dark. Drawing on his own research, Battiston discusses the birth of the Sun, the formation of planets, the origins of life, interstellar migrations, extrasolar planets, black holes, gravitational waves, and much more. But, he warns, for some questions—the dimensions of the universe, for example, or the existence of other universes—we are destined to remain in the realm of speculation.

**Roberto Battiston** is a physicist who specializes in the field of experimental fundamental and elementary particles physics, both at particle accelerators and in space. He is the author of *A Dialogue between an Artist and a Scientist*, *Quantum Mechanics for Dummies*, *Making Space*, and *The Mathematics of the Virus*.

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## Tales from a Robotic World

How Intelligent Machines Will Shape Our Future

**Dario Floreano and Nicola Nosengo**

**Stories from the future of intelligent machines—  
from rescue drones to robot spouses—and  
accounts of cutting-edge research that could  
make it all possible.**

Tech prognosticators promised us robots—autonomous humanoids that could carry out any number of tasks. Instead, we have robot vacuum cleaners. But, as Dario Floreano and Nicola Nosengo report, advances in robotics could bring those rosy predictions closer to reality. A new generation of robots, directly inspired by the intelligence and bodies of living organisms, will be able not only to process data but to interact physically with humans and the environment. In this book, Floreano, a roboticist, and Nosengo, a science writer, bring us tales from the future of intelligent machines—from rescue drones to robot spouses—along with accounts of the cutting-edge research that could make it all possible.

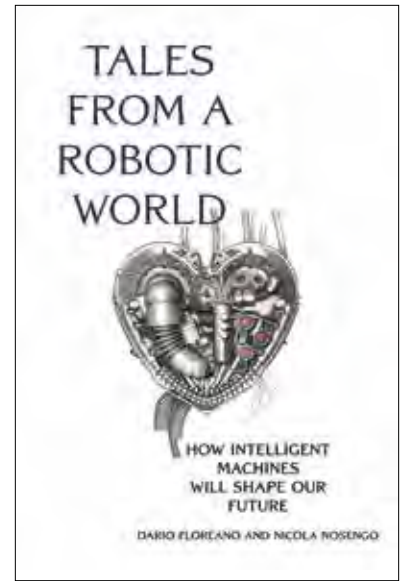
These stories from the not-so-distant future show us robots that can be used for mitigating effects of climate change, providing healthcare, working with humans on the factory floor, and more. Floreano and Nosengo tell us how an application of swarm robotics could protect Venice from flooding, how drones could reduce traffic on the congested streets of mega-cities like Hong Kong, and how a “long-term relationship model” robot could supply sex, love, and companionship. After each fictional scenario, they explain the technologies that underlie it, describing advances in such areas as soft robotics, swarm robotics, aerial and mobile robotics, humanoid robots, wearable robots, and even biohybrid robots based on living cells. Robotics technology is no silver bullet for all the world’s problems—but it can help us tackle some of the most pressing challenges we face.

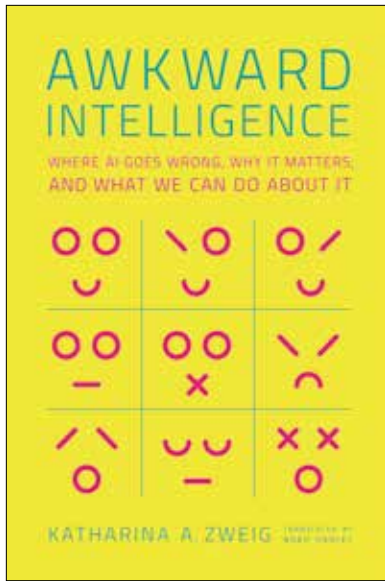
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## Awkward Intelligence

Where AI Goes Wrong, Why It Matters, and What We Can Do about It

**Katharina A. Zweig**

translated by Noah Harley

**An expert offers a guide to where we should use artificial intelligence—and where we should not.**

Before we know it, artificial intelligence (AI) will work its way into every corner of our lives, making decisions about, with, and for us. Is this a good thing? There's a tendency to think that machines can be more "objective" than humans—can make better decisions about job applicants, for example, or risk assessments. In *Awkward Intelligence*, AI expert Katharina Zweig offers readers the inside story, explaining how many levers computer and data scientists must pull for AI's supposedly objective decision making. She presents the good and the bad: AI is good at processing vast quantities of data that humans cannot—but it's bad at making judgments about people.

AI is accurate at sifting through billions of websites to offer up the best results for our search queries and it has beaten reigning champions in games of chess and Go. But, drawing on her own research, Zweig shows how *inaccurate* AI is, for example, at predicting whether someone with a previous conviction will become a repeat offender. It's no better than simple guesswork, and yet it's used to determine people's futures.

Zweig introduces readers to the basics of AI and presents a toolkit for designing AI systems. She explains algorithms, big data, and computer intelligence, and how they relate to one another. Finally, she explores the ethics of AI and how we can shape the process. With *Awkward Intelligence*, Zweig equips us to confront the biggest question concerning AI: where we should use it—and where we should not.

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# Microprediction

Building an Open AI Network

Peter Cotton

**How a web-scale network of autonomous micromanagers can challenge the AI revolution and combat the high cost of quantitative business optimization.**

The artificial intelligence (AI) revolution is leaving behind small businesses and organizations that cannot afford in-house teams of data scientists. In *Microprediction*, Peter Cotton examines the repeated quantitative tasks that drive business optimization from the perspectives of economics, statistics, decision making under uncertainty, and privacy concerns. He asks what things currently described as AI are not “microprediction,” whether microprediction is an individual or collective activity, and how we can produce and distribute high-quality microprediction at low cost. The world is missing a public utility, he concludes, while companies are missing an important strategic approach that would enable them to benefit—and also give back.

In an engaging, colloquial style, Cotton argues that market-inspired “superminds” are likely to be very effective compared with other orchestration mechanisms in the domain of microprediction. He presents an ambitious yet practical alternative to the expensive “artisan” data science that currently drains money from firms. Challenging the machine learning revolution and exposing a contradiction at its heart, he offers engineers a new liberty: no longer reliant on quantitative experts, they are free to create intelligent applications using general-purpose application programming interfaces (APIs) and libraries. He describes work underway to encourage this approach, one that he says might someday prove to be as valuable to businesses—and society at large—as the internet.

**Peter Cotton** is a Senior Vice President and Chief Data Scientist at Intech Investment Management LLC.

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# Code for What?

Computer Science for Storytelling  
and Social Justice

**Clifford Lee and Elisabeth Soep**

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**Coding for a purpose: helping young people combine journalism, data, design, and code to make media that makes a difference.**

Educators are urged to teach “code for all”—to make a specialized field accessible for students usually excluded from it. In this book, Clifford Lee and Elisabeth Soep instead ask the question, “code for what?” What if coding were a justice-driven medium for storytelling rather than a narrow technical skill? What if “democratizing” computer science went beyond the usual one-off workshop and empowered youth to create digital products for social impact? Lee and Soep answer these questions with stories of a diverse group of young people in Oakland, California, who combine journalism, data, design, and code to create media that make a difference.

These teenage and young adult producers created interactive projects that explored gendered and racialized dress code policies in schools; designed tools for LGBTQ+ youth experiencing discrimination; investigated facial recognition software and what can be done about it; and developed a mobile app to promote mental health through self-awareness and outreach for support, and more, for distribution to audiences that could reach into the millions. Working with educators and media professionals at YR Media, an award-winning organization that helps young people from underserved communities build skills in media, journalism, and the arts, these teens found their own vibrant answers to “why code?” They code for insight, connection and community, accountability, creative expression, joy, and hope.

**Clifford Lee** is Associate Professor and Director of Educators for Liberation, Justice, and Joy Teacher Education program at Mills College and Scholar-in-Residence at YR Media. **Elisabeth Soep** is Special Projects Producer and Senior Scholar-in-Residence at YR Media. Her work has been featured in major media including NPR, the *New York Times*, *National Geographic*, and *Teen Vogue*. She is the author of *Participatory Politics* (MIT Press).

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*“Code for What?”* presents authentic and inspirational visions of young people making information technology their own, not for some imagined future, but right now—to enrich their lives and the lives of those around them.”

**—Hal Abelson, Professor of Computer Science and Engineering at MIT**

“A beautiful, thought-provoking book about reimagining education in our tech-saturated world. The authors reveal the brilliance of diverse youth and what happens when they are centered in learning. Educators across all subjects should read this book!”

**—Jane Margolis, Senior Research UCLA CS Equity Project; co-author of *Power On!* and *Stuck in the Shallow End***

## The Weakest Link

How to Diagnose, Detect, and Defend Users from Phishing

Arun Vishwanath

**An expert in cybersecurity lays out an evidence-based approach for assessing user cyber risk and achieving organizational cyber resilience.**

Phishing is the single biggest threat to cybersecurity, persuading even experienced users to click on hyperlinks and attachments in emails that conceal malware. Phishing has been responsible for every major cyber breach, from the infamous Sony hack in 2014 to the 2017 hack of the Democratic National Committee and the more recent Colonial Pipeline breach. The cybersecurity community's response has been intensive user training (often followed by user blaming), which has proven completely ineffective: the hacks keep coming. In *The Weakest Link*, cybersecurity expert Arun Vishwanath offers a new, evidence-based approach for detecting and defending against phishing—an approach that doesn't rely on continual training and retraining but provides a way to diagnose user vulnerability.

Vishwanath explains how organizations can build a culture of cyber safety. He presents a Cyber Risk Survey (CRS) to help managers understand which users are at risk and why. Underlying CRS is the Suspicion, Cognition, Automaticity Model (SCAM), which specifies the user thoughts and actions that lead to either deception by or detection of phishing come-ons. He describes in detail how to implement these frameworks, discussing relevant insights from cognitive and behavioral science, and then presents case studies of organizations that have successfully deployed the CRS to achieve cyber resilience. These range from a growing wealth management company with twenty regional offices to a small Pennsylvania nonprofit with forty-five employees.

*The Weakest Link* will revolutionize the way managers approach cyber security, replacing the current one-size-fits-all methodology with a strategy that targets specific user vulnerabilities.

**Arun Vishwanath**, a leading expert in cybersecurity, has held faculty positions at the University at Buffalo, Indiana University, and the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University. He has written on human cyber vulnerability and related topics for CNN, the *Washington Post*, and other major media.

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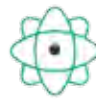
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## A New Vision for Islamic Pasts and Futures

Shahzad Bashir

**A groundbreaking view of Islam that goes beyond conventional theological, nativist, and orientalist approaches, presented in an interactive, open-access born-digital format.**



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This groundbreaking, born-digital work invites readers to imagine Islam anew. Moving beyond conventional theological, nativist, and orientalist approaches, Shahzad Bashir decenters Islam from a geographical identification with the Middle East, an articulation through men's authority alone, and the assumption that premodern expressions are more authentically Islamic than modern ones. Focusing on time as a human construct, *A New Vision for Islamic Pasts and Futures* interprets stories and images, paying attention to evidence and methods of interpretation.

Islam, in Bashir's telling, is a vast net of interconnected traces that appear to be different depending on the vantage from which they are seen. Complementing narrative with extensive visual evidence, the multimodal digital form enacts the multiplicity of the project's analyses and perspectives, conferring a shape-shifting quality that bridges the gap between sensing Islam and understanding it, between feeling it as a powerful presence and analyzing it through intellectual means.

This interactive, open-access edition allows readers to enter Islam through a diverse set of doorways, each leading to different time periods across different parts of the world. Bashir discusses Islam as phenomenon and as discourse—observed in the built environment, material objects, paintings, linguistic traces, narratives, and social situations. He draws on literary genres, including epics, devotional poetry and prayers, and modern novels; art and architecture in varied forms; material culture, from luxury objects to cheap trinkets; and such forms of media as photographs, graffiti, and films. The book's layered digital interface allows for an exploration of and engagement with this rich visual material and multimedia evidence not possible in a printed volume.

**Shahzad Bashir** is Aga Khan Professor of Islamic Humanities and Professor of History and Religious Studies at Brown University. He is the author of, most recently, *The Market in Poetry in the Persian World* and *Sufi Bodies: Religion and Society in Medieval Islam* and coeditor of *Under the Drones: Modern Lives in the Afghanistan–Pakistan Borderlands*.

“Bashir’s book magically mimics the very processes by which we associate image, place, speech, and memory to stitch together our sense of the world. A breathtaking sweep of an ancient stepwell glimpsed in the sun begs the eye to slow down, to trace its fractal-like detail, minutiae which in turn invoke narratives of deeds past, transporting the viewer in decidedly non-linear fashion—space, time, the senses, all moving at different emotional speeds, connect fragments of the Islamic world into a significance which can be shared but which will always remain personal. Brilliant.”

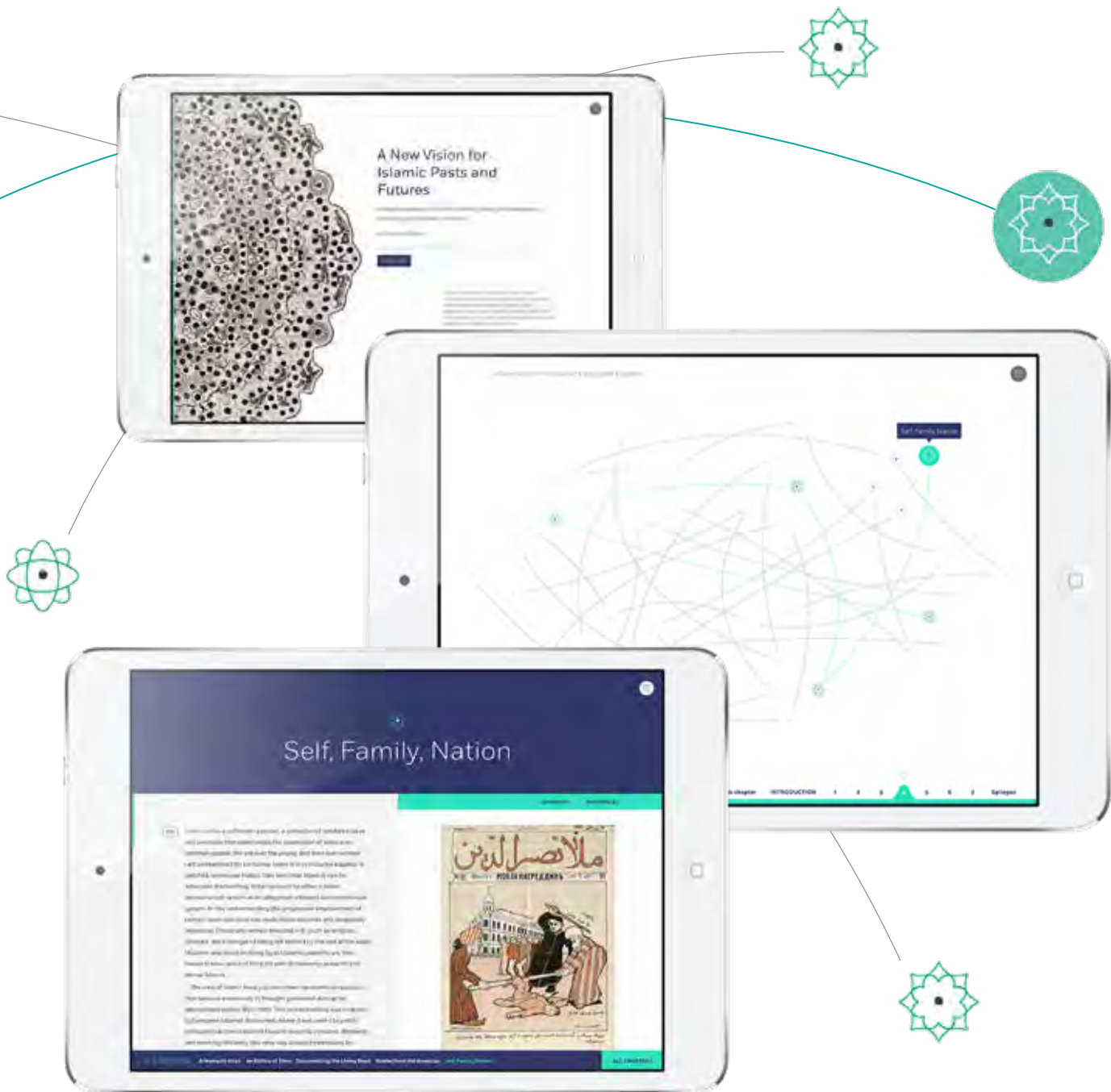
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— **Ethan Kleinberg, Class of 1958 Distinguished Professor of History and Letters, Wesleyan University, author of *Emmanuel Levinas's Talmudic Turn: Philosophy and Jewish Thought* and *Haunting History: for a deconstructive approach to the past* (Stanford U Press, 2017)**

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— **Noah Salomon, University of Virginia, author of *For Love of the Prophet: An Ethnography of Sudan’s Islamic State***

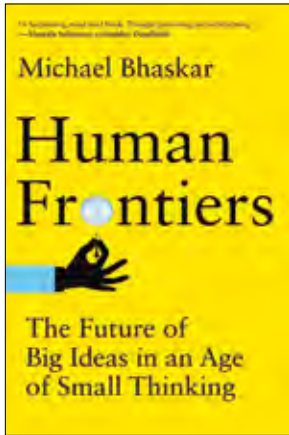
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The Future of Big Ideas in an Age of Small Thinking

Michael Bhaskar

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The history of humanity is the history of big ideas that expand our frontiers—from the wheel to space



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— **The Guardian**

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**James Gustave Speth** served as Chair of the US Council on Environmental Quality during the Carter Administration, and from 1993 to 1999 was Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme. A retired Professor of Law at Vermont Law School, he served for a decade as Dean of the Yale School of the Environment and was cofounder of the World Resources Institute and the Natural Resources Defense Council.

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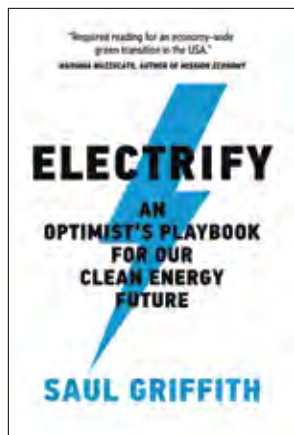
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## How to Talk to a Science Denier

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—New Scientist

"When attempting to bridge the gap, start with compassion. . . . McIntyre's enterprise is hopeful, and his book is littered with productive conversations."

—The Washington Independent Review of Books

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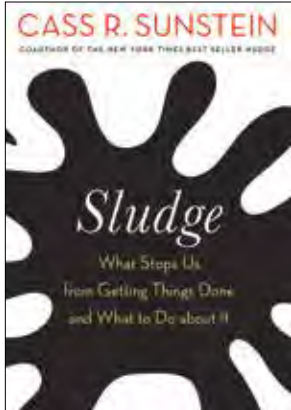
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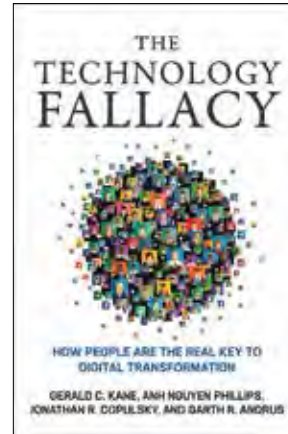
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How People Are the Real Key to Digital Transformation

Gerald C. Kane, Anh Nguyen Phillips, Jonathan R. Copulsky, and Garth R. Andrus

**Why an organization’s response to digital disruption should focus on people and processes and not necessarily on technology.**

Digital technologies are disrupting organizations of every size and shape, leaving managers scrambling to find a technology fix that will help their organizations compete. This book offers managers and business leaders a guide for surviving digital disruptions—but it is not a book about technology. It is about the organizational changes required to harness the power of technology. The authors argue that digital disruption is primarily about people and that effective digital transformation involves changes to organizational



dynamics and how work gets done. A focus only on selecting and implementing the right digital technologies is not likely to lead to success. The best way to respond to digital disruption is by changing the company culture to be more agile, risk tolerant, and experimental.

“Being a digital organization is an imperative of our time, yet workable paths forward are still largely unmapped. The authors manage to provide some of the most meaningful insights available on how to move forward faster and more sustainably to craft digital DNA in a deeply disruptive world.”

—Dion Hinchcliffe, VP and Principal Analyst, Constellation Research; coauthor of *Social Business by Design*

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Gerald C. Kane is the C. Herman and Mary Virginia Terry Chair in Business Administration at the University of Georgia’s Terry College of Business. Anh Nguyen Phillips is Research Director for Deloitte’s Global CEO Program. Jonathan R. Copulsky is Senior Lecturer of Marketing at Northwestern University. Garth R. Andrus is a management consultant with over twenty-five years of experience enabling companies’ success through the transformation of work.

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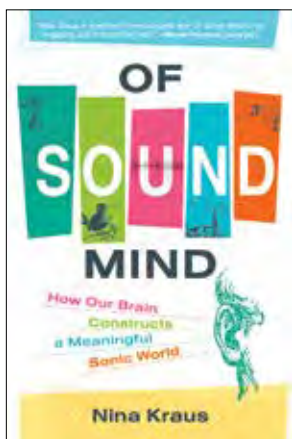
## Of Sound Mind

How Our Brain Constructs a Meaningful Sonic World

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Making sense of sound is one of the hardest jobs we ask our brains to do. In *Of Sound Mind*, Nina Kraus examines the partnership of sound and brain, showing for the first time that the processing of sound drives many of the brain's core functions. Our hearing is always on—we can't close our ears the way we close our eyes—and yet we can ignore sounds that are unimportant. We don't just hear; we engage with sounds. Kraus explores what goes on in our brains when we hear a word—or a chord, or a meow, or a screech.



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## Once Upon an Algorithm

How Stories Explain Computing

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**How Hansel and Gretel, Sherlock Holmes, the movie *Groundhog Day*, Harry Potter, and other familiar stories illustrate the concepts of computing.**

Picture a computer scientist, staring at a screen and clicking away frantically on a keyboard, hacking into a



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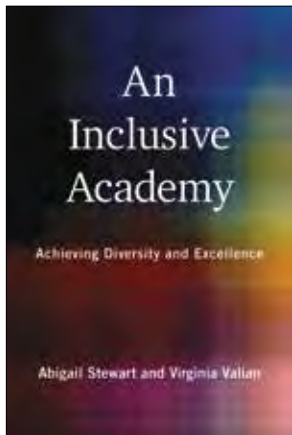
## An Inclusive Academy

Achieving Diversity and Excellence

Abigail J. Stewart and Virginia Valian

**How colleges and universities can live up to their ideals of diversity, and why inclusivity and excellence go hand in hand.**

Most colleges and universities embrace the ideals of diversity and inclusion, but many fall short, especially in the hiring, retention, and advancement of faculty who would more fully represent our diverse world—in particular women and people of color. In this book, Abigail Stewart and Virginia Valian argue that diversity and excellence go hand in hand and provide guidance for achieving both.



Stewart and Valian, themselves senior academics, support their argument with comprehensive data

from a range of disciplines. They show why merit is often overlooked; they offer statistics and examples of individual experiences of exclusion, such as being left out of crucial meetings; and they outline institutional practices that keep exclusion invisible, including reliance on proxies for excellence, such as prestige, that disadvantage outstanding candidates who are not members of the white male majority.

“This book provides real solutions and concrete actions that can be taken to make academia more welcoming.”

—*Los Angeles Review of Books*

**Abigail Stewart** is Sandra Schwartz Tangri Distinguished University Professor of Psychology and Women's Studies at the University of Michigan. She is the coauthor of *Theorizing Feminism: Parallel Trends in the Humanities and Social Sciences*. **Virginia Valian** is Distinguished Professor of Psychology, Linguistics, and Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences at Hunter College and the CUNY Graduate Center. She is the author of *Why So Slow: The Advancement of Women* and coauthor of *An Inclusive Academy: Achieving Diversity and Excellence* (both published by the MIT Press).

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## Music and the Making of Modern Science

Peter Pesic

**A wide-ranging exploration of how music has influenced science through the ages, from fifteenth-century cosmology to twentieth-century string theory.**

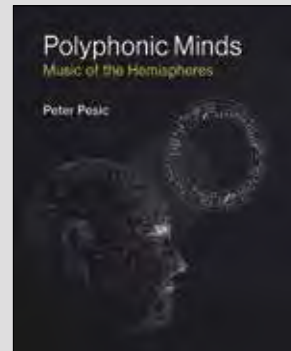
“This is a well-argued and well-illustrated text that should be of especial interest to students and scholars (and indeed anyone) with a background in the mathematical and physical sciences or their histories and who are intrigued by the book’s provocative title.” —*Isis*

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**Peter Pesic**, writer, pianist, and scholar, is Director of the Science Institute, Musician-in-Residence, and Tutor Emeritus at St. John’s College, Santa Fe. He is the author of *Labyrinth*, *Seeing Double*, *Abel’s Proof*, *Sky in a Bottle*, *Music and the Making of Modern Science*, and *Polyphonic Minds*, all published by the MIT Press.

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**Final installment in this trilogy, *Sounding Bodies: Music and the Making of Biomedical Science*, on page 132.**

## Data Action

Using Data for Public Good

Sarah Williams

**How to use data as a tool for empowerment rather than oppression.**

Big data can be used for good, from tracking disease to exposing human rights violations, and for bad,



implementing surveillance and control. Data inevitably represents the ideologies of those who control its use; data analytics and algorithms too often exclude women, the poor, and ethnic groups. In *Data Action*, Sarah Williams provides a guide

for working with data in more ethical and responsible ways that will generate policy debates, influence civic decisions, and inform design to help ensure that the voices of people represented in the data are neither marginalized nor left unheard.

“There is nobody who understands the theory and practice of engaged civic data visualization better than Sarah Williams. Her reflective, absolutely fearless guide to the complexities of knowledge and power in this often thorny domain distills her decades of experience into a single, indispensable volume—a pure gift to the aspiring practitioner.”

—Adam Greenfield, author of *Radical Technologies: The Design of Everyday Life*

“*Data Action* is a much-needed, accessible guide to our complex digital world. Writing with clarity, Williams curates both appalling and inspiring examples to move us to act.”

—Annette Kim, Director of SLAB and Associate Professor, Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California

**Sarah Williams** is Associate Professor of Technology and Urban Planning at the MIT School of Architecture and Planning, where she is also Director of the Civic Data Design Lab. Trained in geography, landscape architecture, and urban planning, she was named one of the Top 25 Leading Thinkers in Urban Planning and Technology and Game Changer by *Metropolis Magazine*. Her design work has been widely exhibited at venues including the Guggenheim, the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), and the Cooper Hewitt Museum.

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## Built on Sand

The Science of Granular Materials

Etienne Guyon, Jean-Yves Delenne,  
and Farhang Radjai

foreword by Ken Kamrin

translated by Erik Butler

**Explaining the science contained in a simple assembly of grains—the most abundant form of matter present on Earth.**

William Blake famously wished “To See a World in a Grain of Sand”; in this book, pioneering researchers



in granular matter explain the science hidden behind simple grains, shedding light on collective behavior in disordered settings in general. Granular media—composed of vast amounts of grains, consolidated or not—constitute the most abundant form of solid matter on Earth. Made of macroscopic particles rather than molecules, they defy the standard scheme

of classification in terms of solid, liquid, and gas and are integral to engineering, physics, and biology research.

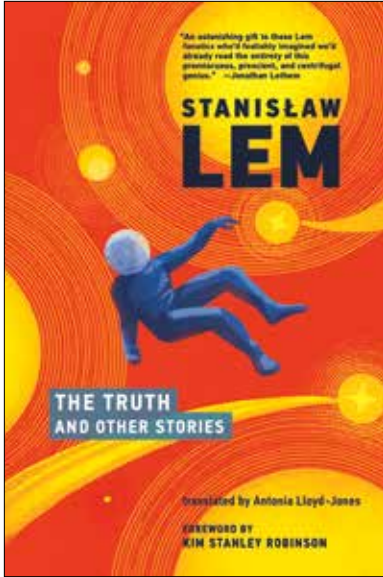
“An immensely readable journey into the world of granular matter, where fascinatingly complex behavior emerges from even the simplest of objects once crowded together in large number.”

—Heinrich Jaeger, Professor of Physics,  
University of Chicago

**Étienne Guyon** is Emeritus Professor at ESPCI (Paris Industrial Physics and Chemistry Higher Educational Institution), a fellow of the American Physical Society and of the Institute of Physics, Honorary Director of the Ecole Normale Supérieure, and coauthor of *Built on Sand: The Science of Granular Materials* (MIT Press). He works at the PMMH (Physics and Mechanics of Heterogeneous Media) lab of ESPCI-PSL in Sorbonne Université. **Jean-Yves Delenne** is Director of Research at INRAE (the French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment). He is a pioneer in research on advanced numerical simulations of granular materials. **Farhang Radjai** is Director of Research at the CNRS (the French National Center for Scientific Research). He is a pioneer in research on advanced numerical simulations of granular materials.

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## The Truth and Other Stories

Stanisław Lem

translated by Antonia Lloyd-Jones

foreword by Kim Stanley Robinson

**Twelve stories by science fiction master Stanisław Lem, nine of them never before published in English.**

Of these twelve short stories by science fiction master Stanisław Lem, only three have previously appeared in English, making this the first “new” book of fiction by Lem since the late 1980s. The stories display the full range of Lem’s intense curiosity about scientific ideas as well as his sardonic approach to human nature, presenting as multifarious a collection of mad scientists as any reader could wish for. Many of these stories feature artificial intelligences or artificial life forms, long a Lem preoccupation; some feature quite insane theories of cosmology or evolution. All are thought provoking and scathingly funny.

Written from 1956 to 1993, the stories are arranged in chronological order. In the title story, “The Truth,” a scientist in an insane asylum theorizes that the sun is alive; “The Journal” appears to be an account by an omnipotent being describing the creation of infinite universes—until, in a classic Lem twist, it turns out to be no such thing; in “An Enigma,” beings debate whether offspring can be created without advanced degrees and design templates. Other stories feature a computer that can predict the future by 137 seconds, matter-destroying spores, a hunt in which the prey is a robot, and an electronic brain eager to go on the lam. These stories are peak Lem, exploring ideas and themes that resonate throughout his writing.

**Stanisław Lem** (1921–2006), a writer called “worthy of the Nobel Prize” by the *New York Times*, was an internationally renowned author of novels, short stories, literary criticism, and philosophical essays. His books have been translated into forty-four languages and have sold more than thirty million copies.

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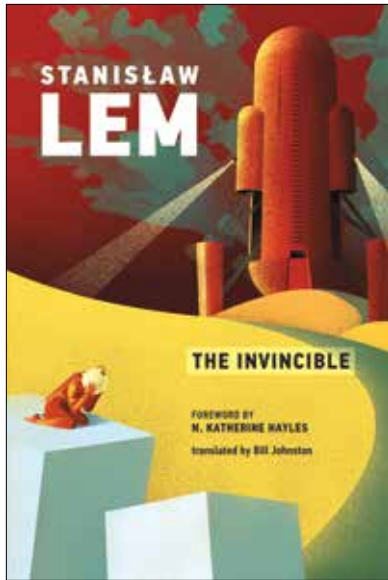
“*The Truth and Other Stories*, a new collection of Lem’s previously untranslated stories, shows that even the ‘scatterings from his workshop,’ as Kim Stanley Robinson puts it in his foreword, could outstrip a typical writer’s lifetime of creation.”

— *The New York Times Book Review*

“[Lem’s] tales from the period [the late 1950s]... feature silicon minds that can’t be distinguished from human ones, extraterrestrials with an uncanny interest in mimesis, and the idea that our universe was created by imperfect gods as a sort of joke.”

— *The New Yorker*

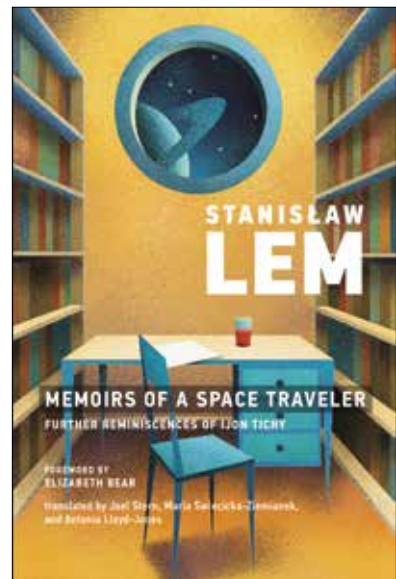
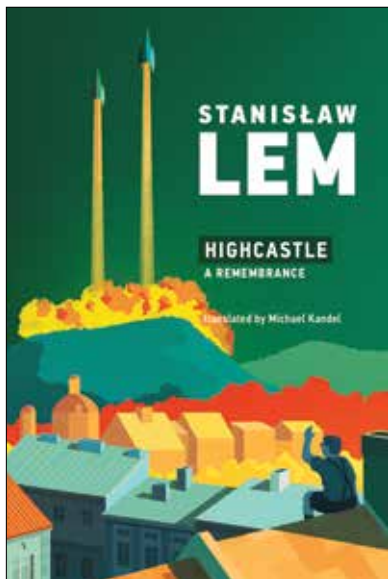
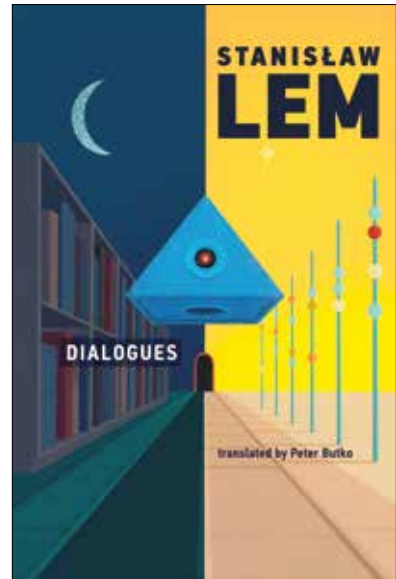
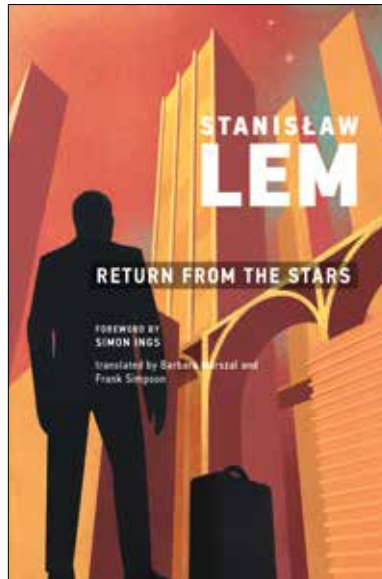




## More Stanisław Lem classics to discover

“[A] brilliant introduction to Lem’s science fiction. In its pages one can find him testing out multiple styles and themes, from the quirky to the seriously philosophical. All its tales are incubators, growing and playing with ideas that would eventually become the mainstay of his novels and treatises. . . . More than half a century ago, Stanisław Lem gazed into the future and saw, rather than rockets or ray guns, the evolution of the synthetic mind and the humans creating it. Thanks to these translations, English-language readers can share in his vision—long after he first imagined the internet and its thinking machines.”

— *The Wall Street Journal*





## Care-Centered Politics

From the Home to the Planet

Robert Gottlieb

**Why a care economy and care-centered politics can influence and reorient such issues as health, the environment, climate, race, inequality, gender, and immigration.**

This agenda-setting book presents a framework for creating a more just and equitable care-centered world. Climate change, pandemic events, systemic racism, and deep inequalities have all underscored the centrality of care in our lives. Yet care work is, for the most part, undervalued and exploited. In this book, Robert Gottlieb examines how a care economy and care politics can influence and remake health, climate, and environmental policy, as well as the institutions and practices of daily life. He shows how, through this care-centered politics, we can build an ethics of care and a society of cooperation, sharing, and solidarity.

Arguing that care is a form of labor, Gottlieb expands the ways we think about home care, child care, elder care, and other care relationships. He links them to the Green New Deal, Medicare for All, immigration, and the militarization of daily life. He also provides perspective on the events of 2020 and 2021 (including the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, and movements calling attention to racism and inequality) as they relate to a care politics. Care, says Gottlieb, must be universal—whether healthcare for all, care for the earth, care at work, or care for the household, shared equally by men and women. Care-centered politics is about strategic and structural reforms that imply radical and revolutionary change. Gottlieb offers a practical, mindful, yet also utopian, politics of daily life.

**Robert Gottlieb** is Professor Emeritus of Urban and Environmental Policy and the Founder and former Director of the Urban & Environmental Policy Institute at Occidental College. He is the coauthor of *Food Justice* and *Global Cities* (both published by the MIT Press).

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“Care for others is the moral hub of a great progressive wheel. Robert Gottlieb does a brilliant job connecting all the spokes with a powerfully unifying message.”

—**Nancy Folbre, Professor Emerita of Economics, UMass Amherst**

“This much-needed volume explores care from every angle, a concept not featured much in our public discourse, and shows us why, for example, it became part of the Green New Deal as much as solar panels.”

—**Bill McKibben, author of *The Flag, the Cross, and the Station Wagon***

“Economic sufficiency, real food, dignity for elders, racial justice: How do they tie together? With concrete and specific policy proposals, Gottlieb shows how care serves as the heart of a progressive agenda.”

—**Joan Tronto, Professor Emerita, University of Minnesota**

## CBD

What Does the Science Say?

**Linda A. Parker, Erin M. Rock,  
and Raphael Mechoulam**

**A comprehensive review of the scientific literature on the possible benefits of CBD, describing findings from both preclinical and human clinical studies.**

CBD (cannabidiol), a nonintoxicating compound derived from the cannabis plant, can be found in products ranging from lotion and smoothies to chewable gummies and pet treats. It's been promoted—but not always scientifically validated—as a treatment for medical conditions including psychosis, anxiety, pain, and even cancer. In this book, three leading cannabis researchers look at the science of CBD, offering a comprehensive review of the scientific literature on the possible benefits of CBD and describing their findings from both preclinical and human clinical studies.

As it turns out, the current CBD fad has some basis in preclinical animal research that indicates potential beneficial effects. Clinical studies, hampered by regulations governing research with cannabis, have lagged behind the basic animal research. The authors examine what research shows about chemical and pharmacological aspects of CBD and CBD's interaction with THC, the main psychotropic compound found in cannabis. They go on to review the current state of knowledge about CBD's effectiveness in treating epilepsy, cancer, nausea, pain, anxiety, PTSD, depression, sleep disorders, psychosis, and addiction.

**Linda A. Parker** is Professor Emeritus in the Psychology and Collaborative Neuroscience Program at the University of Guelph and the author of *Cannabinoids and the Brain* (MIT Press). **Erin M. Rock** is a Postdoctoral Fellow and Adjunct Faculty member in the Psychology and Collaborative Neuroscience Program at the University of Guelph.

**Raphael Mechoulam**, often called “the father of cannabis research,” is Lionel Jacobson Professor of Medicinal Chemistry at Hebrew University and winner of the 2019 Harvey Prize for outstanding contributions to science and technology.

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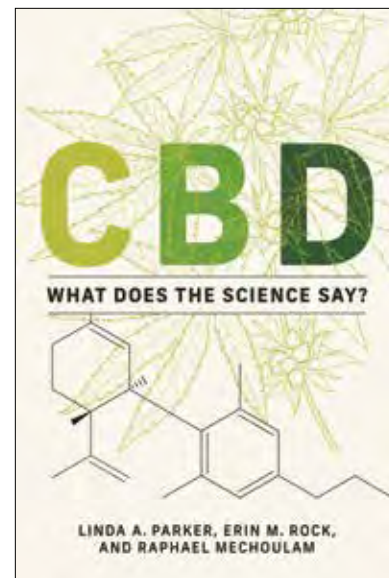
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“CBD is a topic surrounded by anecdote and hype, but this book offers an accessible, timely and even-handed evaluation of evidence. Without overselling or pushing a particular agenda (problems that are rife in the cannabis field), the book raises critical scientific issues and is an important and interesting contribution to the literature.”

—**Margaret Haney, Director of the Cannabis Research Laboratory; Professor of Neurobiology at the Columbia University Irving Medical Center**

“Cannabinoid science is novel and the market has grown at a faster rate than research and regulation. This book provides a comprehensive, fact-based summary that is desperately needed by consumers, patients, practitioners, and policy makers to inform important decisions.”

—**Shawn Hauser, Partner, Vicente Sederberg LLP**





## The Smartness Mandate

Orit Halpern and Robert Mitchell

**Over the last half-century, “smartness” — the drive for ubiquitous computing — has become a mandate: a new mode of managing and governing politics, economics, and the environment.**

Smart phones. Smart cars. Smart homes. Smart cities. The imperative to make our world ever smarter in the face of increasingly complex challenges raises several questions: What is this “smartness mandate?” How has it emerged, and what does it say about our evolving way of understanding—and managing—reality? How have we come to see the planet and its denizens first and foremost as data-collecting instruments?

In *The Smartness Mandate*, Orit Halpern and Robert Mitchell radically suggest that “smartness” is not primarily a technology, but rather an epistemology. Through this lens, they offer a critical exploration of the practices, technologies, and subjects that such an understanding relies upon—above all, artificial intelligence and machine learning. The authors approach these not simply as techniques for solving problems of calculations, but rather as modes of managing life (human and other) in terms of neo-Darwinian evolution, distributed intelligences, and “resilience,” all of which has serious implications for society, politics, and the environment.

The smartness mandate constitutes a new form of planetary governance, and Halpern and Mitchell aim to map the logic of this seemingly inexorable and now naturalized demand to compute, to illuminate the genealogy of how we arrived here, and to point to alternative imaginaries of the possibilities and potentials of smart technologies and infrastructures.

**Orit Halpern**, Lighthouse Professor and Chair of Digital Cultures and Societal Change at Technische Universität Dresden, is the author of *Beautiful Data: A History of Vision and Reason since 1945*.

**Robert Mitchell** is Chair and Professor of English, as well as Director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in Science and Cultural Theory, at Duke University. His books include, most recently, *Infectious Liberty: Biopolitics between Romanticism and Liberalism*.

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## Cyberinsurance Policy

Rethinking Risk in an Age of Ransomware, Computer Fraud, Data Breaches, and Cyberattacks

**Josephine Wolff**

**Why cyberinsurance has not improved cybersecurity and what governments can do to make it a more effective tool for cyber risk management.**

As cybersecurity incidents—ranging from data breaches and denial-of-service attacks to computer fraud and ransomware—become more common, a cyberinsurance industry has emerged to provide coverage for any resulting liability, business interruption, extortion payments, regulatory fines, or repairs. In this book, Josephine Wolff offers the first comprehensive history of cyberinsurance, from the early “Internet Security Liability” policies in the late 1990s to the expansive coverage offered today. Drawing on legal records, government reports, cyberinsurance policies, and interviews with regulators and insurers, Wolff finds that cyberinsurance has not improved cybersecurity or reduced cyber risks.

Wolff examines the development of cyberinsurance, comparing it to other insurance sectors, including car and flood insurance; explores legal disputes between insurers and policyholders about whether cyber-related losses were covered under policies designed for liability, crime, or property and casualty losses; and traces the trend toward standalone cyberinsurance policies and government efforts to regulate and promote the industry. Cyberinsurance, she argues, is ineffective at curbing cybersecurity losses because it normalizes the payment of online ransoms, whereas the goal of cybersecurity is the opposite—to disincentivize such payments to make ransomware less profitable. An industry built on modeling risk has found itself confronted by new technologies before the risks posed by those technologies can be fully understood.

**Josephine Wolff** is Associate Professor of Cybersecurity Policy at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and the author of *You'll See This Message When It Is Too Late: The Legal and Economic Aftermath of Cybersecurity Breaches* (MIT Press). Her writing on cybersecurity has appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Wired*, and *Slate*.

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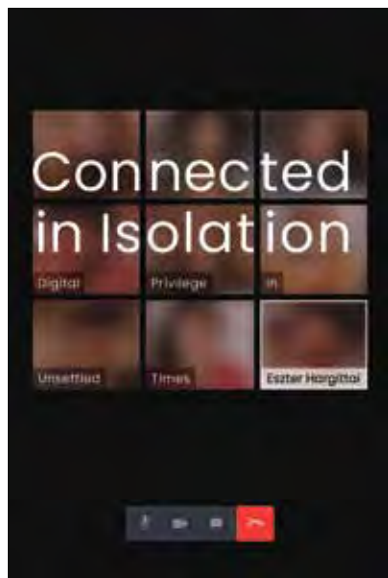
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## Connected in Isolation

Digital Privilege in Unsettled Times

**Eszter Hargittai**

**What life during lockdown reveals about digital inequality.**

The vast majority of people in wealthy, highly connected, or digitally privileged societies may have crossed the digital divide, but being online does not mean that everyone is equally connected—and digital inequality reflects experience both online and off. In *Connected in Isolation* Eszter Hargittai looks at how this digital disparity played out during the unprecedented isolation imposed in the early days of the coronavirus pandemic.

During initial COVID-19 lockdowns the internet, for many, became a lifeline, as everything from family get-togethers to doctor's visits moved online. Using survey data collected in April and May of 2020 in the United States, Italy, and Switzerland, Hargittai explores how people from varied backgrounds and differing skill levels were able to take advantage of digital media to find the crucial information they needed—to help loved ones, procure necessities, understand rules and risks. Her study reveals the extent to which long-standing social and digital inequalities played a critical role in this move toward computer-mediated communication—and were often exacerbated in the process. However, Hargittai notes, context matters: her findings reveal that some populations traditionally disadvantaged with technology, such as older people, actually did better than others, in part because of the continuing importance of traditional media, television in particular.

The pandemic has permanently shifted how reliant we are upon online information, and the implications of Hargittai's groundbreaking comparative research go far beyond the pandemic. *Connected in Isolation* informs and expands our understanding of digital media, including how they might mitigate or worsen existing social disparities; whom they empower or disenfranchise; and how we can identify and expand the skills people bring to them.

**Eszter Hargittai** is professor and chair of Internet Use & Society in the Department of Communication and Media Research at the University of Zurich. She is editor of the *Handbook of Digital Inequality*, as well as three books on the behind-the-scenes realities of doing empirical social science research.

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## Lockdown Drills

Connecting Research and Best Practices for School Administrators, Teachers, and Parents

Jaclyn Schildkraut and Amanda B. Nickerson

**A comprehensive resource on what lockdown drills are, why they are necessary, and how best to conduct them.**

The first book to offer a comprehensive examination of lockdown drills in K–12 schools, *Lockdown Drills* balances research findings with practical applications and implications. Schildkraut and Nickerson, school safety experts with complementary backgrounds in criminology and school psychology, review the historical precedents for lockdown drills, distinguish school lockdowns from other emergency procedures (such as active shooter drills), explain why they are conducted, present evidence-based research on their effectiveness, and describe how to conduct them according to best practices. Proponents of lockdown drills as a life-saving necessity, the authors help to bring much-needed standardization to how these drills are studied and conducted.

The authors present common arguments for and against the inclusion of lockdown drills in emergency preparedness efforts, balancing their discussion of the perceptions and psychological impacts of lockdown drills with scholarly research on the extent to which lockdown drills improve how effectively individuals respond to a potential threat. Placing lockdown drills in the larger context of school safety and preparedness, they examine the broader implications for policymakers. Finally, they emphasize that drills, of which lockdowns are only one type, are just a part of the complex school safety puzzle. Ensuring that schools are safe places for students and educators begins long before a crisis occurs and continues through the days, weeks, and years of recovery following a crisis.

**Jaclyn Schildkraut** is Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at SUNY Oswego. **Amanda B. Nickerson** is Professor of School Psychology and Director of the Alberti Center for Bullying Abuse Prevention at the University at Buffalo SUNY.

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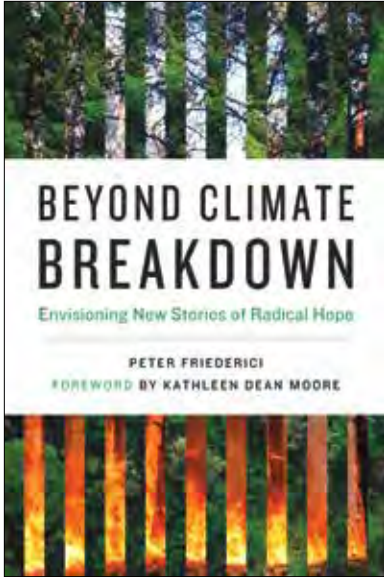


“Finally, a book based on real world research. This easy-to-read book gives the blueprints desperately needed on how to conduct safe and effective lockdown drills. It is a MUST read for all school administrators and safety teams.”

—**Missy Dodds, former teacher & survivor of the Red Lake High School Shooting, school safety advocate**

“This book is the definitive guide to school lockdown drills. The authors provide a practical, non-technical summary of research findings and explain the role of lockdown drills in a comprehensive school safety plan.”

—**Dewey G. Cornell, Ph.D., Virgil Ward Professor of Education, University of Virginia**



## Beyond Climate Breakdown

Envisioning New Stories of Radical Hope

**Peter Friederici**

foreword by Kathleen Dean Moore

**The importance of telling new climate stories—stories that center the persistence of life itself, that embrace comedy and radical hope.**

“How dare you!” asked teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg at the United Nations in 2019. How dare the world’s leaders fiddle around the edges when the world is on fire? Why is society unable to grasp the enormity of climate change? In *Beyond Climate Breakdown*, Peter Friederici writes that the answer must come in the form of a story, and that our miscomprehension of the climate crisis comes about because we have been telling the wrong stories. These stories are pervasive; they come from long narrative traditions, sanctioned by capitalism, Hollywood, and social media, and they revolve around a myth: that the nation exists primarily as a setting for a certain kind of economic activity.

Stories are how we make sense of the world and our place in it. The story that “the economy” takes priority over everything else may seem foreordained, but, Friederici explains, actually reflect choices made by specific people out of self-interest. So we need new stories—stories that center the persistence of life, rather than of capitalism, stories that embrace contradiction and complexity. We can create new stories based on comedy and radical hope. Comedy never says no; hope sprouts like a flower in cracked concrete. These attitudes require a new way of thinking—an adaptive attitude toward life that slips the narrow yoke of definition.

**Peter Friederici** is Professor in the School of Communication and Coordinator of the Sustainable Communities Program at Northern Arizona University. The author of several books on nature and the environment, he has published essays and articles in publications ranging from *Audubon* and the *Georgia Review* to *Orion* and *Dark Mountain*.

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—**Rupert Read, Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of East Anglia; author of *Why Climate Breakdown Matters***



## Writing the Revolution

Wikipedia and the Survival of Facts in the Digital Age

**Heather Ford**

foreword by Ethan Zuckerman

**A close reading of Wikipedia's article on the Egyptian Revolution reveals the complexity inherent in establishing the facts of events as they occur and are relayed to audiences near and far.**

Wikipedia bills itself as an encyclopedia built on neutrality, authority, and crowd-sourced consensus. Platforms like Google and digital assistants like Siri distribute Wikipedia's facts widely, further burnishing its veneer of impartiality. But as Heather Ford demonstrates in *Writing the Revolution*, the facts that appear on Wikipedia are often the result of protracted power struggles over how data are created and used, how history is written and by whom, and the very definition of facts in a digital age.

In *Writing the Revolution*, Ford looks critically at how the Wikipedia article about the 2011 Egyptian Revolution evolved over the course of a decade, both shaping and being shaped by the Revolution as it happened. When data are published in real time, they are subject to an intense battle over their meaning across multiple fronts. Ford answers key questions about how Wikipedia's so-called consensus is arrived at; who has the power to write dominant histories and which knowledges are actively rejected; how these battles play out across the chains of circulation in which data travel; and whether history is now written by algorithms.

**Heather Ford** is Associate Professor and Head of Discipline for Digital and Social Media, School of Communication, University of Technology Sydney.

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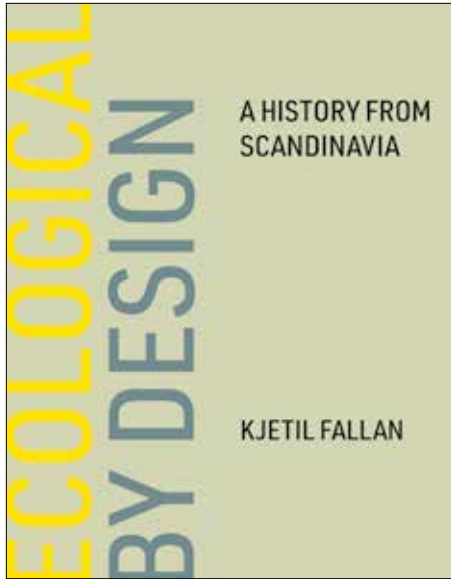
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“This book powerfully shows how social, economic, and political facts are forged in the knowledge factory of Wikipedia. It is impossible to understand how histories are made in the contemporary world without letting Ford take you on this fascinating journey.”

—**Mark Graham, Professor of Internet Geography, University of Oxford**



## Ecological by Design

A History from Scandinavia

**Kjetil Fallan**

**How ecological design emerged in Scandinavia during the 1960s and 1970s, building on both Scandinavia's design culture and its environmental movement.**

Scandinavia is famous for its design culture, and for its pioneering efforts toward a sustainable future. In *Ecological by Design*, Kjetil Fallan shows how these two forces came together in the late 1960s and early 1970s, when Scandinavian designers began to question the endless cycle in which designed objects are produced, consumed, discarded, and replaced in quick succession. The emergence of ecological design in Scandinavia at the height of the popular environmental movement, Fallan suggests, illuminates a little-known reciprocity between environmentalism and design: not only did design play a role in the rise of modern environmentalism, but ecological thinking influenced the transformation in design culture in Scandinavia and beyond that began as the modernist faith in progress and prosperity waned.

Fallan describes the efforts of Scandinavian designers to forge an environmental ethics in a commercial design culture sustained by consumption; shows, by recounting a quest for sustainability through Norwegian wood(s), that one of the main characteristics of ecological design is attention to both the local and the global; and explores the emergence of a respectful and sustainable paradigm for international development. Case studies trace key connections to continental Europe, Britain, the US, Central America, and East Africa.

Today, ideas of sustainability permeate design discourse, but the historical emergence of ecological design remains largely undiscussed. With this trailblazing book, Fallan fills that gap.

**Kjetil Fallan** is Professor of Design History at the University of Oslo and the author of *Designing Modern Norway: A History of Design Discourse* and the editor of *The Culture of Nature in the History of Design*.

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## Unboxed

Board Game Experience and Design

Gordon Calleja

**Thirty-two leading game designers reflect on the experience of playing board games and how their work shapes that experience.**

In *Unboxed*, Gordon Calleja explores the experience of playing board games and how game designers shape that experience. Calleja examines key aspects of board game experience—the nature of play, attention, rules, sociality, imagination, narrative, materiality, and immersion—to offer a theory of board game experience and a model for understanding game involvement that is relevant to the analysis, criticism, and design of board games. Drawing on interviews with thirty-two leading board game designers and critics, Calleja—himself a board game designer—provides the set of conceptual tools that board game design has thus far lacked.

After considering different conceptions of play, Calleja discusses the nature and role of attention and goes on to outline the key forms of involvement that make up the board game playing experience. In subsequent chapters, Calleja explores each of these forms of involvement, considering both the experience itself and the design considerations that bring it into being. Calleja brings this analysis together in a chapter that maps how these forms of involvement come together in the moment of gameplay, and how their combination shapes the flow of player affect. By tracing the processes by which players experience these moments of rule-mediated, imagination-fueled sociality, Calleja helps us understand the richness of the gameplay experience packed into the humble board game box.

**Gordon Calleja** is Associate Professor of Game Studies at the University of Malta's Institute of Digital Games, which he founded in 2012, and the author of *In-Game: From Immersion to Incorporation* (MIT Press). A game designer at Mighty Boards, a board game design studio, he has designed and published *Will Love Tear Us Apart?*, a videogame adaptation of the Joy Division song, and several board games, including *Posthuman Saga* and *Excavation Earth*.

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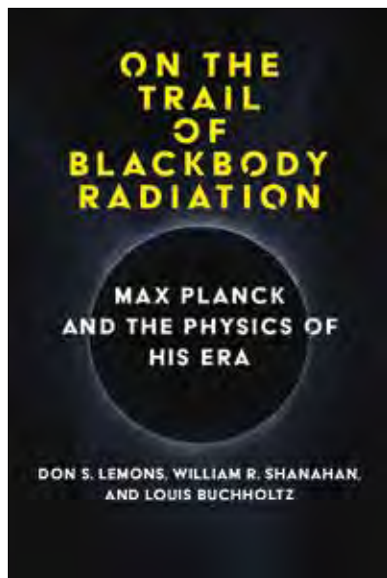


*“Unboxed* is a must-have for everyone who designs and studies board games. Packed with designer interviews and written in a precise, funny, moving voice, this emotion-centered book is nothing short of brilliant.”

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## On the Trail of Blackbody Radiation

Max Planck and the Physics of His Era

**Don S. Lemons, William R. Shanahan,  
and Louis Buchholtz**

**An account of Max Planck's construction of his theory of blackbody radiation, summarizing the established physics on which he drew.**

In the last year of the nineteenth century, Max Planck constructed a theory of blackbody radiation—the radiation emitted and absorbed by nonreflective bodies in thermal equilibrium with one another—and his work ushered in the quantum revolution in physics. In this book, three physicists trace Planck's discovery. They follow the trail of Planck's thinking by constructing a textbook of sorts that summarizes the established physics on which he drew. By offering this account, the authors explore not only how Planck deployed his considerable knowledge of the physics of his era but also how Einstein and others used and interpreted Planck's work.

Planck did not set out to lay the foundation for the quantum revolution but to study a universal phenomenon for which empirical evidence had been accumulating since the late 1850s. The authors explain the nineteenth-century concepts that informed Planck's discovery, including electromagnetism, thermodynamics, and statistical mechanics. In addition, the book offers the first translations of important papers by Ludwig Boltzmann and Wilhelm Wien on which Planck's work depended.

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## Salvador Luria

Rena Selya

**The life of Nobel-winning biologist Salvador Luria, whose passion for science was equaled by his commitment to political engagement in Cold War America.**



Salvador Edward Luria, 1912–1991.  
Courtesy of Richard Howard.

“A harrowing and inspiring account of how one immigrant scientist maintained an activist identity over a career spanning Red Scares, blacklists, and the Vietnam War. Essential reading on the intersection of science and politics.”

—**Audra J. Wolfe**, author  
of *Freedom's Laboratory:  
The Cold War Struggle for the  
Soul of Science*

Blacklisted from federal funding review panels but awarded a Nobel Prize for his research on bacteriophage, biologist Salvador Luria (1912–1991) was as much an activist as a scientist. In this first full-length biography of Luria, Rena Selya draws on extensive archival research; interviews with Luria’s family, colleagues, and students; and FBI documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act to create a compelling portrait of a man committed to both science and society.

In addition to his work with viruses and bacteria in the 1940s, Luria broke new ground in molecular biology and cancer research from the 1950s to the 1980s and was a leader in calling for scientists to accept an educational and advisory responsibility to the public. In return, he believed, the public should rely on science to strengthen social and political institutions.

Luria was born in Italy, where the Fascists came to power when he was ten. He left Italy for France due to the antisemitic Race Laws of 1938, and then fled as a Jewish refugee from Nazi Europe, making his way to the United States. Once an American citizen, Luria became a grassroots activist on behalf of civil rights, labor representation, nuclear disarmament, and American military disengagement from the Vietnam and Gulf Wars. Luria joined the MIT faculty in 1960, and was the founding director of the Center for Cancer Research. Throughout his life he remained as passionate about his engagement with political issues as about his science, and continued to fight for peace and freedom until his death.

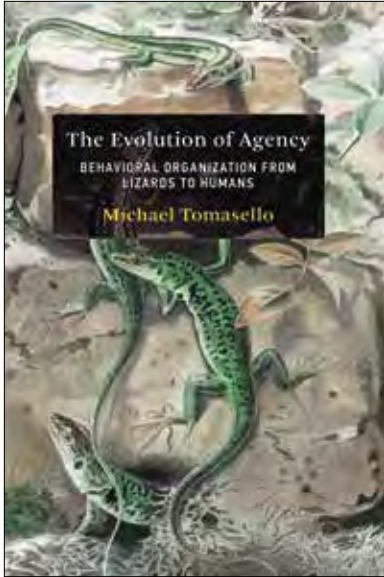
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## The Evolution of Agency

Behavioral Organization from Lizards to Humans

Michael Tomasello

**A leading developmental psychologist proposes an evolutionary pathway to human psychological agency.**

Nature cannot build organisms biologically prepared for every contingency they might possibly encounter. Instead, Nature builds some organisms to function as feedback control systems that pursue goals, make informed behavioral decisions about how best to pursue those goals in the current situation, and then monitor behavioral execution for effectiveness. Nature builds psychological agents. In a bold new theoretical proposal, Michael Tomasello advances a typology of the main forms of psychological agency that emerged on the evolutionary pathway to human beings.

Tomasello outlines four main types of psychological agency and describes them in evolutionary order of emergence. First was the goal-directed agency of ancient vertebrates, then came the intentional agency of ancient mammals, followed by the rational agency of ancient great apes, ending finally in the socially normative agency of ancient humans. Each new form of psychological organization represented increased complexity in the planning, decision-making, and executive control of behavior. Each also led to new types of experience of the environment and, in some cases, of the organism's own psychological functioning, leading ultimately to humans' experience of an objective and normative world that governs all of their thoughts and actions. Together, these proposals constitute a new theoretical framework that both broadens and deepens current approaches in evolutionary psychology.

**Michael Tomasello** is Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience at Duke University and Emeritus Director at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig. His recent books include *Becoming Human*, *A Natural History of Human Morality*, *A Natural History of Human Thinking*, *Origins of Human Communication*, and *Why We Cooperate* (the last two published by the MIT Press).

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"If animals are not mindless stimulus-response machines, what are they? Charles Darwin knew his theory of evolution depended on the answer. The radical idea proposed in Michael Tomasello's groundbreaking book is that animals are agents—their psychology evolved to allow control of their choices. One of the most accomplished psychologists of our time builds an overwhelming case that all psychology evolved to give freedom of choice to solve life's most unpredictable problems. As accessible as it is persuasive, this instant classic will drive scientific agendas and will be read by students of human nature for generations to come."

**—Brian Hare, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Genius of Dogs***

## Uncommon Sense

Aesthetics after Marcuse

**Craig Leonard**

foreword by Nathifa Greene

**An examination of Herbert Marcuse's political claim for the aesthetic dimension, focusing on defamiliarization as a means of developing radical sensibility.**

In *Uncommon Sense*, Craig Leonard argues for the contemporary relevance of the aesthetic theory of Herbert Marcuse—an original member of the Frankfurt School and icon of the New Left—while also acknowledging his philosophical limits. His account reinvigorates Marcuse for contemporary readers, putting his aesthetic theory into dialogue with antiracist and anti-capitalist activism. Leonard emphasizes several key terms not previously analyzed within Marcuse's aesthetics, including defamiliarization, anti-art, and habit. In particular, he focuses on the centrality of defamiliarization—a subversion of common sense that can be a means to the development of what Marcuse refers to as “radical sensibility.”

Leonard brings forward Marcuse's claim that the aesthetic dimension is political because of its refusal to operate according to the repressive common sense that establishes and maintains relationships dictated by advanced capitalism. For Marcuse, *defamiliarization* is at the center of the aesthetic dimension, offering the direct means of stimulating its political potential. Leonard expands upon Marcuse's aesthetics by drawing on the work of Sylvia Wynter, going beyond Marcuse's predominantly European and patrilineal intellectual framework—while still retaining his aesthetic theory's fundamental characteristics—toward a human dimension requiring decolonial, feminist, antiracist, and counterpoetic perspectives.

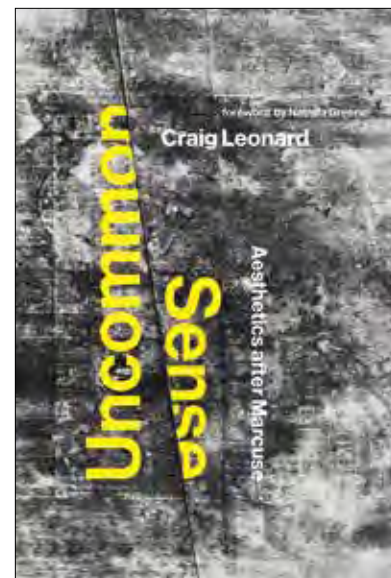
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“Craig Leonard, who understands that Marcuse's aesthetic theory is inseparable from his critique of a one-dimensionalizing capitalism, critically revitalizes—by way of Sylvia Winter's radical insights—the liberatory potential of defamiliarization.”

—**Andrew T. Lamas, University of Pennsylvania, co-editor of *Herbert Marcuse, Philosopher of Utopia: A Graphic Biography***



## Everyday Adventures with Unruly Data

Melanie Feinberg

**Paired informal and scholarly essays show how everyday events reveal fundamental concepts of data, including its creation, aggregation, management, and use.**

Whether questioning numbers on a scale, laughing at a misspelling of one's name, or finding ourselves confused in a foreign supermarket, we are engaging with data. The only way to handle data responsibly, says Melanie Feinberg in this incisive work, is to take into account its human character. Though the data she discusses may seem familiar, close scrutiny shows it to be ambiguous, complicated, and uncertain: unruly. Drawing on the tools of information science, she uses everyday events such as deciding between Blender A and Blender B on Amazon to demonstrate a practical, critical, and generative mode of thinking about data: its creation, management, aggregation, and use.

Each chapter pairs a self-contained main essay (an adventure) with a scholarly companion essay (the reflection). The adventure begins with an anecdote—visiting the library, running out of butter, cooking rice on a different stove. Feinberg argues that to understand the power and pitfalls of data science, we must attend to the data itself, not merely the algorithms that manipulate it. As she reflects on the implications of commonplace events, Feinberg explicates fundamental concepts of data that reveal the many tiny design decisions—which may not even seem like design at all—that shape how data comes to be. Through the themes of serendipity, objectivity, equivalence, interoperability, taxonomy, labels, and locality, she illuminates the surprisingly pervasive role of data in our daily thoughts and lives.

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## Leibniz on Binary

The Invention of Computer Arithmetic

Lloyd Strickland and Harry Lewis

**The first collection of Leibniz's key writings on the binary system, newly translated, with many previously unpublished in any language.**

The polymath Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz (1646–1716) is known for his independent invention of the calculus in 1675. Another major—although less studied—mathematical contribution by Leibniz is his invention of binary arithmetic, the representational basis for today's digital computing. This book offers the first collection of Leibniz's most important writings on the binary system, all newly translated by the authors with many previously unpublished in any language. Taken together, these thirty-two texts tell the story of binary as Leibniz conceived it, from his first youthful writings on the subject to the mature development and publication of the binary system.

As befits a scholarly edition, Strickland and Lewis have not only returned to Leibniz's original manuscripts in preparing their translations, but also provided full critical apparatus. In addition to extensive annotations, each text is accompanied by a detailed introductory “headnote” that explains the context and content. Additional mathematical commentaries offer readers deep dives into Leibniz's mathematical thinking. The texts are prefaced by a lengthy and detailed introductory essay, in which Strickland and Lewis trace Leibniz's development of binary, place it in its historical context, and chart its posthumous influence, most notably on shaping our own computer age.

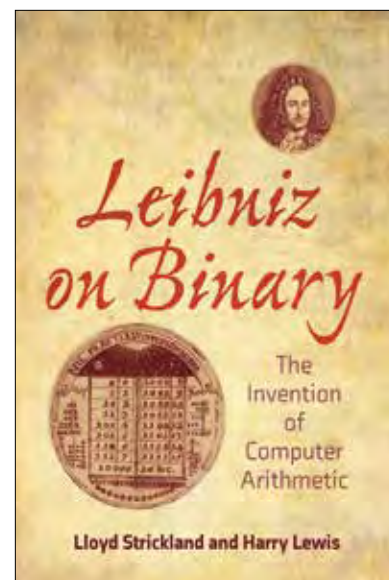
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## Art for Coexistence

Unlearning the Way We See Migration

Christine Ross

**An exploration of how contemporary art reframes and humanizes migration, calling for coexistence—the recognition of the interdependence of beings.**

In *Art for Coexistence*, art historian Christine Ross examines contemporary art's response to migration, showing that art invites us to abandon our preconceptions about the current “crisis”—to unlearn them—and to see migration more critically, more disobediently. Viewers in Europe and North America must come to see migration in terms of coexistence: the interdependence of beings. The artworks explored by Ross reveal, contest, rethink, delink, and relink more reciprocally the interdependencies shaping migration today—connecting citizens-on-the-move from some of the poorest countries and acknowledged citizens of some of the wealthiest countries and democracies worldwide.

These installations, videos, virtual reality works, webcasts, sculptures, graffiti, paintings, photographs, and a rescue boat, by artists including Banksy, Ai Weiwei, Alejandro González Iñárritu, Laura Waddington, Tania Bruguera, and others, demonstrate art's power to mediate experiences of migration. Ross argues that art invents a set of interconnected calls for more mutual forms of coexistence: to historicize, to become responsible, to empathize, and to story-tell. Art history, Ross tells us, must discard the legacy of imperialist museology—which dissocializes, dehistoricizes, and depoliticizes art. It must reinvent itself, engaging with political philosophy, postcolonial, decolonial, Black, and Indigenous studies, and critical refugee and migrant studies.

**Christine Ross** is Distinguished James McGill Professor in Contemporary Art History at McGill University. She is the author of *The Past Is the Present; It's the Future Too: The Temporal Turn in Contemporary Art* and *The Aesthetics of Disengagement: Contemporary Art and Depression*.

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“At this time of divisive differentiation, how might contemporary artists contribute to the creation of the coeval community that the world so urgently needs? Christine Ross boldly takes up this question at its sharpest point: the worldwide ‘migration crisis’ in which coexistence is cruelly denied and acutely felt. Key works by Banksy, Isaac Julien, John Akomfrah, Tanya Bruguera, Olu Oguibe, Forensic Oceanography, Ai Weiwei, Kader Attia, Candice Breitz, Stan Douglas, Kent Monkman, and several others are convincingly read as exemplary demonstrations of what it is to ‘unlearn colonization,’ as potent calls for empathy, and as modeling aspects of a more mutual coexistence.”

—**Terry Smith, Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Contemporary Art History and Theory, University of Pittsburgh; Professor in the Division of Philosophy, Art, and Critical Thought, European Graduate School; and author of *Art to Come: Histories of Contemporary Art*.**

## This Great Allegory

On World-Decay and World-Opening  
in the Work of Art

**Gerhard Richter**

**An engagement with the relation between the world in which an artwork is created—a world that perishes or decays over time—and the new world that the artwork opens up.**

Gerhard Richter explores the relation between two worlds: the world in which an artwork is created, that is, a world that over time perishes or decays beyond interpretive understanding, and the new world that the artwork opens up. The multiple relations between these worlds are examined in a number of central thinkers and in various modes of aesthetic production, including poetry, painting, music, film, literature, and photography. It is precisely in and through the work of art, Richter shows, that central elements of the thinking of world as world are negotiated in the most essential and moving ways.

Exploring the relationship between these worlds through art and European philosophy, Richter offers bold new interpretations of Karl Marx, Friedrich Nietzsche, Martin Heidegger, Maurice Blanchot, Georges Bataille, Emmanuel Levinas, Theodor W. Adorno, Walter Benjamin, and Jacques Derrida. The book also provides stimulating new insights into the works of heterogeneous artists such as Paul Celan, Friedrich Hölderlin, Werner Herzog, Arnold Schönberg, Franz Kafka, Herman Melville, Andrew Moore, Botho Strauß, Didier Eribon, and even prehistoric cave painters. In each case, Richter's readings are guided by a consideration of the conceptual constraints and singular interpretive demands imposed by the specific genre and medium.

**Gerhard Richter** is University Professor and Professor of Comparative Literature and German Studies at Brown University. His most recent books include *Uncontainable Legacies: Theses on Intellectual, Cultural, and Political Inheritance* and *Thinking with Adorno: The Uncoercive Gaze*.

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## Computational Imaging

**Ayush Bhandari, Achuta Kadambi,  
and Ramesh Raskar**

**A comprehensive and up-to-date textbook and reference for computational imaging, which combines vision, graphics, signal processing, and optics.**

Computational imaging involves the joint design of imaging hardware and computer algorithms to create novel imaging systems with unprecedented capabilities. In recent years such capabilities include cameras that operate at a trillion frames per second, microscopes that can see small viruses long thought to be optically irresolvable, and telescopes that capture images of black holes. This text offers a comprehensive and up-to-date introduction to this rapidly growing field, a convergence of vision, graphics, signal processing, and optics. It can be used as an instructional resource for computer imaging courses and as a reference for professionals. It covers the fundamentals of the field, current research and applications, and light transport techniques.

The text first presents an imaging toolkit, including optics, image sensors, and illumination, and a computational toolkit, introducing modeling, mathematical tools, model-based inversion, data-driven inversion techniques, and hybrid inversion techniques. It then examines different modalities of light, focusing on the plenoptic function, which describes degrees of freedom of a light ray. Finally, the text outlines light transport techniques, describing imaging systems that obtain micron-scale 3D shape or optimize for noise-free imaging, optical computing, and non-line-of-sight imaging. Throughout, it discusses the use of computational imaging methods in a range of application areas, including smart phone photography, autonomous driving, and medical imaging. End-of-chapter exercises help put the material in context.

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## Algorithms for Decision Making

Mykel J. Kochenderfer, Tim A. Wheeler,  
and Kyle H. Wray

**A broad introduction to algorithms for decision making under uncertainty, introducing the underlying mathematical problem formulations and the algorithms for solving them.**

Automated decision-making systems or decision-support systems—used in applications that range from aircraft collision avoidance to breast cancer screening—must be designed to account for various sources of uncertainty while carefully balancing multiple objectives. This textbook provides a broad introduction to algorithms for decision making under uncertainty, covering the underlying mathematical problem formulations and the algorithms for solving them.

The book first addresses the problem of reasoning about uncertainty and objectives in simple decisions at a single point in time, and then turns to sequential decision problems in stochastic environments where the outcomes of our actions are uncertain. It goes on to address model uncertainty, when we do not start with a known model and must learn how to act through interaction with the environment; state uncertainty, in which we do not know the current state of the environment due to imperfect perceptual information; and decision contexts involving multiple agents. The book focuses primarily on planning and reinforcement learning, although some of the techniques presented draw on elements of supervised learning and optimization. Algorithms are implemented in the Julia programming language. Figures, examples, and exercises convey the intuition behind the various approaches presented.

**Mykel Kochenderfer** is Associate Professor at Stanford University, where he is Director of the Stanford Intelligent Systems Laboratory (SISL). He is the author of *Decision Making Under Uncertainty* (MIT Press). Kochenderfer and Tim Wheeler are coauthors of *Algorithms for Optimization* (MIT Press). **Tim Wheeler** is a software engineer in the Bay Area, working on autonomy, controls, and decision-making systems. Wheeler and Mykel Kochenderfer are coauthors of *Algorithms for Optimization* (MIT Press). **Kyle Wray** is a researcher who designs and implements the decision-making systems on real-world robots.

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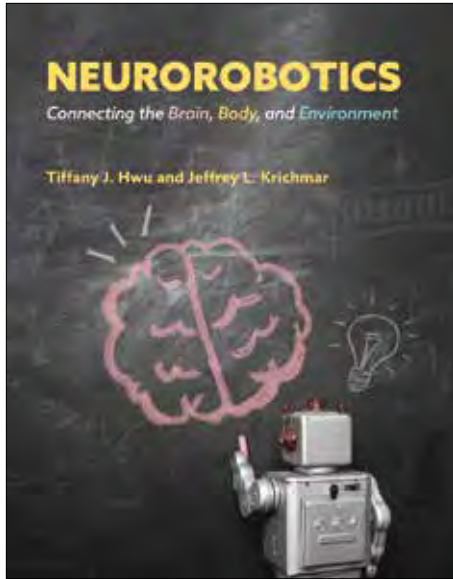


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## Neurorobotics

Connecting the Brain, Body, and Environment

Tiffany J. Hwu and Jeffrey L. Krichmar

**An introduction to neurorobotics that presents approaches and design principles for developing intelligent autonomous systems grounded in biology and neuroscience.**

Neurorobotics is an interdisciplinary field that draws on artificial intelligence, cognitive sciences, computer science, engineering, psychology, neuroscience, and robotics. Because the brain is closely coupled to the body and situated in the environment, neurorobots—autonomous systems modeled after some aspect of the brain—offer a powerful tool for studying neural function and may also be a means for developing autonomous systems with intelligence that rivals that of biological organisms. This textbook introduces approaches and design principles for developing intelligent autonomous systems grounded in biology and neuroscience. It is written for anyone interested in learning about this topic and can be used in cognitive robotics courses for students in psychology, cognitive science, and computer science.

Neurorobotics covers the background and foundations of the field, with information on early neurorobots, relevant principles of neuroscience, learning rules and mechanisms, and reinforcement learning and prediction; neurorobot design principles grounded in neuroscience and principles of neuroscience research; and examples of neurorobots for navigation, developmental robotics, and social robots, presented with the cognitive science and neuroscience background that inspired them. A supplementary website offers videos, robot simulations, and links to software repositories with neurorobot examples.

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The book first mathematically formulates classification problems, defines common notations, and reviews various algorithms for supervised binary and multiclass classification. It then explores problems of binary weakly supervised classification, including positive-unlabeled (PU) classification, positive-negative-unlabeled (PNU) classification, and unlabeled-unlabeled (UU) classification. It then turns to multiclass classification, discussing complementary-label (CL) classification and partial-label (PL) classification. Finally, the book addresses more advanced issues, including a family of correction methods to improve the generalization performance of weakly supervised learning and the problem of class-prior estimation.

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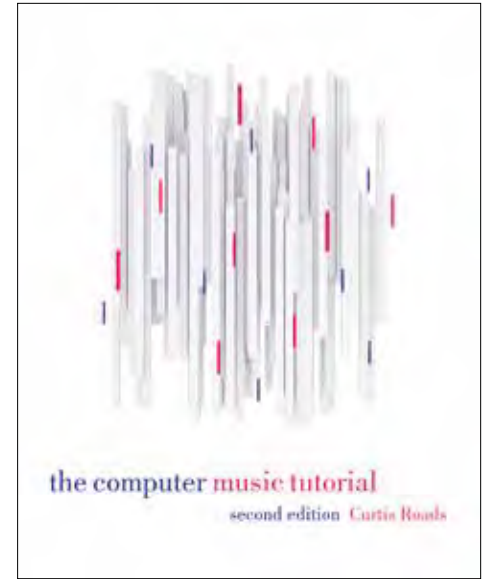
The new edition continues to be the definitive tutorial on all aspects of computer music, including digital audio, signal processing, musical input devices, performance software, editing systems, algorithmic composition, MIDI, and psychoacoustics, but the second edition also reflects the enormous growth of the field since the book's original publication in 1996. New chapters cover up-to-date topics like virtual analog, pulsar synthesis, concatenative synthesis, spectrum analysis by atomic decomposition, Open Sound Control, spectrum editors, instrument and patch editors, and an appendix on machine learning. Exhaustively referenced and cross-referenced, the second edition adds hundreds of new figures and references to the original charts, diagrams, screen images, and photographs in order to explain basic concepts and terms.

**Curtis Roads** is Professor of Media Arts and Technology, with an affiliate appointment in Music, at the University of California, Santa Barbara. His previous books include *Microsound and Composing Electronic Music: A New Aesthetic*.

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**Sandra C. Greer** is a retired chemistry professor who taught at the University of Maryland College Park and at Mills College in Oakland, California. She is a past winner of the American Chemical Society Francis P. Garvan–John M. Olin Medal and is the author of *Elements of Ethics for Physical Scientists* (MIT Press).

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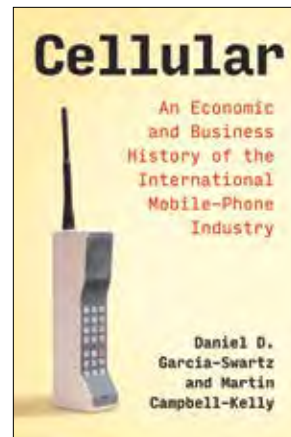
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In *Constructing Science*, Deena Weisberg and David Sobel trace the ways that young children's sophisticated causal reasoning abilities combine with other cognitive, metacognitive, and social factors to develop into a more mature set of scientific thinking abilities. Conceptualizing scientific thinking as the suite of skills that allows people to generate hypotheses, solve

problems, and explain aspects of the world, Weisberg and Sobel argue that understanding how this capacity develops can offer insights into how we can become a more scientifically literate society.

Investigating the development of causal reasoning and how it sets the stage for scientific thinking in the elementary school years and beyond, Weisberg and Sobel outline a framework for understanding how children represent and learn causal knowledge and identify key variables that differ between causal reasoning and scientific thinking. They present empirical studies suggesting ways to bridge the gap between causal reasoning and scientific thinking, focusing on two factors: contextualization and metacognitive thinking abilities. Finally, they examine children's explicit understanding of such concepts as science, learning, play, and teaching.

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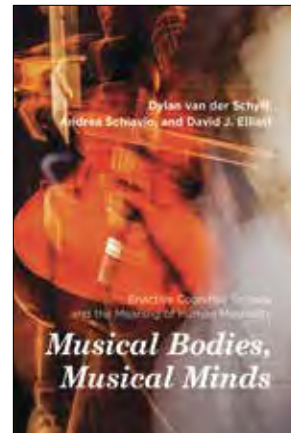
## Musical Bodies, Musical Minds

Enactive Cognitive Science and the Meaning of Human Musicality

Dylan van der Schyff, Andrea Schiavio, and David J. Elliott

**An enactive account of musicality that proposes new ways of thinking about musical experience, musical development in infancy, music and evolution, and more.**

*Musical Bodies, Musical Minds* offers an innovative account of human musicality that draws on recent



developments in embodied cognitive science. The authors explore musical cognition as a form of sense-making that unfolds across the embodied, environmentally embedded, and sociomaterially extended dimensions that compose the enactment of human worlds of meaning. This perspective enables new ways of understanding musical experience, the development of musicality

in infancy and childhood, music's emergence in human evolution, and the nature of musical emotions, empathy, and creativity.

Developing their account, the authors link a diverse array of ideas from fields including neuroscience, theoretical biology, psychology, developmental studies, social cognition, and education. Drawing on these insights, they show how dynamic processes of adaptive body-brain-environment interactivity drive musical cognition across a range of contexts, extending it beyond the personal (inner) domain of musical agents and out into the material and social worlds they inhabit and influence. An enactive approach to musicality, they argue, can reveal important aspects of human being and knowing that are often lost or obscured in the modern technologically driven world.

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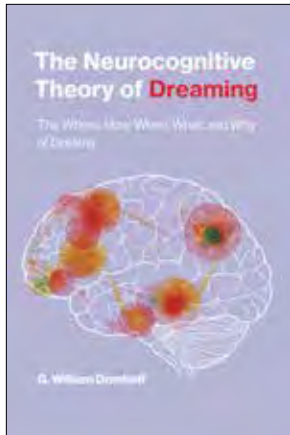
## The Neurocognitive Theory of Dreaming

The Where, How, When, What, and Why of Dreams

G. William Domhoff

**A comprehensive neurocognitive theory of dreaming based on the theories, methodologies, and findings of cognitive neuroscience and the psychological sciences.**

G. William Domhoff's neurocognitive theory of dreaming is the only theory of dreaming that makes full use of the



new neuroimaging findings on all forms of spontaneous thought and shows how well they explain the results of rigorous quantitative studies of dream content. Domhoff identifies five separate issues—neural substrates, cognitive processes, the psychological meaning of dream content, evolutionarily adaptive functions, and historically invented cultural uses—and then explores how they are

intertwined. He also discusses the degree to which there is symbolism in dreams, the development of dreaming in children, and the relative frequency of emotions in the dreams of children and adults.

During dreaming, the neural substrates that support waking sensory input, task-oriented thinking, and movement are relatively deactivated. Domhoff presents the conditions that have to be fulfilled before dreaming can occur spontaneously. He describes the specific cognitive processes supported by the neural substrate of dreaming and then looks at dream reports of research participants. The “why” of dreaming, he says, may be the most counterintuitive outcome of empirical dream research. Though the question is usually framed in terms of adaptation, there is no positive evidence for an adaptive theory of dreaming. Research by anthropologists, historians, and comparative religion scholars, however, suggests that dreaming has psychological and cultural uses, with the most important of these found in religious ceremonies and healing practices. Finally, he offers suggestions for how future dream studies might take advantage of new technologies, including smart phones.

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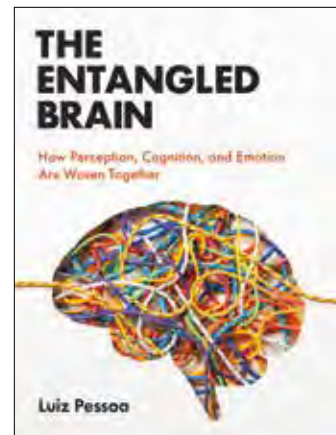
## The Entangled Brain

How Perception, Cognition, and Emotion Are Woven Together

Luiz Pessoa

**A new vision of the brain as a fully integrated, networked organ.**

Popular neuroscience accounts often focus on specific mind-brain aspects like addiction, cognition, or memory,



but *The Entangled Brain* tackles a much bigger question: What kind of object is the brain? Neuroscientist Luiz Pessoa describes the brain as a highly networked, interconnected system that cannot be neatly decomposed into a set of independent parts. One can't point to the brain and say, “This is where emotion

happens” (or any other mental faculty). Pessoa argues that only by understanding how large-scale neural circuits combine multiple and diverse signals can we truly appreciate how the brain supports the mind.

Presenting the brain as an integrated organ and drawing on neuroscience, computation, mathematics, systems theory, and evolution, *The Entangled Brain* explains how brain functions result from cross-cutting brain processing, not the function of segregated areas. Parts of the brain work in a coordinated fashion across large-scale distributed networks in which disparate parts of the cortex and the subcortex work simultaneously to bring about behaviors. Pessoa intuitively explains the concepts needed to formalize this idea of the brain as a complex system and how to unleash powerful understandings built with “collective computations.”

**Luiz Pessoa** is Professor of Psychology, member of the Program in Neuroscience and Cognitive Science, Principal Investigator of the Laboratory of Cognition and Emotion, and Director of the Maryland Neuroimaging Center at the University of Maryland, College Park.

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## Interdisciplinarity in the Making

Models and Methods in Frontier Science

Nancy J. Nersessian

**A cognitive ethnography of how bioengineering scientists create innovative modeling methods.**

In this first full-scale, long-term cognitive ethnography by a philosopher of science, Nancy J. Nersessian offers an account of how scientists at the interdisciplinary frontiers of bioengineering create novel problem-solving methods. Bioengineering scientists model complex dynamical biological systems using concepts, methods, materials, and other resources drawn primarily from engineering. They aim to understand these systems sufficiently to control or intervene in them. What Nersessian examines here is how cutting-edge bioengineering scientists integrate the cognitive, social, material, and cultural dimensions of practice. Her findings and conclusions have broad implications for researchers in philosophy, science studies, cognitive science, and interdisciplinary studies, as well as scientists, educators, policy makers, and funding agencies.

In studying the epistemic practices of scientists, Nersessian pushes the boundaries of the philosophy of science and cognitive science into areas not ventured before. She recounts a decades-long, wide-ranging, and richly detailed investigation of the innovative interdisciplinary modeling practices of bioengineering researchers in four university laboratories. She argues and demonstrates that the methods of cognitive ethnography and qualitative data analysis, placed in the framework of distributed cognition, provide the tools for a philosophical analysis of how scientific discoveries arise from complex systems in which the cognitive, social, material, and cultural dimensions of problem-solving are integrated into the epistemic practices of scientists. Specifically, she looks at how interdisciplinary environments shape problem-solving. Although Nersessian's case material is drawn from the bioengineering sciences, her analytic framework and methodological approach are directly applicable to scientific research in a broader, more general sense, as well.

**Nancy J. Nersessian** is Regents' Professor of Cognitive Science Emerita, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Research Associate in Psychology, Harvard University. She is the author of *Creating Scientific Concepts* (MIT Press).

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## Shapes of Imagination

Calculating in Coleridge's Magical Realm

George Stiny

**Visual calculating in shape grammars aligns with art and design, bridging the gap between seeing (Coleridge's "imagination") and combinatoric play (Coleridge's "fancy").**

In *Shapes of Imagination*, George Stiny runs visual calculating in shape grammars through art and design—incorporating Samuel Taylor Coleridge's poetic imagination and Oscar Wilde's corollary to see things as they aren't. Many assume that calculating limits art and design to suit computers, but shape grammars rely on seeing to prove otherwise. Rules that change what they see extend calculating to overtake what computers can do, in logic and with data and learning. Shape grammars bridge the divide between seeing (Coleridge's "imagination, or esemplastic power") and combinatoric play (Coleridge's "fancy").

Stiny shows that calculating without seeing excludes art and design. Seeing is key for calculating to augment creative activity with aesthetic insight and value. Shape grammars go by appearances, in a full-fledged aesthetic enterprise for the inconstant eye; they answer the question of what calculating would be like if Turing and von Neumann were artists instead of logicians. Art and design are calculating in all their splendid detail.

**George Stiny** is Professor of Design and Computation at MIT. He first used shape grammars for painting and sculpture and is the author of *Pictorial and Formal Aspects of Shape and Shape Grammars*; *Algorithmic Aesthetics: Computer Models for Criticism and Design in the Arts* (with James Gips); and *Shape: Talking about Seeing and Doing* (MIT Press).

design

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## Educating for the Anthropocene

Schooling and Activism in the Face of Slow Violence

Peter Sutoris

**The work of environmental educators and activists in India and South Africa offers new models for schooling and environmental activism.**

Education has never played as critical a role in determining humanity's future as it does in the Anthropocene, an era marked by humankind's unprecedented control over the natural environment. Drawing on a multisited ethnographic project among schools and activist groups in India and South Africa, Peter Sutoris explores education practices in the context of impoverished, marginal communities where environmental crises intersect with colonial and racist histories and unsustainable practices. He exposes the depoliticizing effects of schooling and examines cross-generational knowledge transfer within and beyond formal education. Finally, he calls for the bridging of schooling and environmental activism, to find answers to the global environmental crisis.

The onset of the Anthropocene challenges the very definition of education and its fundamental goals, says Sutoris. Researchers must look outside conventional models and practices of education for inspiration if education is to live up to its responsibilities at this critical time. For decades, environmental activist movements in some countries have wrestled with questions of responsibility and action in the face of environmental destruction; they inhabited the mental world of the Anthropocene before much of the rest of the world. Sutoris highlights an innovative research methodology of participatory observational filmmaking, describing how films made by children in the Indian and South African communities provide a window into the ways that young people make sense of the future of the Anthropocene. It is through their capacity to imagine the world differently, Sutoris argues, that education can reinvent itself.

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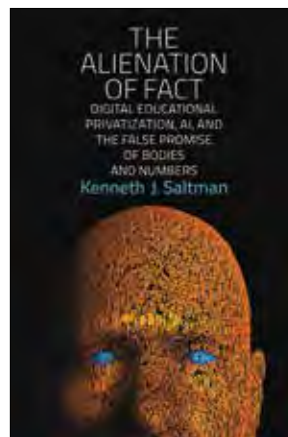
## The Alienation of Fact

Digital Educational Privatization, AI, and the False Promise of Bodies and Numbers

Kenneth J. Saltman

**An investigation of the role of educational privatization and technology in the crises of truth and agency.**

Today, conspiracy theories run rampant, attacks on facts have become commonplace, and systemic inequities are



on the rise as individual and collective agency unravels. *The Alienation of Fact* explains the educational, technological, and ideological preconditions for these contemporary crises of truth and agency and explores the contradictions and competing visions for the future of education that lie at the center of the problem.

Schools are increasingly reimagined as businesses, and high-stakes

standardized testing and curricula, for-profit charter schools, and the rise of educational AI put capital and technology at the center of education. Yet even as our society demands measure, data, and facts, politicians and news outlets regularly make unfounded assertions. How should we make sense of the contradictions between the demand for radical data-driven empiricism and the flight from evidence, argument, or theoretical justification?

In this critical investigation of the new digital directions of educational privatization—AI education, adaptive learning technology, biometrics, the quantification of play and social emotional learning—and the politics of the body, Saltman shows how the false certainty of bodies and numbers replaces deliberative and thoughtful agency in a time of increasing precarity. A distinctive contribution to scholarship on public school privatization and educational technology, politics, policy, pedagogy, and theory, *The Alienation of Fact* is a spirited call for democratic education that values creating a society of “thinking people” over capitalistic gains.

**Kenneth J. Saltman** is a professor of Educational Policy Studies at the University of Illinois Chicago. His recent publications include *Scripted Bodies: Corporate Power, Smart Technologies, and the Undoing of Public Education*; *The Swindle of Innovative Educational Finance*; *The Failure of Corporate School Reform*; and *Capitalizing on Disaster: Taking and Breaking Schools*.

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## Mussolini's Nature

An Environmental History of Italian Fascism

**Marco Armiero, Roberta Biasillo, and Wilko Graf von Hardenberg**

translated by James Sievert

**This exploration of the environmental practices of Benito Mussolini's fascist regime invites readers to consider the ecological connections of all political projects.**

"We might think we see a mountain while it was a war; a forest can actually be an engine; a monument to workers might reflect the violence of a colonial empire."

—extracted from *Mussolini's Nature*

In this first environmental history of Italian fascism, Marco Armiero, Roberta Biasillo, and Wilko Graf von Hardenberg reveal that nature and fascist rhetoric are inextricable. *Mussolini's Nature* explores fascist political ecologies, or rather the practices and narratives through which the regime constructed imaginary and material ecologies functional to its political project. The book does not pursue the ghost of a green Mussolini by counting how many national parks were created during the regime or how many trees were planted. Instead, the reader is trained to recognize fascist political ecology in Mussolini's speeches, reclaimed landscapes, policies of economic self-sufficiency, propaganda documentaries, reforested areas, and the environmental transformation of colonial holdings.

The authors conclude with an examination of the role of fascist landscapes in the country's postwar reconstruction: Mussolini's nature is still visible today through plaques, monuments, toponomy, and the shapes of landscapes. This original and surprisingly intimate environmental history is not merely a chronicle of conservation in fascist Italy but also an invitation to consider the socioecological connections of all political projects.

**Marco Armiero** is Research Director of the Institute for Studies on the Mediterranean, Naples, Italy, and Director of the Environmental Humanities Laboratory at the KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm. **Roberta Biasillo** is Assistant Professor of Contemporary Political History at Utrecht University. **Wilko Graf von Hardenberg** is Research Scholar and PI of the project "The Sound of Nature: Soundscapes and Environmental Awareness, 1750–1950" at Humboldt University in Berlin.

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## Seed Activism

Patent Politics and Litigation in the Global South

**Karine E. Peschard**

**How lawsuits around intellectual property in Brazil and India are impacting the patentability of plants and seeds, farmers' rights, and the public interest.**

Over the past decade, legal challenges have arisen in the Global South over patents on genetically modified crops. In this ethnographic study, Karine E. Peschard explores the effects of these disputes on people's lives, while uncovering the role of power—material, institutional, and discursive—in shaping laws and legal systems. The expansion of corporate intellectual property (IP), she shows, negatively impacts farmers' rights and, by extension, the right to food, since small farms produce the bulk of food for domestic consumption. Peschard sees emerging a new legal common sense concerning the patentability of plant-related inventions, as well as a balance among IP, farmers' rights, and the public interest.

Peschard examines the strengthening of IP regimes for plant varieties, the consolidation of the global biotech industry, the erosion of agrobiodiversity, and farmers' dispossession. She shows how litigants question the legality of patents and private IP systems implemented by Monsanto for royalties on three genetically modified crop varieties, Roundup Ready soybean in Brazil and Bt cotton and Bt eggplant in India. Peschard argues that these private IP systems have rendered moot domestic legislation on plant variety protection and farmers' rights. This unprecedented level of corporate concentration in such a vital sector raises concerns over the erosion of agricultural biodiversity, farmers' rights and livelihoods, food security, and, ultimately, the merits of extending IP rights to higher life forms such as plants.

**Karine Peschard** is Associate Research Fellow at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, and Associate Researcher at the Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies.

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## Age of Auto Electric

Environment, Energy, and the Quest for the Sustainable Car

Matthew N. Eisler

**The electric vehicle revival reflects negotiations between public policy, which promotes clean, fuel-efficient vehicles, and the auto industry, which promotes high-performance vehicles.**

Electric cars were once as numerous as internal combustion engine cars before all but vanishing from American roads around World War I. Now, we are in the midst of an electric vehicle revival and the quest for a sustainable car seems to be within reach. In *Age of Auto Electric*, Matthew N. Eisler shows that the halting development of the electric car in the intervening decades was a consequence of tensions between environmental, energy, and economic policy imperatives that informed a protracted reappraisal of the automobile system. These factors drove the electric vehicle revival, argues Eisler, hastening automaking's transformation into a science-based industry in the process.

Challenging the common assumption that the electric vehicle revival is due to the development of better batteries, *Age of Auto Electric* instead focuses on changing environmental and socioeconomic conditions, energy and environmental policies, systems of energy conversion and industrial production, and innovation practices that affected the prevalence and popularity of electric vehicles in recent decades. Eisler describes a world in transition from legacy to alternative energy-conversion systems and the promises, compromises, new problems, and unintended consequences that enterprise has entailed.

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## Arcade Britannia

A Social History of the British Amusement Arcade

Alan Meades

**The story of the British amusement arcade from the 1800s to the present.**

Amusement arcades are an important part of British culture, yet discussions of them tend to be based on American models. Alan Meades, who spent his childhood happily playing in British seaside arcades, presents the history of the arcade from its origins in traveling fairs of the 1800s to the present. Drawing on firsthand accounts of industry members and archival sources, including rare photographs and trade publications, he tells the story of the first arcades, the people who made the machines, the rise of video

games, and the legislative and economic challenges spurred by public fears of moral decline.

*Arcade Britannia* highlights the differences between British and North American arcades, especially in terms of the complex relationship between gambling and amusements. He also underlines Britain's role in introducing coin-operated technologies into Europe, as well as the industry's close links to America and, especially, Japan. He shows how the British arcade is a product of centuries of public play, gambling, entrepreneurship, and mechanization. Examining the arcade's history through technological, social, cultural, biographic, and legislative perspectives, he describes a pendulum shift between control and liberalization, as well as the continued efforts of concerned moralists to limit and regulate public play. Finally, he recounts the impact on the industry of legislative challenges that included vicious taxation, questions of whether copyright law applied to video-game code, and the peculiar moment when every arcade game in Britain was considered a cinema.

**Alan Meades** teaches the undergraduate and postgraduate Games Design courses at Canterbury Christ Church University, UK. He is the author of *Understanding Counterplay in Videogames*.

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## Wandering Games

Melissa Kagen

**An analysis of wandering within different game worlds, viewed through the lenses of work, colonialism, gender, and death.**

Wandering in games can be a theme, a formal mode, an aesthetic metaphor, or a player action. It can mean walking, escaping, traversing, meandering, or returning. In this book, game studies scholar Melissa Kagen introduces the concept of “wandering games,” exploring the uses of wandering in a variety of game worlds. She shows how the much-derided Walking Simulator—a term that began as an insult, a denigration of games that are less violent, less task-oriented, or less difficult



to complete—semi-accidentally tapped into something brilliant: the vast heritage and intellectual history of the concept of walking in fiction, philosophy, pilgrimage, performance, and protest.

Kagen examines wandering in a series of games that vary widely in terms of genre, mechanics, themes, player base, studio size, and funding, giving close readings to *Return of the Obra Dinn*, *Eastshade*, *Ritual of the Moon*, *80 Days*, *Heaven's Vault*, *Death Stranding*, and *The Last of Us Part II*. Exploring the connotations of wandering within these different game worlds, she considers how ideologies of work, gender, colonialism, and death inflect the ways we wander through digital spaces. Overlapping and intersecting, each provides a multifaceted lens through which to understand what wandering does, lacks, implies, and offers. Kagen's account will attune game designers, players, and scholars to the myriad possibilities of the wandering ludic body.

**Melissa Kagen** is Assistant Professor of Communication and Video Gaming Studies Concentration Advisor at Curry College in Milton, Massachusetts, and an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Gaming & Virtual Worlds*.

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## Playing at a Distance

Borderlands of Video Game Aesthetic

Sonia Fizek

**An essential exploration of video game aesthetic that decenters the human player and challenges what it means to play.**

Do we play video games or do video games play us? Is nonhuman play a mere paradox or the future of



gaming? And what do video games have to do with quantum theory? In *Playing at a Distance*, Sonia Fizek engages with these and many more daunting questions, forging new ways to think and talk about games and play that decenter the human player and explore a variety of play formats and practices that require surprisingly little human action. Idling in clicker games, wandering

in walking simulators, automating gameplay with bots, or simply watching games rather than playing them—Fizek shows how these seemingly marginal cases are central to understanding how we play in the digital age.

Introducing the concept of distance, Fizek reorients our view of computer-mediated play. To “play at a distance,” she says, is to delegate the immediate action to the machine and to become participants in an algorithmic spectacle. Distance as a media aesthetic framework enables the reader to come to terms with the ambiguity and aesthetic diversity of play.

Drawing on concepts from philosophy, media theory, and posthumanism, as well as cultural and film studies, *Playing at a Distance* invites a wider understanding of what digital games and gaming are in all their diverse experiences and forms. In challenging the common perception of video games as inherently interactive, the book contributes to our understanding of the computer's influence on practices of play—and prods us to think more broadly about what it means to play.

**Sonia Fizek** is an associate professor of games and media studies at the Cologne Game Lab at Technical University of Cologne, Germany.

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## Copyright's Broken Promise

How to Restore the Law's Ability to Promote the Progress of Science

John Willinsky

**A comprehensive proposal for reforming copyright law to ensure sustainable public access to research and scholarship.**

Open access is widely supported by researchers, librarians, scholarly societies, and research funders, as well as large and small publishers. Yet despite this support—and the pandemic's demonstration of the importance of open access for scientific progress—the scholarly publishing market is failing to deliver open access quickly enough. In *Copyright's Broken Promise*, John Willinsky presents the case for reforming copyright law so that it supports, rather than impedes, public access to research and scholarship. He draws on the legal strategy of statutory licensing to set out the terms and structures by which the Copyright Act could ensure that publishers are fairly compensated for providing immediate open access.

What sets Willinsky's analysis apart is its focus on the current state of scholarly publishing. Because copyright offers so little legal support for moving publishing to open access, though it is best for science, he says it is time to stop regarding the Copyright Act as a law of nature that can only be circumvented, contravened, or temporarily set aside. Specifically, he proposes that the Copyright Act add a new category of work, called "research publications," which would be subject to statutory licensing. This would allow publishers to receive royalty payments from the principal institutional users (universities, industry R&D, research institutes, and so on) and sponsors of the work (foundations and government agencies), while providing immediate open access.

**John Willinsky** is the Khosla Family Professor of Education at Stanford University and founding director of the Public Knowledge Project. His books include *Empire of Words*, *Learning to Divide the World*, *The Access Principle* (MIT Press), and *The Intellectual Properties of Learning*.

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## Consequences of Language

From Primary to Enhanced Intersubjectivity

N. J. Enfield and Jack Sidnell

**What is it about humans that makes language possible, and what is it about language that makes us human?**

If you are reading this, you have done something that only our species has evolved to do. You have acquired a natural language. This book asks, How has this changed us?

Where scholars have long wondered what it is about humans that makes language possible, N. J. Enfield and Jack Sidnell ask instead, What is it about humans that is made possible by language? In *Consequences of Language* their objective is to understand what modern language really is and to identify its logical and conceptual consequences for social life. Central to this undertaking is the concept of intersubjectivity, the open sharing of subjective experience. There is, Enfield and Sidnell contend, a uniquely human form of intersubjectivity, and it is essentially intertwined with language in two ways: a primary form of intersubjectivity was necessary for language to have begun evolving in our species in the first place and then language, through its defining reflexive properties, transformed the nature of our intersubjectivity. In the authors' analysis, social accountability—the bedrock of society—is grounded in this linguistically transformed, enhanced kind of intersubjectivity.

The account of the language-mind-society connection put forward in *Consequences of Language* is one of unprecedented reach, suggesting new connections across disciplines centrally concerned with language—from anthropology and philosophy to sociology and cognitive science—and among those who would understand the foundational role of language in making us human.

**N. J. Enfield** is Professor of Linguistics at the University of Sydney and Director of the Sydney Centre for Language Research. He is the author of *The Anatomy of Meaning and Language Vs. Reality: Why Language Is Good for Lawyers and Bad for Scientists* (MIT Press). **Jack Sidnell** is Professor of Anthropology at the University of Toronto.

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## Structure

Concepts, Consequences, Interactions

Howard Lasnik and Juan Uriagereka

**Natural phenomena, including human language, are not just series of events but are organized quasi-periodically; sentences have structure, and that structure matters.**

Howard Lasnik and Juan Uriagereka “were there” when generative grammar was being developed into the Minimalist Program. In this presentation of the universal aspects of human language as a cognitive phenomenon, they rationally reconstruct syntactic structure. In the process, they touch upon structure dependency and its consequences for learnability, nuanced arguments (including global ones) for structure presupposed in standard linguistic analyses, and a formalism to capture long-range correlations. For practitioners, the authors assess whether “all we need is Merge,” while for outsiders, they summarize what needs to be covered when attempting to have structure “emerge.”

Reconstructing the essential history of what is at stake when arguing for sentence scaffolding, the authors cover a range of larger issues, from the traditional computational notion of structure (the strong generative capacity of a system) and how far down into words it reaches, to whether its variants, as evident across the world’s languages, can arise from non-generative systems. While their perspective stems from Noam Chomsky’s work, it does so critically, separating rhetoric from results. They consider what they do to be empirical, with the formalism being only a tool to guide their research (of course, they want sharp tools that can be falsified and have predictive power). Reaching out to sceptics, they invite potential collaborations that could arise from mutual examination of one another’s work, as they attempt to establish a dialogue beyond generative grammar.

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## Mathematical Tools for Real-World Applications

A Gentle Introduction for Students and Practitioners

Alexandr Draganov

**Techniques for applying mathematical concepts in the real world: six rarely taught but crucial tools for analysis, research, and problem-solving.**

Many young graduates leave school with a solid knowledge of mathematical concepts but struggle to apply these concepts in practice. Real scientific and engineering problems are different from those found in textbooks: they are messier, take longer to solve, and standard solution recipes might not apply. This book fills the gap between what is taught in the typical college curriculum and what a practicing engineer or scientist needs to know. It presents six powerful tools for analysis, research, and problem solving in the real world: dimensional analysis, limiting cases, symmetry, scaling, making order of magnitude estimates, and the method of successive approximations.

The book does not focus on formulaic manipulations of equations, but emphasizes analysis and explores connections between the equations and the application. Each chapter introduces a set of ideas and techniques and then shows how these techniques apply to a series of problems. (Knowledge of algebra and trigonometry, but not calculus, is required.) The final two chapters tie all six techniques together and apply them to two real-world problems: computing the probability of a rare, catastrophic event, and tracking a satellite with a GPS receiver. Readers will learn how to analyze, dissect, and gain insight into the results by using all the techniques presented in earlier chapters—and discover how analysis tools work on problems not concocted for a textbook. The appendix provides solutions to many of the problems found throughout the book.

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## Sheaf Theory through Examples

Daniel Rosiak

**An approachable introduction to elementary sheaf theory and its applications beyond pure math.**

Sheaves are mathematical constructions concerned with passages from local properties to global ones. They have played a fundamental role in the development of many areas of modern mathematics, yet the broad conceptual power of sheaf theory and its wide applicability to areas beyond pure math have only recently begun to be appreciated. Taking an applied category theory perspective, *Sheaf Theory through Examples* provides an approachable introduction to elementary sheaf theory and examines applications

including  $n$ -colorings of graphs, satellite data, chess problems, Bayesian networks, self-similar groups, musical performance, complexes, and much more.

With an emphasis on developing the theory via a wealth of well-motivated and vividly illustrated examples, *Sheaf Theory through Examples* supplements the formal development of concepts with philosophical reflections on topology, category theory, and sheaf theory, alongside a selection of advanced topics and examples that illustrate ideas like cellular sheaf cohomology, toposes, and geometric morphisms.

*Sheaf Theory through Examples* seeks to bridge the powerful results of sheaf theory as used by mathematicians and real-world applications, while also supplementing the technical matters with a unique philosophical perspective attuned to the broader development of ideas.

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## Sound Actions

Conceptualizing Musical Instruments

Alexander Refsum Jensenius

**A techno-cognitive look at how new technologies are shaping the future of musicking.**

“Musicking” encapsulates both the making of and perception of music, so it includes both active and passive forms of musical engagement. But at its core, it is a relationship between actions and sounds, between human bodies and musical instruments. Viewing musicking through this lens and drawing on music cognition and music technology, *Sound Actions* proposes a model for understanding differences between traditional acoustic “sound makers” and new electro-acoustic “music makers.”

What is a musical instrument? How do new technologies change how we perform and perceive music? What happens when composers build instruments, performers write code, perceivers become producers, and instruments play themselves? The answers to these pivotal questions entail a meeting point between interactive music technology and embodied music cognition, what author Alexander Refsum Jensenius calls “embodied music technology.” Moving between objective description and subjective narrative of his own musical experiences, Jensenius explores why music makes people move, how the human body can be used in musical interaction, and how new technologies allow for active musical experiences. The development of new music technologies, he demonstrates, has fundamentally changed how music is performed and perceived.

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## Sounding Bodies

Music and the Making of Biomedical Science

Peter Pesic

**The unfolding influence of music and sound on the fundamental structure of the biomedical sciences, from ancient times to the present.**

Beginning in ancient Greece, Peter Pesic writes, music and sound significantly affected the development of the biomedical sciences. Physicians used rhythmical ratios to interpret the pulse, which inspired later efforts to record the pulse in musical notation. After 1700, biology and medicine took a “sonic turn,” viewing the body as a musical instrument, the rhythms and vibrations of which could guide therapeutic insight. In *Sounding Bodies*, Pesic traces the unfolding influence of music and sound on the fundamental structure of the biomedical sciences.

Pesic explains that music and sound provided the life sciences important tools for hearing, understanding, and influencing the rhythms of life. As medicine sought to go beyond the visible manifestations of illness, sound offered ways to access the hidden interiority of body and mind. Sonic interventions addressed the search for a new typology of mental illness, and practitioners used musical instruments to induce hypnotic states meant to cure both psychic and physical ailments. The study of bat echolocation led to the manifold clinical applications of ultrasound; such sonic devices as telephones and tuning forks were used to explore the functioning of the nerves.

*Sounding Bodies* follows Pesic’s *Music and the Making of Modern Science* and *Polyphonic Minds* to complete a trilogy on the influence of music on the sciences. Enhanced digital editions of the books in the trilogy offer playable music and sound examples.

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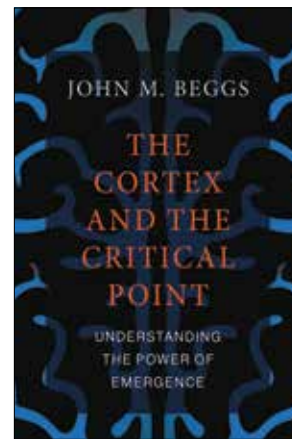
## The Cortex and the Critical Point

Understanding the Power of Emergence

John M. Beggs

**How the cerebral cortex operates near a critical phase transition point for optimum performance.**

Individual neurons have limited computational powers, but when they work together, it is almost like magic.



Firing synchronously and then breaking off to improvise by themselves, they can be paradoxically both independent and interdependent. This happens near the *critical point*: when neurons are poised between a phase where activity is damped and a phase where it is amplified, where information processing is optimized, and complex emergent activity patterns

arise. The claim that neurons in the cortex work best when they operate near the critical point is known as the *criticality hypothesis*. In this book, John Beggs—one of the pioneers of this hypothesis—offers an introduction to the critical point and its relevance to the brain.

Drawing on recent experimental evidence, Beggs first explains the main ideas underlying the criticality hypotheses and emergent phenomena. He then discusses the critical point and its two main consequences—first, scale-free properties that confer optimum information processing; and second, universality, or the idea that complex emergent phenomena, like that seen near the critical point, can be explained by relatively simple models that are applicable across species and scale. Finally, Beggs considers future directions for the field, including research on homeostatic regulation, quasicriticality, and the expansion of the cortex and intelligence. An appendix provides technical material; many chapters include exercises that use freely available code and data sets.

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## Optimal Motherhood and Other Lies Facebook Told Us

Assembling the Networked Ethos of Contemporary Maternity Advice

Jessica Clements and Kari Nixon

**An exploration of social media–imposed pressure on new mothers: How the supposed safe havens of online mommy groups have become rife with aggression and groupthink.**

Many mothers today turn to social media for parenting advice, joining online mothers' groups on Facebook



and elsewhere. But the communities they find in these supposed safe havens can be rife with aggression, peer pressure, and groupthink—insisting that only certain practices are “best,” “healthiest,” “safest” (and mandatory). In this book, Jessica Clements and Kari Nixon debunk the myth of “optimal motherhood”—the idea that there is only one right answer to parenting dilemmas, and that optimal

mothers must pursue perfection. In fact, Clements and Nixon write, parenting choices are not binaries, and the scientific findings touted by mommy groups are neither clear cut nor prescriptive.

Clements and Nixon trace contemporary ideas of optimal motherhood to the nineteenth-century “Cult of True Womanhood,” which viewed women in terms of purity and dignity. Both mothers themselves, they joined a variety of Facebook mothers' groups to explore what goes on in online mommy wars. They examine debates within these groups over CDC recommendations about alcohol during pregnancy, birth plans that don't go according to plan, breastfeeding vs. formula, co-sleeping and “crying it out,” and “tweaking” pregnancy test kits to discern pregnancy as early as possible. Clements and Nixon argue for an empowered motherhood, freed from the impossible standards of the optimal.

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## Vital Media

Making, Design, and Expression for Humans and Other Materials

Michael Nitsche

**A proposal for a new media design to balance the contributions of humans and materials in the world they share.**

How can media design support a balance between our needs for self-expression and the material needs of the world we are part of? What criteria define a sustainable media ecology? In *Vital Media*, Michael Nitsche argues that the current human-centric view is not sustainable and that media are best viewed as dynamic networks where cognitive and noncognitive participants co-create. What we need, according to Nitsche, is a media design that balances the needs of all partners involved: vital media.

Tracing this ideal through two domains of expression and making, performance and craft, Nitsche calls on us to embrace material co-existence and to design for self-expression as well as material evolution. We must recognize that the living body and its dependencies on the world around it are at the heart of what media are about. Vital media exist to not only help individuals fulfill their potential through expression but to also realize the agencies of materials in the equally active surrounding world. Throughout the book, Nitsche interweaves theory with close readings of actual artifacts that encompass predigital, nondigital, and hybrid examples. Nitsche's approach counters the current tendency to pit the virtual media world against the reality in which we live.

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## Touch Screen Theory

Digital Devices and Feelings

Michele White

**Technology companies claim to connect people through touchscreens, but by conflating physical contact with emotional sentiments, they displace the constructed aspects of devices and women and other oppressed individuals' critiques of how such technologies function.**

Technology companies and device designers correlate touchscreens and online sites with physical contact and emotional sentiments, promising unmediated experiences in which the screen falls away in favor of visceral materiality and connections. While touchscreens are key elements of most people's everyday lives, critical frameworks for understanding the embodied experiences of using them are wanting. In *Touch Screen Theory*, Michele White focuses on the relation between physically touching and emotionally feeling to recenter the bodies and identities that are empowered, produced, and displaced by these digital technologies and settings. Drawing on detailed cases and humanities methods, White shows how and why gender, race, and sexuality should be further analyzed in relation to touchscreen use and design.

White delves into such details as how women are informed that their bodies and fingernails are not a fit for iPhones, how cellphone surfaces are correlated with skin and understood as erotic, the ways social networks use heart buttons and icons to seem to physically and emotionally connect with individuals, how online references to feminine and queer feelings are resisted by many men, and how women producers of autonomous sensory meridian response (ASMR) videos use tactile strategies and touch screens to emotionally bond with viewers. Proposing critical methods for studying touchscreens and digital engagement, *Touch Screen Theory* expands a variety of research areas, including digital and internet cultures, hardware, interfaces, media and screens, and popular culture.

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## Grief Worlds

A Study of Emotional Experience

Matthew Ratcliffe

**A wide-ranging philosophical exploration of what it is to experience grief and what this tells us about human emotional life.**

Experiences of grief can be bewildering, disorientating, and isolating; everything seems somehow different, in ways that are difficult to comprehend and describe. Why does the world as a whole look distant, strange, and unfamiliar? How can we know that someone is dead, while at the same time find this utterly unfathomable, impossible? *Grief Worlds* explores a host of philosophical questions raised by grief, showing how philosophical inquiry can enhance our understanding of grief and vice versa.

Throughout the book, Matthew Ratcliffe focuses on the phenomenology of grief: what do experiences of grief consist of, how are they structured, and what can they tell us about the nature of human experience more generally? While acknowledging the diversity of grief, Ratcliffe sets out to identify its common features. Drawing extensively on first-person accounts, he proposes that grief is a process that involves experiencing, comprehending, and navigating a pervasive disturbance of one's experiential world. Its course over time depends on ways of experiencing and relating to other people, both the living and the dead. Along with its insights into the workings of grief, the book provides us with a broader philosophical perspective for thinking about human emotional experience.

**Matthew Ratcliffe** is Professor of Philosophy at the University of York, UK. Other books he has authored include *Real Hallucinations: Psychiatric Illness, Intentionality, and the Interpersonal World*, also from the MIT Press.

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## How Knowledge Grows

The Evolutionary Development of Scientific Practice

Chris Haufe

**An argument that the development of scientific practice and growth of scientific knowledge are governed by Darwin's evolutionary model of descent with modification.**

Although scientific investigation is influenced by our cognitive and moral failings as well as all the factors impinging on human life, the historical development of scientific knowledge has trended toward an increasingly accurate picture of an increasing number of phenomena. Taking a fresh look at Thomas Kuhn's 1962 work, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, in *How Knowledge Grows* Chris Haufe uses evolutionary theory to explain both why scientific practice develops the way it does and how scientific

knowledge expands. This evolutionary model, claims Haufe, helps to explain what is epistemically special about scientific knowledge: its tendency to grow in both depth and breadth.

Kuhn showed how intellectual communities achieve consensus in part by discriminating against ideas that differ from their own and isolating themselves intellectually from other fields of inquiry and broader social concerns. These same characteristics, says Haufe, determine a biological population's degree of susceptibility to modification by natural selection. He argues that scientific knowledge grows, even across generations of variable groups of scientists, precisely because its development is governed by Darwinian evolution. Indeed, he supports the claim that this susceptibility to modification through natural selection helps to explain the epistemic power of certain branches of modern science. In updating and expanding the evolutionary approach to scientific knowledge, Haufe provides a model for thinking about science that acknowledges the historical contingency of scientific thought while showing why we nevertheless should trust the results of scientific research when it is the product of certain kinds of scientific communities.

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## Universal Access and Its Asymmetries

The Untold Story of the Last 200 Years

Harmeet Sawhney and Hamid R. Ekbia

**A framework for understanding the totality of costs and benefits of universal access that will foster honest appraisal and guide the development of good policies.**

Universal access—the idea that certain technologies and services should be extended to all regardless of geography or ability to pay—evokes ideals of democracy and equality that must be reconciled with the realities on the ground. The COVID-19 pandemic raised awareness of the need for access to high-speed internet service in the United States, but this is just the latest in a long history of debates about what should be made available and to whom. Rural mail delivery, electrification, telephone service, public schooling, and library access each raised the same questions as today's debates about health care and broadband. What types of services should be universally available? Who benefits from extending these services? And who bears the cost?

Stepping beyond humanitarian arguments to conduct a clear-eyed, diagnostic analysis, this book offers some surprising conclusions. While the conventional approach to universal access looks primarily at the costs to the system and the benefits to individuals, Harmeet Sawhney and Hamid Ekbia provide a holistic perspective that also accounts for costs to individuals and benefits for systems. With a comparative approach across multiple cases, *Universal Access and Its Asymmetries* is an essential exploration of the history, costs, and benefits of providing universal access to technologies and services. With a fresh perspective, it overturns common assumptions and offers a foundation for making decisions about how to extend service—and how to pay for it.

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## The Political Lives of Information

Information and the Production of Development  
in India

Janaki Srinivasan

**How the definition, production, and leveraging of information are shaped by caste, class, and gender, and the implications for development.**

Information, says Janaki Srinivasan, has fundamentally reshaped development discourse and practice. In this study, she examines the history of the idea of “information” and its political implications for poverty alleviation. She presents three cases in India—the circulation of price information in a fish market in Kerala, government information in information kiosks operated by a nonprofit in Puducherry, and a political campaign demanding a right to information in Rajasthan—to explore three uses of information to support goals of social change. Countering claims that information is naturally and universally empowering, Srinivasan shows how the definition, production, and leveraging of information are shaped by caste, class, and gender.

Srinivasan draws on archival and ethnographic research to challenge the idea of information as objective and factual. Using the concept of an “information order,” she examines how the meaning and value of information reflect the social relations in which it is embedded. She asks why casting information as a tool of development and solution to poverty appeals to actors across the political spectrum. She also shows how the power to label some things information and others not is at least as significant as the capacity to subsequently produce, access, and leverage information. The more faith we place in what information can do, she cautions, the less attention we pay to its political lives and to the role of specific social structures, individual agency, and material form in the defining, production, and use of that information.

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## The Power of Partnership in Open Government

Reconsidering Multistakeholder Governance Reform

Suzanne J. Piotrowski, Daniel Berliner,  
and Alex Ingrams

**What the Open Government Partnership tells us about how international initiatives can and do shape domestic public sector reform.**

At the 2011 meeting of the UN General Assembly, the governments of eight nations—Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Norway, Philippines, South Africa, United Kingdom, and the United States—launched the Open Government Partnership, a multilateral initiative aimed at promoting transparency, empowering citizens, fighting corruption, and harnessing new technologies to strengthen governance. At the time, many were concerned that the Open Government Partnership would end up toothless, offering only lip service to vague ideals and misguided cyber-optimism. *The Power of Partnership in Open Government* offers a close look, and a surprising affirmation, of the Open Government Partnership as an example of a successful transnational multi-stakeholder initiative that has indeed impacted policy and helped to produce progressive reform.

By 2019 the Open Government Partnership had grown to 78 member countries and 20 subnational governments. Through a variety of methods—document analysis, interviews, process tracing, and quantitative analysis of secondary data—Suzanne J. Piotrowski, Daniel Berliner, and Alex Ingrams chart the Open Government Partnership’s effectiveness and evaluate what this reveals about the potential of international reform initiatives in general. Their work calls upon scholars and policymakers to reconsider the role of international institutions and, in doing so, to differentiate between direct and indirect pathways to transnational impact on domestic policy. The more nuanced and complex processes of the indirect pathway, they suggest, have considerable but often overlooked potential to shape policy norms and models, alter resources and opportunities, and forge new linkages and coalitions—in short, to drive the substantial changes that inspire initiatives like the Open Government Partnership.

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## Mental Patient

Psychiatric Ethics from a Patient's Perspective

Abigail Gosselin

**A philosopher who has experienced psychosis argues that recovery requires regaining agency and autonomy within a therapeutic relationship based on mutual trust.**

In *Mental Patient*, philosopher Abigail Gosselin uses her personal experiences with psychosis and the process of recovery to explore often overlooked psychiatric ethics. For many people who struggle with psychosis, she argues, psychosis impairs agency and autonomy. She shows how clinicians can help psychiatric patients regain agency and autonomy through a positive therapeutic relationship characterized by mutual trust. Patients, she says, need to take an active role in regaining their agency and autonomy—specifically, by giving testimony, constructing a narrative of their experience to instill meaning, making choices about treatment, and deciding to show up and participate in life activities.

Gosselin examines how psychotic experience is medicalized and describes what it is like to be a patient receiving mental health care treatment. In addition to mutual trust, she says, a productive therapeutic relationship requires the clinician's empathetic understanding of the patient's experiences and perspective. She also explains why psychotic patients sometimes feel ambivalent about recovery and struggle to stay committed to it. The psychiatric ethics issues she examines include the development of epistemic agency and credibility, epistemic justice, the use of coercion, therapeutic alliance, the significance of choice, and the taking of responsibility. *Mental Patient* differs from straightforward memoirs of psychiatric illness in that it analyses philosophic issues related to psychosis and recovery, and it differs from other books on psychiatric ethics in that its analyses are drawn from the author's first-person experiences as a mental patient.

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## Visual Plague

The Emergence of Epidemic Photography

Christos Lynteris

**How epidemic photography during a global pandemic of bubonic plague contributed to the development of modern epidemiology and our concept of the “pandemic.”**

In *Visual Plague*, Christos Lynteris examines the emergence of epidemic photography during the third plague pandemic (1894–1959), a global pandemic of bubonic plague that led to over twelve million deaths. Unlike medical photography, epidemic photography was not exclusively, or even primarily, concerned with exposing the patient's body or medical examinations and operations. Instead, it played a key role in reconceptualizing infectious diseases by visualizing the “pandemic” as a new concept and structure of experience—one that frames and responds to the smallest local outbreak of an infectious disease as an event of global importance and consequence.

As the third plague pandemic struck more and more countries, the international circulation of plague photographs in the press generated an unprecedented spectacle of imminent global threat. Nothing contributed to this sense of global interconnectedness, anticipation, and fear more than photography. Exploring the impact of epidemic photography at the time of its emergence, Lynteris highlights its entanglement with colonial politics, epistemologies, and aesthetics, as well as with major shifts in epidemiological thinking and public health practice. He explores the characteristics, uses, and impact of epidemic photography and how it differs from the general corpus of medical photography. The new photography was used not simply to visualize or illustrate a pandemic, but to articulate, respond to, and unsettle key questions of epidemiology and epidemic control, as well as to foster the notion of the “pandemic,” which continues to affect our lives today.

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## Uneven Futures

Strategies for Community Survival from  
Speculative Fiction

edited by **Ida Yoshinaga**, **Sean Guynes**,  
and **Gerry Canavan**

**Essays on speculative/science fiction explore the futures that feed our most cherished fantasies and terrifying nightmares, while helping diverse communities devise new survival strategies for a tough millennium.**

The explosion in speculative/science fiction (SF) across different media from the late twentieth century to the present has compelled those in the field of SF studies to rethink the community's identity, orientation, and stakes. In this edited collection, more than forty writers, critics, game designers, scholars, and activists explore core SF texts, with an eye toward a future in which corporations dominate both the means of production and the means of distribution and governments rely on powerful surveillance and carceral technologies.

The essays, international in scope, demonstrate the diversity of SF through a balance of popular mass-market novels, comics, films, games, TV shows, creepypastas, and more niche works. SF works explored range from *Riot Baby* by Tochi Onyebuchi, *2084: The End of the World* by Boualem Sansal, *Terra Nullius* by Claire Coleman, *Watchmen* and *X-Men* comics, and the Marvel film *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*, to the MaddAddam trilogy by Margaret Atwood, *The Dispossessed* by Ursula K. Le Guin, *The Wandering Earth* by Liu Cixin, and the Wormwood trilogy by Tade Thompson. In an era in which ecological disaster and global pandemics regularly expose and intensify deep political-economic inequalities, what futures has SF anticipated? What survival strategies has it provided us? Can it help us to deal with, and grow beyond, the inequalities and injustices of our times?

Unlike other books of speculative/science fiction criticism, *Uneven Futures* uses a think piece format to make its critical insights engaging to a wide audience. The essays inspire visions of better possible futures—drawing on feminist, queer, and global speculative engagements with Indigenous, Latinx, and Afro- and African futurisms—while imparting important lessons for political organizing in the present.

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## Resistance to the Current

The Dialectics of Hacking

**Johan Söderberg** and **Maxigas**

foreword by Richard Barbrook

**How hacking cultures drive contemporary capitalism and the future of innovation.**

In *Resistance to the Current*, Johan Söderberg and Maxigas examine four historical case studies of hacker movements and their role in shaping the twenty-first-century's network society. Based on decades of field work and analysis, this intervention into current debates situates an exploding variety of hacking practices within the contradictions of capitalism. Depoliticized accounts of computing cultures and collaborative production miss their core driver, write Söderberg and Maxigas: the articulation of critique and its recuperation into innovations.

Drawing on accounts of building, developing, and running community wireless networks, 3D printers, hackerspaces, and chat protocols, the authors develop a theoretical framework of critique and recuperation to examine how hackers—who have long held a reputation for being underground rebels—transform their outputs from communal, underground experiments to commercial products that benefit the state and capital. This framework allows a dialectical understanding of contemporary social conflicts around technology and innovation. Hackers' critiques of contemporary norms spur innovation, while recuperation turns these innovations into commodified products and services. Recuperation threatens the autonomy of hacker collectives, harnessing their outputs for the benefit of a capitalist system.

With significant practical implications, this sophisticated multidisciplinary account of technology-oriented movements that seek to challenge capitalism will appeal to science and technology readers interested in innovation studies, user studies, cultural studies, and media and communications.

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## Live Coding

A User's Manual

**Alan F. Blackwell, Emma Cocker, Geoff Cox,  
Alex McLean, and Thor Magnusson**

**The first comprehensive introduction to the origins, aspirations, and evolution of live coding.**

Performative, improvised, on the fly: live coding is about how people interact with the world and each other via code. In the last few decades, live coding has emerged as a dynamic creative practice gaining attention across cultural and technical fields—from music and the visual arts through to computer science. *Live Coding: A User's Manual* is the first comprehensive introduction to the practice and a broader cultural commentary on the potential for live coding to open up deeper questions about contemporary cultural production and computational culture. This multi-authored book—by artists and musicians, software designers, and researchers—provides a practice-focused account of the origins, aspirations, and evolution of live coding, including expositions from a wide range of live coding practitioners. In a more conceptual register, the authors consider liveness, temporality, and knowledge in relation to live coding, alongside speculating on the practice's future forms.

**Alan Blackwell** is Professor of Interdisciplinary Design at the University of Cambridge. **Emma Cocker** is a writer-artist and Associate Professor in Fine Art at Nottingham Trent University. **Geoff Cox** is Associate Professor and Codirector of the Centre for the Study of the Networked Image at London South Bank University. **Alex McLean** is Research Fellow of the Then Try This independent research studio and instigator of the TidalCycles software and Algorave movement. **Thor Magnusson** is Professor in Future Music at the University of Sussex and Research Professor at the Iceland University of the Arts.

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Software Studies series

## Digital Oil

Machineries of Knowing

**Eric Monteiro**

**How is digitalization of the offshore oil industry fundamentally changing how we understand work and ways of knowing?**

Digitalization sits at the forefront of public and academic conversation today, calling into question how we work and how we know. In *Digital Oil*, Eric Monteiro uses the Norwegian offshore oil and gas industry as a lens to investigate the effects of digitalization on embodied labor, and in doing so shows how our use of new digital technology transforms work and knowing.

For years, roughnecks have performed the dangerous and unwieldy work of extracting the oil that lies three miles below the seabed along the Norwegian Continental Shelf. Today, the Norwegian oil industry is largely digital, operated by sensors and driven by data. Digital representations of physical processes inform work practices and decision-making with remotely operated, unmanned deep-sea facilities. Drawing on two decades of in-depth interviews, observations, news clips, and studies of this industry, Eric Monteiro dismantles the divide between the virtual and the physical in *Digital Oil*.

What is gained or lost when objects and processes become algorithmic phenomena with the digital inferred from the physical? How can data-driven work practices and operational decision-making approximate qualitative interpretation, professional judgement, and evaluation? How are emergent digital platforms and infrastructures, as machineries of knowing, enabling digitalization? In answering these questions Monteiro offers a novel analysis of digitalization as an effort to press the limits of quantification of the qualitative.

**Eric Monteiro** is Professor of Information Systems at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology. His research focuses on the process of digitalization in public and corporate organizations and in large-scale infrastructural projects.

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## Co-Cities

Innovative Transitions toward Just and Self-Sustaining Communities

Sheila R. Foster and Christian Iaione

**A new model of urban governance, mapping the route to a more equitable management of a city's infrastructure and services.**

The majority of the world's inhabitants live in cities, but even with the vast wealth and resources these cities generate, their most vulnerable populations live without adequate or affordable housing, safe water, healthy food, and other essentials. And yet, cities also often harbor the solutions to the inequalities they create, as this book makes clear. With examples drawn from cities worldwide, *Co-Cities* outlines practices, laws, and policies that are presently fostering innovation in the provision of urban services, spurring collaborative economies as a driver of local sustainable development, and promoting inclusive and equitable regeneration of blighted urban areas.

Identifying core elements of these diverse efforts, Sheila R. Foster and Christian Iaione develop a framework for understanding how certain initiatives position local communities as key actors in the production, delivery, and management of urban assets or local resources. Within this framework, they explain the forms such initiatives increasingly take, like community land trusts, new kinds of co-housing, neighborhood cooperatives, community-shared broadband and energy networks, and new local offices focused on citizen science and civic imagination.

The “Co-City” framework is uniquely rooted in the authors' own decades-long research and first-hand experience working in cities around the world. Foster and Iaione offer their observations as “design principles”—adaptable to local context—to help guide further experimentation in building just and self-sustaining urban communities.

**Sheila R. Foster** is the Scott K. Ginsburg Professor of Urban Law and Policy at Georgetown University, where she holds a joint appointment with the Georgetown Law Center and the McCourt School of Public Policy. She is also Codirector of LabGov.City. **Christian Iaione** is Professor of Urban Law and Policy and Law and Policy of Innovation and Sustainability at Luiss University in Rome, Italy, Codirector of LabGov.City, and Affiliated Fellow of the Urban Law Center at Fordham University.

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## Just Urban Design

The Struggle for a Public City

edited by Kian Goh, Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris, and Vinit Mukhija

foreword by Lawrence J. Vale

**Contributions by urban planners, sociologists, anthropologists, architects, and landscape architects on the role and scope of urban design in creating more just and inclusive cities.**

Scholars who write about justice and the city rarely consider the practices and processes of urban design, while discourses on urban design often neglect concerns about justice. The editors of *Just Urban Design* take the position that urban design interventions have direct and important implications for justice in the city. The contributions in this volume contextualize the state of knowledge about urban design for justice, stress inclusivity as the key to justice in the city, affirm community participation and organizing as cornerstones of greater equity, and assert that a just urban design must center and privilege our most marginalized individuals and communities.

Approaching spatial and social justice in the city through the lens of urban design, the contributors explore the possibility of envisioning and delivering social, spatial, and environmental justice in cities through urban design and the material reality of built environment interventions. The editors' combined expertise includes urban politics and climate change, public space, mobility justice, community development, housing, and informality, and the contributors include researchers and practitioners from urban planning, sociology, anthropology, architecture, and landscape architecture.

**Kian Goh** is Assistant Professor of Urban Planning at UCLA. She is the author of *Form and Flow: The Spatial Politics of Urban Resilience and Climate Justice* (MIT Press). **Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris** is Distinguished Professor of Urban Planning at UCLA. She is the author of ten books, including *The Informal American City: Beyond Taco Trucks and Day Labor* (MIT Press). **Vinit Mukhija** is Professor of Urban Planning at UCLA. He is the author of *Remaking the American Dream: The Informal and Formal Transformation of Single-Family Housing Cities* from the MIT Press (see page 141).

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# Remaking the American Dream

The Informal and Formal Transformation  
of Single-Family Housing Cities

Vinit Mukhija

## The redefinition of the single-family house, the urban landscape, and the American Dream.

Sitting squarely at the center of the American Dream, the detached single-family home has long been the basic building block of most US cities. In *Remaking the American Dream*, Vinit Mukhija considers how this is changing, in both the American psyche and the urban landscape.

In defiance of long-held norms and standards, single-family housing is slowly but significantly transforming through incremental additions of second and third units. Drawing on empirical evidence of informal and formal changes, *Remaking the American Dream* documents homeowners' quiet unpermitted modifications, conversions, and workarounds, as well as gradual institutional alterations to once-rigid, local land-use regulations. Mukhija's primary case study is Los Angeles and the role played by the State of California—findings he contrasts with the experience of other cities including Santa Cruz, Seattle, Portland, Minneapolis, and Vancouver. In each instance, he shows how, and asks why, homeowners are adapting their homes and governments are changing the rules that regulate single-family housing to allow for accessory dwelling units (ADUs) or second units.

Key to Mukhija's research is the question of why the idea of single-family living is changing and what this means for the future of US cities. The answer, this book suggests, heralds nothing less than a redefinition of American urbanism—and the American Dream.

**Vinit Mukhija** is Professor of Urban Planning at UCLA. He is the author of *Single-Family Housing Cities* and coeditor of *The Informal American City: Beyond Taco Trucks and Day Labor* and *Just Urban Design: The Struggle for the Public City* (see page 140), both from the MIT Press."

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## Donald Rodney

Autoicon

Richard Birkett

**An illustrated examination of Donald Rodney's seminal digital media work *Autoicon* (1997–2000).**

Donald Rodney's *Autoicon*, a work originally produced as both a website and CD-ROM, was conceived by the artist in the mid-1990s but not completed until two years after his death in 1998. Referencing Jeremy Bentham's "Autoicon," his infamous nineteenth-century selfmummification, the work proposes an extension of the personhood and presence of Rodney, while critically challenging dominant conceptions of the self, the body, and historicity. Grounded in a partial collection of medical

documents that constitute biomedicine's attempts to comprehensively "know" and maintain Rodney's body during his lifelong experience of sickle-cell anaemia, *Autoicon* addresses the British social and institutional body's cellular composition through racialized, biopolitical power.

Curator Richard Birkett presents *Autoicon* as both an index of entangled social and material relations around Rodney—a form of dispersed memory—and a vector of critical creative production that continues to resonate with contemporary artistic practices and radical thought.

**Richard Birkett** is a curator and writer based in Glasgow. He has previously held roles as Chief Curator at the Institute of Contemporary Arts, London, and curator at Artists Space, New York. He has edited and written for publications including *Cosey Complex*, *Bernadette Corporation: 2000 Wasted Years*, and *Tell it To My Heart: Collected* by Julie Ault.

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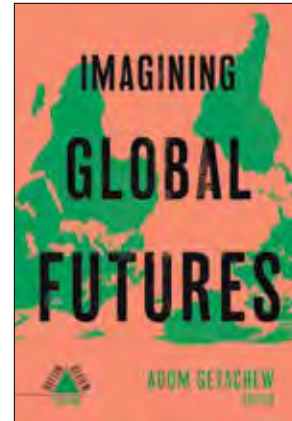
One Work series

## Imagining Global Futures

edited by Adom Getachew

**A collection of post-colonial visions for a more just world.**

What does a just world look like? This volume begins with a planet beset by accumulating crises—environmental, social, and political—and imagines how we can move beyond them.



Drawing on the legacy of post-colonial struggles for liberation, *Imagining Global Futures* explores a range of radical visions for a world after neoliberalism and empire. Centered on movements in the Global South, the collection challenges dominant patterns of social and political life and sketches

more just and sustainable futures we might build in their place. What can we learn from alternative conceptions of the good life? How can we build a world where people are both freer and more equal? An urgent resource for collective imagination, *Imagining Global Futures* counterposes thick visions of a better world to our dystopian present.

**Adom Getachew** is the Neubauer Family Assistant Professor of Political Science and the College at the University of Chicago and author of *Worldmaking after Empire: The Rise and Fall of Self-Determination*.

political science

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# Manifestos

Édouard Glissant and Patrick Chamoiseau

translated by Betsy Wing and Matt Reeck

afterword by Edwy Plenel

**The collected manifestos of Édouard Glissant and Patrick Chamoiseau: for a postcolonial response to planetary crisis.**

*Manifestos*, though written in part in the aftermath of Barack Obama's election in 2008, resonates with the current context of divided identities and criticisms of multiculturalism in the US, Europe, and beyond. The individual texts engage with concrete historical and political moments with respect to French, Caribbean, and North American recent history, as well as with the sociopolitical aspects of climate catastrophe, resource extraction, and toxicity, especially in the specificity of the Caribbean region and French neocolonialism in its overseas territories.

Across the collection, Glissant and Chamoiseau address such key themes as Relation, globalization, globality (*mondialité*), anti-universalism, *métissage*, the *tout-monde* ("whole-world") and the *tout-vivant* ("all-living," including the relationship of humans to each other and "nature"), *créolité* and the creolization of the world, and the liberation from community assignations in response to individualism and neoliberal societies. These themes resonate with the planetary, as they work in response to contemporary forms of (economic) globalization, western capitalism, identity politics, and urban, digital, and cosmic ecosystems, as well as the role of the poet-writer.

**Édouard Glissant** (1928–2011) was a leading voice in debates centering on the postcolonial condition and on the present and future of globalization. **Patrick Chamoiseau** was born in Fort-de-France, Martinique. He is the author of *Slave Old Man*, *Texaco*, *Solibo Magnificent*, and many other works.

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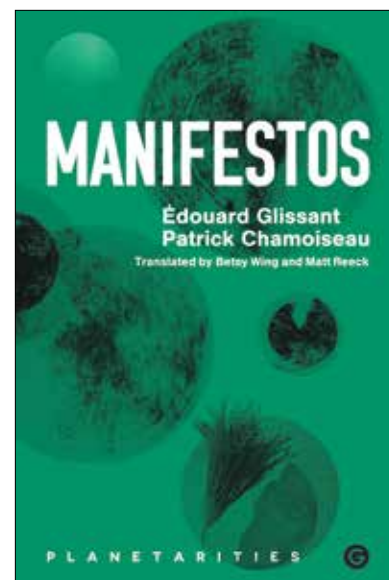
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## The Marketizers

Public Choice and the Origins of the Neoliberal Order

Jacob Jensen

**A history of the pervasive idea that politics is a marketplace.**

An original interpretation of the neoliberal order's origins, *The Marketizers* is essential reading for anyone seeking to understand the marketization of politics since the 1980s. The book traces the origins of the neoliberal order to public choice theory and argues that the reinvention of government on the model of the market would have been unimaginable without the emergence of this body of thought. The separation of provision and production in public services, the introduction of competition

between service providers, the treatment of citizens as customers, and the use of performance incentives all have origins in the writings of public choice theorists.

From the 1940s through the 1980s, these marketizers gradually eroded the differences between politics and the market as they applied the tools of economics to problems usually considered the purview of political scientists and political philosophers. In response to the extraordinary postwar growth in American public expenditures, they reimagined politics as a marketplace, redefined the relationship between the state and its citizens as a commercial transaction between a firm and its customers, and argued for the marketization of government.

**Jacob Jensen** is a Postdoc at the Saxo Institute, University of Copenhagen. His research focuses on political and economic thought, neoliberalism, libertarianism, American intellectual history, and twentieth and twenty first centuries.

political science

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## Brutalism as Found

Housing, Form, and Crisis at Robin Hood Gardens

Nicholas Thoburn

**A critical appropriation of Brutalism in the crisis conditions of today.**

A study of the Robin Hood Gardens housing estate in east London, this book critically appropriates Brutalism under the crisis conditions of today. Immersed in the materials, atmospheres, social forms, and afterlives of this extraordinary estate, here Brutalism is wrested from today's privatizing tastes for "raw concrete" and nostalgia for the post-war class settlement.

The only mass-housing scheme by New Brutalist pioneers Alison and Peter Smithson, Robin Hood Gardens has been the object

of much dispute. But the clichéd terms of discussion—is it a "concrete monstrosity" or a "modernist masterpiece"?—have marginalized the estate's residents and masked the role of the housing crisis and revanchist urbanism in its demolition. Breaking with these narratives, *Brutalism as Found* centers the estate's lived experience by a multiethnic working class, not to displace the architecture's experimental qualities of matter and form, but to radicalize them for our present.

Interleaving architectural analysis, social critique, lived testimony, portrait photography, and critical theory, this ground-breaking book reconstructs Robin Hood Gardens as a socio-architectural expression of our time out of joint.

**Nicholas Thoburn** is Reader in Sociology at the University of Manchester. He has published widely on cultural theory, political publishing, social movements, and architecture. His previous books include *Deleuze, Marx and Politics* and *Anti-Book: On the Art and Politics of Radical Publishing*.

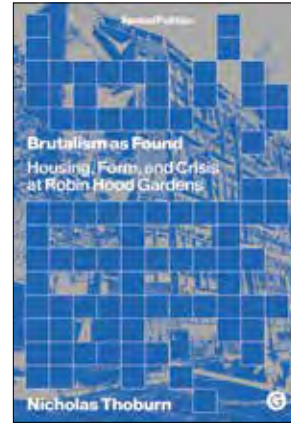
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## Mathematics for Ladies

Poems on Women in Science

**Jessy Randall**

foreword by Pippa Goldschmidt

illustrated by Kristin DiVona

### Poems about historical women in STEM fields.

You know you want to read about Mary Anning's seashells by the seashore, Elizabeth Blackwell losing her eye, Bertha Pellan's side hustle in the circus, Honor Fell bringing a ferret to her sister's wedding, Annie Jump Cannon cataloguing stars, Mary G. Ross stumping the panellists on *What's My Line*, Alice Ball's cure for leprosy, and Roberta Eike stowing away on a research vessel. Some of these women triumphed spectacularly. Others barely survived.

Carefully researched, emotional, and witty, these poems about historical women in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine will make you laugh out loud and break your heart in just a few lines. *Mathematics for Ladies* offers a wickedly funny and feminist take on the lives and work of women who resisted their parents, their governments, the rules and conventions of their times, and sometimes situations as simple and infuriating as a lack of a women's bathroom in a science building on a college campus.

There will be women here you've heard of (Marie Curie, Jane Goodall, Émilie du Châtelet) and women you probably don't know (Virginia Apgar, Maryam Mirzakhani, Ynes Mexia, Chien-Shiung Wu). If you've seen Randall's poems in *Scientific American*, *Analog*, or *Asimov's Science Fiction*, you know she has a knack for drawing the reader in with extraordinary moments in, and lyrical understanding of, the lives of these women.

Illustrated with Kristin DiVona's portraits for NASA's "Reaching Across the Stars" project, this book is for scientists, feminists, and poets, of any age or gender.

**Jessy Randall** is the author of the poetry collections *How to Tell If You Are Human* (2018), *Suicide Hotline Hold Music* (2016), and *There Was an Old Woman* (2015). Her poems and stories have appeared in *Poetry*, *McSweeney's*, *Nature*, and *Scientific American*.

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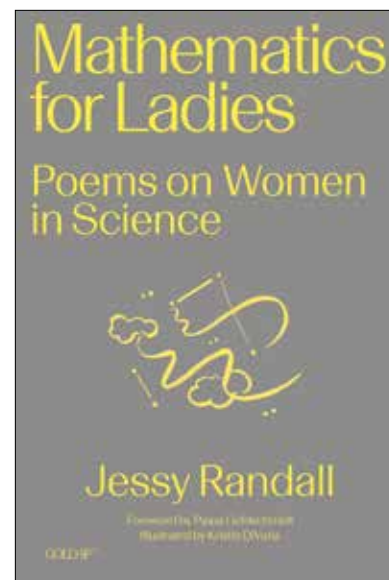
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## Empathy

Hoa Pham

**A science-fiction novel involving clones, a psychic, and empathy as a recreational drug.**

We have always been we. Then they forced us to become you and I...

*Empathy* consists of two stories told in parallel. Vuong is one of five Vietnamese clones that have come of age at 25. The Department in Hanoi is allowing them to meet after being separated for twenty years. Lian has murdered her foster father after being forced to eat meat. Geraldine is dying of cancer in Australia. Giang and Khanh were brought up together as twins in New Zealand and are telepathic. They have been used for research over their lifetimes. Vuong discovers that the data kept on all of them has

been used to develop empathy, the latest party drug.

My meets Truong in Berlin who introduces her to empathy which makes the user super sensitive to other people's feelings. My's mother is a cleaner at CHESS, a multinational chemical company, and My comes to believe her mother is ex-Stasi and an industrial spy for Vietnamese government. My comes down from the drug after hearing about the saturation point when the penetration of empathy would be such that the world's population would be pacified. She discovers that Truong is actually the one who is in the pay of the Vietnamese government and her mother is just a cleaner. She tries to out the conspiracy in the media but no one believes her...

**Hoa Pham** is the author of six books and two plays. Her most recent novel, *Wave*, was published in 2015. Her play *Silence* was on the VCE Drama list in 2010. She is also the founder of *Peril Magazine*, an Asian-Australian online arts and culture magazine. She lives in Melbourne with her partner, their two children, and a Shiba Inu who tolerates their company.

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## Reading My Mother Back

A Memoir in Childhood Animal Stories

Timothy C. Baker

**An innovative memoir connecting ideas of grief, memory, and animals to illustrate the importance of storytelling.**

When his mother died, Timothy C. Baker discovered that there was almost no record of her existence, and no stories that were his to tell: the only way to bring her back was through reading. *Reading My Mother Back* is a genre-bending memoir that explores a life marked by trauma, illness, religion, and abuse through a focus on the books Baker and his mother shared. The book combines accounts of rereading childhood classics with true and apocryphal stories of a quiet life, marked by great sorrow and

great joy. The book is about grief and memory and how our childhood reading shapes the way we see the world; it's about loneliness and the search for belonging; it's about how ordinary lives are transfigured by storytelling.

Moving from accounts of American evangelical communities to kidney failure, from literary criticism to psychoanalysis, and from guilt to love, Baker shows how literature provides a framework for understanding our experiences, and offers a way of connecting with everything we have lost. The book illustrates how children's animal stories bring us into a love of the world, and how acts of rereading become a way not of assuaging grief, but of bringing the past and present together. *Reading My Mother Back* offers a bold and personal view of why the stories we read and share matter so much. And there are bunnies.

**Timothy C. Baker** was born in Baltimore, Maryland and grew up in southern Vermont. He studied at Vassar College and the University of Edinburgh, and now lives in northeast Scotland, where he teaches Scottish and contemporary literature at the University of Aberdeen. He is the author of four books of literary criticism, including *Writing Animals* and *New Forms of Environmental Writing*.

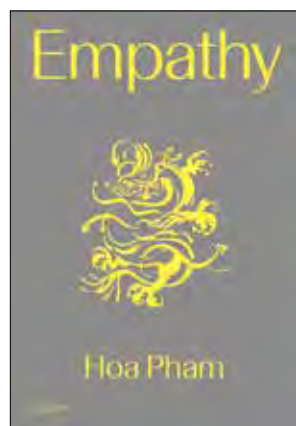
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## Love Me Tender

Constance Debré

translated by Holly James

**A memoir of lesbian identity and motherhood, and the societal pressures that place them in opposition.**

The daughter of an illustrious French family whose members include a former Prime Minister, a model, and a journalist, Constance Debré abandoned her marriage and legal career in 2015 to write full-time and begin a relationship with a woman. Her transformation from affluent career woman to broke single lesbian was chronicled in her 2018 novel *Play boy*, praised by Virginie Despentes for its writing that is at once “flippant and consumed by anxiety.”

In *Love Me Tender*, Debré goes on to further describe the consequences of that life-changing decision. Her husband, Laurent, seeks to separate her from their eight-year old child. Vilified in divorce court by her ex, she loses custody of her son and is allowed to see him only once every two weeks for a supervised hour. Deprived of her child, Debré gives up her two-bedroom apartment and bounces between borrowed apartments, hotel rooms, and a studio the size of a cell. She engages in brief affairs with women who vary in age, body type, language, and lifestyle. But the closer she gets to them, the more distant she feels. Apart from cigarettes and sex, her life is completely ascetic: a regime of intense reading and writing, interrupted only by sleep and athletic swimming.

Writing graphically about sex, rupture, longing, and despair in the first person, Debré’s work is often compared with the punk-era writings of Guillaume Dustan and Hervé Guibert, whose work she has championed. In *Love Me Tender*, Debré speaks courageously of love in its many forms, reframing what it means to be a mother beyond conventional expectations.

**Constance Debré** has written three other novels: *Play boy* (Prix de la Coupole 2018), *Un peu là, beaucoup ailleurs* (winner of the 2005 Prix Contrepoint), and *Manuel pratique de l'idéal Abécédaire de survie*.

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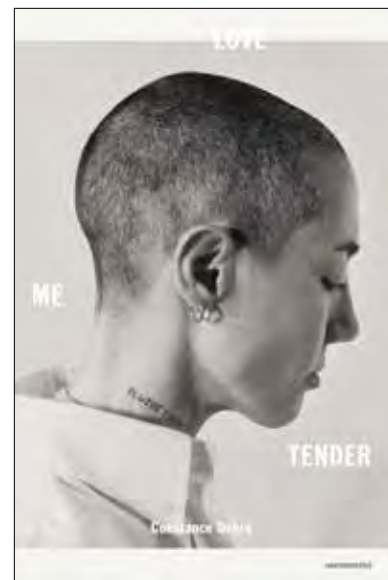
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“*Love Me Tender* is a book unlike any other. It’s a page-turner that tumbles forth like a horror story, albeit one punctuated by sex, swimming, injustice, and love. Committed to truth-telling, no matter how rough, but also intriguingly suspended in a cloud of unknowing and pain, *Love Me Tender* is a wry, original, agonizing book destined to become a classic of its kind.”

— **Maggie Nelson, author of *On Freedom***

“What remains when a person shears away — like sacrificing her gorgeous locks — the family, the ‘good breeding,’ the ‘brilliant career,’ and every pleasing role she was meant to play? In the case of Constance Debré, what remains is a deadpan, tensile thread of a voice: calm, Camusian, comic, stark, relentless, and totally hypnotic.”

— **Rachel Kushner, author of *The Hard Crowd***



## Hervelino

Mathieu Lindon

translated by Jeffrey Zuckerman

**On Hervé Guibert and the difficulty of writing and speaking about someone beloved and revered.**

Mathieu Lindon met the writer and photographer Hervé Guibert in 1978. The nickname *Hervelino* marked the start of their friendship, which was cemented a decade later by the years they both spent in Rome. Hervé Guibert was a pensionnaire at the Villa Médicis starting in 1987; Mathieu Lindon became a fellow pensionnaire the next year, and the two would stay in Italy until 1990. These Roman years are at the heart of this *autobiographie à deux* that alternates between humor and melancholy. Guibert had just learned that he was HIV-positive and would die not long after returning to France and rising to fame with his searing masterpiece *To the Friend Who Did Not Save My Life*—in which Lindon himself was a character.

*Hervelino* is a book about the difficulty of writing and speaking about someone beloved and revered. In recounting their time in Italy, Mathieu Lindon contends with the impossibility of writing about Hervé Guibert. “To write about Rome is to skip over everything I don’t dare to write because it’s so hard to make sense of Hervé.” *Hervelino* is a story of a singular friendship, and of the books read and shared by the friend who was loved and lost. As it closes with each inscription Hervé Guibert wrote for his friend Mathieu and with Mathieu Lindon’s present-day commentary below it, what remains are shards and fragments of a friendship sealed by illness and death, enshrined by literature and love.

**Mathieu Lindon** is the author of nineteen books and a staff writer for *Libération*. *Learning What Love Means* received the prestigious Prix Medici in France in 2011 and was the first of his works to appear in English.

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“Scrupulous, loving, incisive, *Hervelino* is a portrait of a friendship, a time of youth and happiness and hilarity, and also a time threatened and overshadowed by death, a time captured brilliantly in this deeply affecting book, essential reading for anyone who has been moved by Guibert’s own work.”

**—Colm Tóibín, author  
of *The Magician***

“Mathieu Lindon wields the deep art of lightness. Words like blades shearing snowflakes. It is difficult to detach scenes and sentences from each other, as everything comes from an intimate atmosphere. One enters it little by little and finds one’s place there. [...] There is his customary humor, we laugh, but the light comes from elsewhere. *Hervelino* is the story of a double survival: how we survive those we love and how those we love survive us.”

**—Le Point**

## Letters to Eugène

Correspondence 1977–1987

**Hervé Guibert and Eugène Savitzkaya**

translated by Christine Pichini

### Hervé Guibert's incandescent correspondence with Belgian poet Eugène Savitzkaya.

In 1977, Hervé Guibert discovered the first novel written by Eugène Savitzkaya, *Mentir*, and sent him his *La mort propagande*, which had just been published. In the following years, they exchanged the books they had written, read each other, appreciated each other. They saw each other rarely, however: one lived in Liège, the other Paris.

A turning point occurred in 1982, when Hervé published “Lettre à un frère d'écriture,” in which he declared to Eugène, “I love you through your writing.” The tone had changed; Hervé, obsessed by his correspondent, wrote him increasingly incandescent letters. 1984 would, however, see the sudden extinguishing of that passion. A deep friendship replaced it, which found itself with new areas to explore: the adventure of publishing *L'Autre Journal* and at the Villa Medicis, where they were both fellows. These nearly eighty letters, exchanged between 1977 and 1987, form a correspondence that is all the more unique because it was the only one whose publication was authorized by Guibert. An unique intersection of life and writing, self and other, reality and fiction, their release is a renewal of Guibert's oeuvre.

**Hervé Guibert** (1955–1991) was a writer, a photography critic for *Le Monde*, a photographer, and a filmmaker. In 1984 he and Patrice Chereau were awarded a César for best screenplay for *L'Homme Blessé*. Shortly before his death from AIDS, he completed *La Pudeur ou L'impudeur*, a video work that chronicles the last days of his life. **Eugène Savitzkaya** is a French language poet, playwright, essayist, and novelist from Liège, Belgium. Born in Saint-Nicolas, Belgium, in 1955, he has written several books of poetry—including *Les couleurs de boucherie* and *Bufo bufo*—and many theater pieces.

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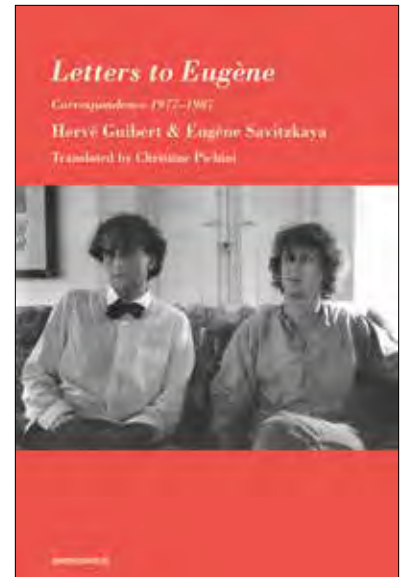
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“This passionate, reckless correspondence, lopsided yet perfect as flowers in ikebana, reels between pique and lust, idiocy and acuity, with the pyrotechnics of a Catherine Wheel, wooing and wowing. Its flaming, curling beauty belies the always possible risk of someone getting left burned. With her tender, quicksilver translation, Christine Pichini tracks the thrill of this sweaty, writerly French Open, where silences and setbacks between players are still called love.”

—Bruce Hainley, author of *Under the Sign of [sic]: Sturtevant's Volte-Face*

## After the Internet

Digital Networks between Capital and the Common

Tiziana Terranova

**On the internet's transformation from communication tool to computational infrastructure.**

The Internet is no more. If it still exists, it does so only as a residual technology, still effective in the present but less intelligible as such. After nearly two decades and a couple of financial crises, it has become the almost imperceptible background of today's Corporate Mega Network (CMN)—a pervasive planetary technological infrastructure that meshes communication with computation.

In the essays collected in this book, written mostly between the mid-2000s and the

late 2010s, Tiziana Terranova bears witness to this monstrous transformation. Mobilizing theories of cognitive capitalism, neo-monadology, and sympathetic cooperation, considering ideas such as the attention economy and its psychopathologies, and evoking the relation between algorithmic automation and the Common, she provides real-time takes on the mutations that have changed the technological, cultural, and economic ethos of the Internet. Mostly conceived, elaborated, and discussed in collective activist spaces, *After the Internet* is neither apocalyptic lamentation nor melancholic “rise and fall” story of betrayed great expectations. On the contrary, it looks within the folds of the recent past to unfold the potential futurities that the post-digital computational present still entails.

**Tiziana Terranova** is an Italian theorist and activist whose work focuses on the effects of information technology on society through concepts such as digital labor and commons. Terranova has published the monograph *Network Culture*.

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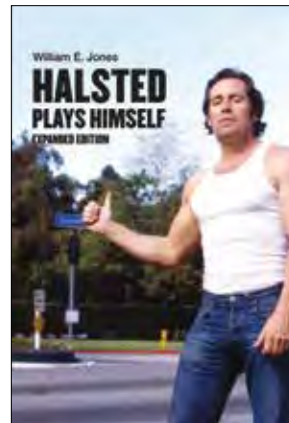
## Halsted Plays Himself

revised and expanded edition

William E. Jones

**The life, times, and mysteries of Fred Halsted, gay porn's first film auteur.**

Fred Halsted's *L.A. Plays Itself* (1972) was gay porn's first masterpiece: a sexually explicit, autobiographical,



experimental film whose New York screening left even Salvador Dalí repeatedly muttering “new information for me.” Halsted, a self-taught filmmaker, shot the film over a period of three years in a now-vanished Los Angeles, a city at once rural and sleazy. Although his cultural notoriety at one point equaled that of Kenneth Anger or Jack Smith, Halsted's star waned

in the 1980s with the emergence of a more commercial gay porn industry. After the death from AIDS of his longtime partner, lover, spouse, and tormentor Joey Yale in 1986, Halsted committed suicide in 1989. In *Halsted Plays Himself*, acclaimed artist and filmmaker William E. Jones documents his quest to capture the elusive public and private personas of Halsted. Jones assembles a narrative of a long-gone gay lifestyle and an extinct Hollywood underground, when independent films were still possible, and the boundary between experimental and pornographic was not yet established. The book also depicts what sexual liberation looked like at a volatile point in time—and what it looked like when it collapsed.

The revised and expanded edition of *Halsted Plays Himself* includes material that came to light since the book's first publication, including details about the restoration of Halsted's films by the Museum of Modern Art, the true identities of several key figures in his life, new testimony from family members, and the rediscovery of his feature film *Truck It* (1973), previously considered lost.

**William E. Jones** is an artist and filmmaker who teaches film history at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena. He has made several films, including the short video *The Fall of Communism as Seen in Gay Pornography* and the feature-length documentary *Is It Really So Strange?*

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## The Blind Gallerist

Johann König and Daniel Schreiber

translated by Amy Patton

**The autobiography of Johann König, an influential art gallerist who lost his vision at the age of twelve.**

Andy Warhol, Isa Genzken, On Kawara, Rosemarie Trockel—from childhood, Johann König has been surrounded by great artists and their art. At the age of twenty, König founded a gallery, despite the fact that he could hardly see anything.

What does it mean not to be able to see and to become a gallery owner? How does one access art when one can't rely on one's eyes? What is seeing at all when the world around you blurs? As a child, Johann König was given Indian cassettes by Gerhard Richter. Growing up Johann's father Kasper took him to the Städelschule (where Kaspar König was professor and later rector) and to Jeff Koons's studio in New York. At the age of twelve, a tragic accident threw him completely off course. In the midst of this crisis, and at his lowest point, König realized that art would be his salvation. Today in Berlin, from a concrete church built in the 1960s, he runs one of Germany's most spectacular galleries.

*The Blind Gallerist* received rave reviews all across German media upon its German release.

**Johann König**, born in 1981, is a German gallery owner. His Berlin gallery is considered one of the most important for contemporary art in Germany. After leasing the St. Agnes Church in Kreuzberg, built in the 1960s, he renovated it for three years before opening it in 2015 as a spectacular exhibition space, with exhibitions that have exerted a great attraction on art lovers and collectors. The gallery's artists include Monica Bonvicini, Katharina Grosse, Jeppe Hein, Michael Sailstorfer, Norbert Bisky, and Erwin Wurm. **Daniel Schreiber** is the author of *Susan Sontag: A Biography* (2014) and three best-selling essay collections.

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"It is a kind of personal statement of faith, and it makes for touching and sometimes funny reading [...] a fascinating text."

—**Kito Nedo, *Frieze***

"The book not only tells the moving story of an accident, it also reflects our visual society—and reveals a lot about the mechanisms of the art world."

—**Die Zeit**

"While reading this memoir you ask yourself again and again, how was this all possible, if your eyesight is so limited. [...] this is a manifesto of someone who tells us what it is like to see and experience the world as a seeing person as well as a blind person. Always knowing that one will return to darkness eventually."

—**Die Welt**



## Rage in Harlem

June Jordan and Architecture

**Nikil Saval**

introduction by Sarah M. Whiting

**Pennsylvania State Senator Nikil Saval tells the story of an unlikely partnership between June Jordan and R. Buckminster Fuller, and their attempt to reimagine Harlem in the wake of the 1964 riots.**

In the tense days leading up to the 2020 American elections, then-candidate for Pennsylvania State Senate Nikil Saval addressed a virtual audience at the Harvard GSD to tell a story about Black feminist writer June Jordan and a little-known project that resulted from the aftermath of the 1964 Harlem riot. The events of police brutality and community grieving made a lasting impression on Jordan, who, while known for her work as a poet, playwright, and activist, responded with a proposal for a multiple-tower housing design. Through an unlikely partnership with R. Buckminster Fuller, Jordan's "Skyrise for Harlem" project offered a Futuristic vision for Harlem that argued for environmental redesign: "it is architecture, conceived of in its fullest meaning as the creation of environment, which may actually determine the pace, pattern, and quality of living experience."

Jordan was not an architect in the conventional sense, Saval says. "But in the understanding of someone who sought to propose and build interventions in public space, she was."

**Nikil Saval** is an editor, writer, and community organizer. He was co-editor of *n+1* and a contributing writer for *The New Yorker*, and is a frequent writer for the *New York Times*, covering architecture, urbanism, and design. He is the author of *Cubed: A Secret History of the Workplace*, and he is currently working on a book titled *Everything is Architecture*, a study of the politics of industrial design. He co-founded Reclaim Philadelphia, a progressive organization, and is the first Asian American to be elected Democratic ward leader in Philadelphia.

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# Posthuman Knowledge and the Critical Posthumanities

Rosi Braidotti

introduction by John May

**On the advanced knowledge economy, which perpetuates patterns of discrimination and exclusion, and the threat of climate change devastation for both human and nonhuman entities.**

Robots designed to care for people and neglected landscapes of digital trash. The promise of synthetic biology and the panic of living on a dying planet. Wonderful feats of intelligence and systemic acts of violence. Exhilaration and exhaustion. Rosi Braidotti argues that we must think about these apparent contradictions all together in order to make differences that actually matter.

*Posthuman Knowledge and the Critical Posthumanities* oscillates between evocations and transections of contemporary conditions, for which Braidotti offers what she calls the “posthuman convergence” as a new paradigm for situating and navigating their problems and possibilities. Reflecting on the knotted situation of the academic humanities, cognitive capitalism, and advanced climate change, she delivers an intersectional critique of humanism and anthropocentrism, and targets their exclusions and aporias to address subjectivity, knowledge production, and academic structures within that posthuman convergence. Braidotti’s convergence demands imagination, endurance, connectivity, and perspectives multiplied, embodied, and grounded in the only world we have.

**Rosi Braidotti** is a Philosopher and Distinguished University Professor at Utrecht University as well as the founding director of the Centre for the Humanities in Utrecht.

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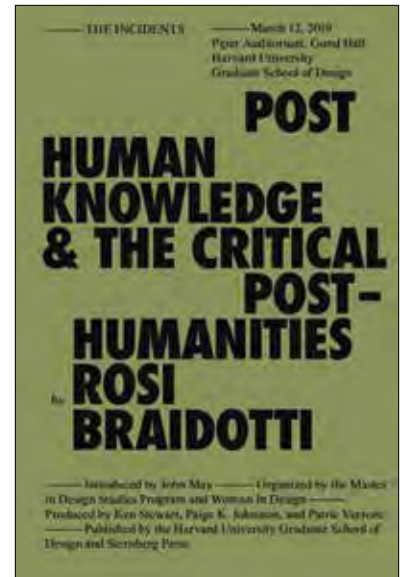
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## The Changing Constitution of the Present

Essays on the Work of Art in Times of Contemporaneity  
**Jacob Lund**

**How our experience of presence, time, and history is articulated in contemporary artistic practices.**

Our present is defined by *contemporaneity*, understood as the interconnection of heterogeneous times, histories, and temporalities. The many and various times appearing today do not exist merely in parallel with each other, simultaneously. They interconnect and are brought to bear on *the same* present, forming a kind of planetary present, and—at least in principle—a global sharing of time, even though the possibility of taking part in and sharing these interconnections is unevenly distributed.

In this collection of essays Jacob Lund explores how, in recent decades, the conditions for politically engaged art and aesthetic practice, based on the assumption that our historical present and its temporal quality differs significantly from previous presents.

*The Changing Constitution of the Present* analyzes how changes in our experiences of presence, time, and history are articulated in contemporary artistic practices.

**Jacob Lund** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Aesthetics and Communications at Aarhus University, Denmark.

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## Artistic Ecologies

New Compasses and Tools

**edited by Emily Pethick, Pablo Martínez, and  
What, How & for Whom/WHW**

**An inquiry into the current ways of knowing, their ramifications, and institutional and noninstitutional artistic practices that provide channels for education from below.**

*Artistic Ecologies: New Compasses and Tools* aims to both analyze and speculate about potentials of artistic



ecologies, collective learning, and engaged pedagogies to engender new institutionalities.

Going beyond tensions between individuals and institutions, *Artistic Ecologies* examines avenues for collective learning. If learning for life is emancipation—understood not just as a matter of power but of freedom—the essential question that emerges is: What

knowledge makes us free and how can institutions help produce it? In search of an answer, this publication's textual and visual contributions explore sites and practices through which new institutionalities can emerge.

**Emily Pethick** is the director of the Rijksakademie van Beeldende Kunsten, Amsterdam. **Pablo Martínez** is a researcher and educator. He's part of the editorial board of L'InternationaleOnline as well as of the #Re-visiones. He is a founder member of Las Lindes, a research and action group working on education and cultural and artistic practices.

**What, How & for Whom/WHW** is a curatorial collective whose members are Ivet Čurlin, Ana Dević, Nataša Ilić and Sabina Sabolović, along with designer and publicist Dejan Kršić.

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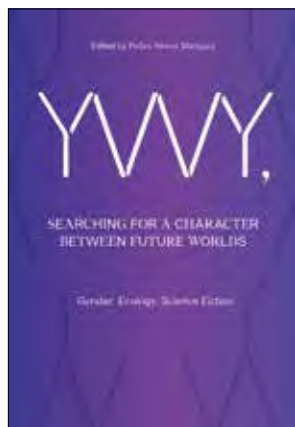
## YWY, Searching for a Character between Future Worlds

Gender, Ecology, Science Fiction

edited by Pedro Neves Marques

Science-fiction narratives on indigenisms and the creation of worlds.

Conceived by Pedro Neves Marques, YWY is an android played by indigenous actress and artist Zahy Guajajara, who gave her the name “YWY,” meaning “land” or “territory” in her native Tupi-Guarani language. The character’s co-invention by a white European author and a native artist from Brazil sets in motion a dynamic that can be resolved only by being given away and shared with a plurality of voices. *YWY, Searching for a Character between Future Worlds* shares the fictional



character of YWY with several authors from Brazil, the United States, and beyond, creating a conversation about science fiction and robotics, ecology and gender, Indigenous Futurisms, and what it means to be human.

**Pedro Neves Marques** is a visual artist, filmmaker, and writer. They have published widely between art, anthropology, and ecology, edited the anthology *The Forest and The School*, and guest-edited e-flux journal's special issue *Supercommunity* for the Venice Biennale. Beyond their publishing activities Pedro Neves Marques is also a co-founder of inhabitants-tv.org, an online channel for experimental reporting.

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## Africa-Arctic Flyway

Physiocratic States

Peter Fend

edited by Elisa R. Linn and Lennart Wolff

The use of art and architecture to develop practical solutions to today's crises.

What if art holds the solution to the unfolding ecological and economic crises of our time? For more than forty



years US citizen Peter Fend has argued that if art were taken seriously for its ability to move from critique into affecting real-world change, Robert Smithson or Michael Heizer’s earthworks could guide ecological restoration and Carolee Schneemann’s performances could inform the way we harvest and dwell.

With his various collaborative ventures, such as *Ocean Earth*—which at one point included Coleen Fitzgibbon, Jenny Holzer, Peter Nadin, Richard Prince, and Robin Winters—Fend built on parallel scientific and art-based activities, advocating for a reorganization of geopolitical order derived from analyses of major bird and insect migration routes and saltwater basins. Against present modes of extractivism—nuclear energy, fossil fuels, dammed rivers, and industrial farming—Fend lays out a bold proposition: the “rule of land, water, and air.” This rule is established through a satellite-aided eco-tax and realizes the Physiocratic ideal of an economic foundation based on the health of ecosystems and alternative forms of human–animal coexistence.

American artist **Peter Fend** founded the Ocean Earth Construction and Development Corporation (“OCEAN EARTH”) in 1980, a legally incorporated successor to an artist venture initiated in 1979 to deliver art ideas and practices to real-world clients. After six years, Western governments shut its operations down. Since then, Fend has presented multidisciplinary projects throughout the world all toward practical solutions to economic and ecological crises.

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## Yannis Tsarouchis

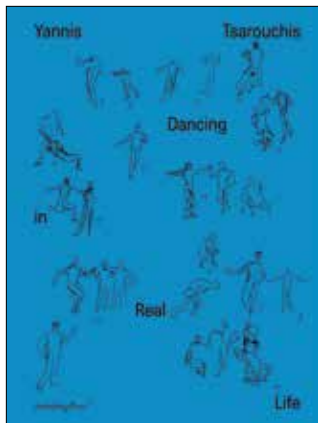
Dancing in Real Life

edited by Niki Gripari and Adam Szymczyk

foreword by Fred Eychaner

**On Yannis Tsarouchis's career: his thirteen-year exile in Paris, and his absorption and transformation of Greek folk traditions, shadow theater, and modern art.**

Yannis Tsarouchis was a Greek painter whose multifarious practice spanned seven decades, from the 1920s to the 1980s.



More than three decades after his death in 1989, the artist's immensely rich oeuvre remains relatively unknown outside of Greece, where he is recognized as one of the most important painters of the twentieth century. This catalogue brings together over two hundred paintings, drawings, watercolors, stage designs, and

photographs, including portraits of anonymous youths, homoerotically charged mise-en-scènes, and major allegorical paintings referencing religious iconography augmented with contemporary costumes and props.

*Yannis Tsarouchis: Dancing in Real Life* spans the artist's career, including his thirteen-year exile in Paris, showing how he absorbed and transformed influences including Greek folk traditions; ancient Greek and early Christian art; Byzantine mosaics, frescoes, and icon painting; the Greek shadow theater of Karaghiozis; and even the new languages of cubism, fauvism, and surrealism. It features English translations of Tsarouchis's writings and contributions by others.

**Niki Gripari** is president of the Yannis Tsarouchis Foundation.

**Adam Szymczyk** is a Polish art critic and curator. He is Guest Lecturer at Akademie der bildenden Künste in Vienna as well as at Hochschule für Gestaltung und Buchkunst in Leipzig, Germany.

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## Zach Blas

Unknown Ideals

edited by Edit Molnár and Marcel Schwierin

**On artist Zach Blas's wide-ranging practice that scrutinizes the relationship between digital technologies and the cultures and politics that animate them.**

*Zach Blas: Unknown Ideals* offers an inquiry into Zach Blas's singular practice, exemplary among his generation



of digital artists, through a series of newly commissioned essays by Alexander R. Galloway, Pamela M. Lee, Mahan Moalemi, Kris Paulsen, and Marc Siegel; an interview with Zach Blas with Ovül Durmuşoğlu; and writings by the artist himself. These insightful contributions expand on the technological, queer, filmic, and cultural inquiries that comprise the rich world of Blas's practice.

Blas uses research-based practices to scrutinize the relationship between digital technologies and the cultures and politics that animate them. Critical of today's corporate internet giants and their ideological fascination with Ayn Rand, Blas extensively considers the beliefs, desires, fantasies, histories, and symbols latent in technical systems, but he also dwells on the horizons and edges, or what he calls the "outside," of dominant power structures. Reclaiming Ayn Rand's phrase the "unknown ideal," Blas points to both liberatory potentialities and political challenges of the present: he imagines a proliferation of "unknown ideals" in order to dispute Rand's vision of the future. Refusing technological determinism, Blas's work makes space for escape through its celebration of queer ideality.

**Edit Molnár** is a curator and Co-director of the Edith-Russ-Haus for Media Art in Oldenburg. **Marcel Schwierin** is a curator, filmmaker, and Co-director of the Edith-Russ-Haus for Media Art in Oldenburg.

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## Frida Orupabo

edited by Stefanie Hessler

The first full monograph on Frida Orupabo, with images of her collages on paper and aluminum, digital prints, and a new visual essay by the artist.

Frida Orupabo's first monograph is published on the occasion of her exhibition at Kunsthall Trondheim. The



book contains extensive documentation of her work, including social-media imagery the artist has been producing over the past several years, which forms an integral part of her artistic oeuvre. Essays by Stefanie Hessler, Lola Olufemi, and Legacy Russell provide insights into the relation of the artist's practice to Black visual culture, the archive, and digital life.

In her work, Orupabo explores questions of race, family and heritage, gender, sexuality, violence, and identity, while considering the necessity of visibility for political subjecthood. In her research process, Orupabo mines archives with a colonial history, revisiting images that were created through a racialized lens as well as on digital platforms such as Instagram and YouTube. She creates collages from found material, both digital and physical, and videos that are shown in exhibition spaces and distributed on the same online platforms from which she obtains material. The resulting works take the shape of fragmented Black, mostly female-bodied figures, offering various readings of the stories and lives of the people depicted, many of whom are hardly mentioned in the archives.

**Stefanie Hessler** is Director of Kunsthall Trondheim in Norway and the editor of *Sex Ecologies*, *Tidialectics*, and *Prospecting Oceans*, all published by the MIT Press.

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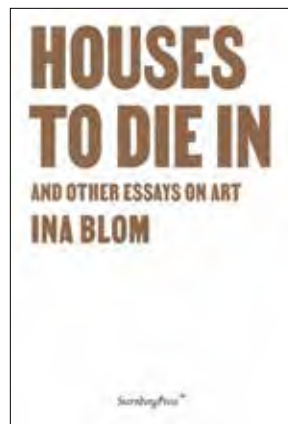
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## Houses To Die In and Other Essays on Art

Ina Blom

Art critical essays focusing on artworks that, in various ways, convey a sense of unheroic "trouble."

Stories of the undead of contemporary painting, the mediation of pain, photography courting stupidity, sculpture and architecture courting animism, populism in avant-garde art, fear of avant-garde territorialism, ambivalent networking, displaced abstractions, and misplaced weather systems.



The essays assembled in this volume were all written over the past twenty years—a period in which Ina Blom pursued art critical writing alongside more academic work and when

the boundaries between the two genres grew at times deliberately blurred. Dispersed as they were across a variety of publications with limited accessibility—out-of-print anthologies and artist's books, hard-to-find art catalogues, journals, and magazines protected by paywalls—*Houses To Die In and Other Essays on Art* at last brings them together, and not just for practical reasons. If the texts collected here have one thing in common, it is in a certain pull they display toward artistic projects that are not redemptive or exemplary, but which instead convey a sense of trouble: trouble actively sought by the artists or keenly felt by Blom. A distinctly *unheroic* trouble.

**Ina Blom** is Professor in the Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas at the University of Oslo and Wigeland Visiting Professor at the Department of Art History, University of Chicago. She is also an art critic, contributing to journals such as *Artforum*, *Afterall*, *Texte zur Kunst*, and *Parkett*. Blom is the author of, among other titles, *On the Style Site: Art, Sociality and Media Culture* and *The Autobiography of Video: The Life and Times of a Memory Technology* (both published by Sternberg Press).

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## RO-SÉ

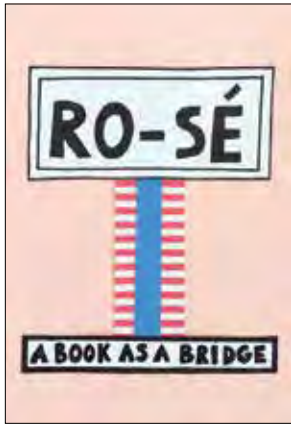
A Book as a Bridge

**Nathalie du Pasquier**

edited by Luca Lo Pinto

**A hybrid monograph/artist book of Nathalie du Pasquier's work.**

*RO-SÉ* navigates the space between an exhibition catalogue and the artist book with juxtapositions of photographs of Nathalie du Pasquier's works, installation views of the show at MACRO (Museum of Contemporary Art of Rome), and extracts from texts by various writers and figures fundamental for her practice.



*RO-SÉ* offers a glimpse into the possibilities offered by Du Pasquier's oeuvre, which can be approached, interpreted, and experienced from countless

perspectives. It is the very vastness and variety of her work, and her inspirations, that make its exploration—and as a result, this publication—nonexhaustive. This publication is part of an ongoing study of her career and documents her exhibition at MACRO, “Campo di Marte,” Du Pasquier's biggest show to date which brought together over one hundred paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints, and cabins, from the early 1980s to present day.

**Nathalie Du Pasquier** is a French artist and designer who has lived in Milan since 1979. In 1981, Du Pasquier was one of the co-founders of the Memphis Group. Her numerous designs for decorated surfaces such as fabrics, carpets, furniture, and plastic laminates have played a key role in the creation of the unmistakable Memphis style.

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## Forms of Assembly

A Critical Inquiry

edited by **Anne Davidian** and **Laurent Jeanpierre**

**A crossdisciplinary inquiry into the practices and forms of assembly making, through multiple times and geographies.**

**Anne Davidian** is a curator working at the intersections of contemporary arts, social sciences, and education. Since 2009, she has directed the French branch of the Evens Foundation, where she initiated the research and experimentation project *Assemblies: Modern Rituals*. **Laurent Jeanpierre** holds a PhD in sociology and is a professor of Political Sciences at the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. Observer of the French Citizens Convention for the Climate in 2019, he now researches the potentialities of assembly as a political form.

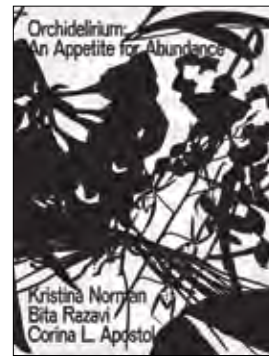
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## Orchidelirium

An Appetite for Abundance

edited by **Corina L. Apostol**

foreword by Maria Arusoo

**On the disconnect between the colonial impulse to collect, consume, and commodify ecologies and the violent realities of the colonial experience.**

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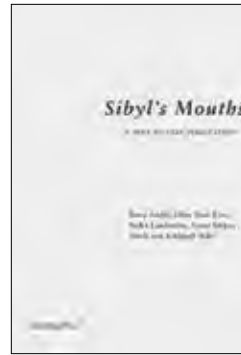
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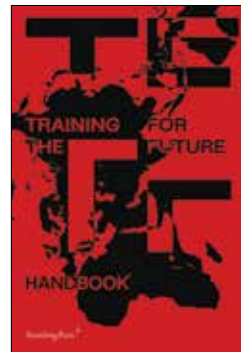
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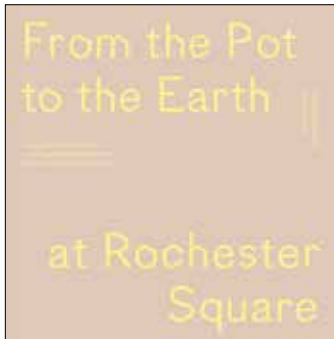
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Clay, Garden, and Food: A Composition of Artworks, Dinners, Words, and People

**Francesca Anfossi**

foreword by Emily King

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**Francesca Anfossi** is a multidisciplinary artist and co-founder of Rochester Square. She recently contributed to the project SupaStore Southside at South London Gallery (2021), and was a finalist for the 2020 Whitegold International Ceramic Prize.

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Volume 3

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*Vision of the Hawk* collects an epic selection of his art for the first time in a single volume, alongside unpublished material and sketches, and texts by Roper describing his creative process, as well as by some of his many collaborators including authors Erik Davis, Peter Bebergal, and Jay Babcock, as well as musicians Stephen O'Malley (Sunn O))), Al Cisneros (Sleep, Om) and Matt Pike (Sleep, High on Fire).

**Arik Moonhawk Roper** is a visual artist whose work invokes psychedelic visions, ancient dreams, and idyllic natural environments. He is known for his iconic album art and poster design for bands such as Sleep, Earth, Sunn O))), OM, and others.

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An Incredible String Band Compendium  
revised and expanded edition

edited by Adrian Whittaker

**A wide-ranging collection of interviews, anecdotes, essays, and ephemera concerning one of the most enigmatic bands to emerge from the 1960s hippy scene.**

First published in 2003 and long out of print, *Be Glad for The Song Has No Ending: An Incredible String Band Compendium* is the definitive book about the ISB. Containing a wealth of interviews, essays, and ephemera from the band's brief but tangled history, this new revised and expanded edition includes two new pieces by ISB member Rose Simpson on Witchseason Productions' idiosyncratic offices and on recording with the ISB in the Sound Techniques studio, as well as interviews with Neil Tennant of Pet Shop Boys, folk musician Alasdair Roberts, and Ossian Brown of Coil and Cyclobe.

Contributors include Rowan Williamson (former Archbishop of Canterbury), ISB manager and producer Joe Boyd, Andy Roberts, Billy Connolly, and Raymond Greenoaken.

**Adrian Whittaker** has written for *The Wire*, *Shindig!*, and *Record Collector*. In 2003 he edited *Be Glad: An Incredible String Band Compendium*. In 2019 he published *Fitting Pieces To The Jigsaw*, the definitive book on Irish psych-folk band Dr. Strangely Strange. He has also written and presented a number of music history documentaries for Resonance FM.

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“Encyclopaedic in scope, passionate in tone, this book is a minotaur’s labyrinth of information about one of the most remarkable groups in twentieth-century music. Be glad, for everything you need to know is here.”

—Rob Young, *The Wire*



# Subcontinental Synthesis

Electronic Music at the National Institute of Design,  
India 1969–1972

edited by Paul Purgas

**The history of India's first electronic music studio  
founded in 1969 at the National Institute of Design  
in Ahmedabad by David Tudor.**

*Subcontinental Synthesis* explores the history of India's first electronic music studio, founded in 1969 at the National Institute of Design in Ahmedabad with the support of the composer David Tudor. The essays and writings unravel the narrative and context surrounding the studio as well as the work of the Indian composers who created groundbreaking recordings during its four years of activity. The texts reflect on the role of electronic music within a post-independence India, considering its interconnections with experimental design, radical pedagogies, and the international avant-garde, as well as the encircling conditions of Western ideological soft power within the global expansion of Modernism.

**Paul Purgas** is an artist and musician. Having originally trained as an architect he has presented projects with Serpentine, Somerset House, Tate, Kettle's Yard, and Spike Island. He is also half of the electronic music project Emptyset.

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## 69 Exhibition Road

Dorothy Max Prior

**A vibrant, wry, and engaging account of life as an adventurous, queer young person in late 1970s London discovering themselves as an artist and an individual.**

While working as a photographer's model, gallery usher, and exotic dancer, Dorothy "Max" Prior witnessed the births of Adam and the Ants, The Monochrome Set, The Sex Pistols, and Throbbing Gristle, as well as drumming in her own cult band Rema Rema and recording with Industrial Records.



Her exuberant commentaries, each presented as a stand-alone episode, illustrate the multilayered nature of the London music, art, and fashion worlds of the late

1970s, and the overlap between the early punk scene with the city's rapidly evolving club and queer cultures.

**Dorothy Max Prior** is a writer and artist living in Brighton. In other lives, Max was a punk muse, post-punk drummer, and exotic dancer. Somewhere along the way, she has taught ballroom dancing and toured the world as a street theater performer, choreographer, director, and cabaret dancer.

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## Austin Osman Spare

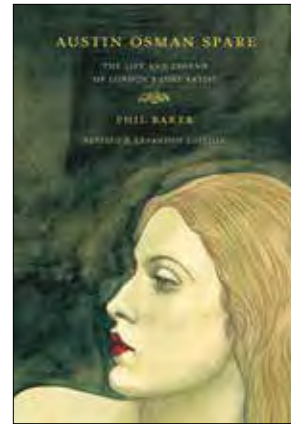
The Life and Legend of London's Lost Artist  
revised edition

Phil Baker

foreword by Alan Moore

**A revised edition of Phil Baker's critically lauded biography of artist and occultist, Austin Osman Spare.**

London has harbored many curious characters, but few more curious than the artist and visionary Austin Osman Spare (1886–1956).



A controversial enfant terrible of the Edwardian art world, the young Spare was hailed as a genius and a new Aubrey Beardsley, while George Bernard Shaw reportedly said "Spare's medicine is too strong for the average man."

But Spare was never made for worldly success and he went underground, falling

out of the gallery system to live in poverty and obscurity south of the river. Absorbed in occultism and sorcery, voyaging into inner dimensions, and surrounding himself with cats and familiar spirits, he continued to produce extraordinary art while developing a magical philosophy of pleasure, obsession, and the subjective nature of reality.

Today Spare is both forgotten and famous, a cult figure whose modest life has been much mythologized since his death. This richly readable and illuminating biography takes us deep into the strange inner world that this most enigmatic of artists inhabited, shedding new light while allowing just a few shadowy corners to flourish unspoiled.

Revised, updated, and with a new afterword by the author, this is the definitive edition of Phil Baker's critically lauded *Austin Osman Spare: The Life and Legend of London's Lost Artist*.

**Phil Baker** is a writer based in London. His books include *The Devil Is a Gentleman: The Life and Times of Dennis Wheatley* and *Austin Osman Spare: The Life and Legend of London's Lost Artist* (Strange Attractor), called by Alan Moore "little short of marvelous."

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## Whale Music

Thousand Mile Songs in a Sea of Sound

David Rothenberg

foreword by Scott McVay

**The marvelous sonic world of whales, from the perspective of music and science.**

Whale song is an astonishing world of sound whose existence no one suspected before the 1960s. Its discovery has forced us to confront the possibility of alien intelligence—not in outer space but right here on earth. Thoughtful, richly detailed, and deeply entertaining, *Whale Music* uses the enigma of whale sounds to open up whales' underwater world of sonic mystery. In observing and talking with leading researchers from around the globe as they attempt to decipher undersea music, Rothenberg tells the story of scientists and musicians confronting an unknown as vast as the ocean itself. His search culminates in a grand attempt to make interspecies music by playing his clarinet with whales in their native habitats, from Russia to Canada to Hawai'i.

This is a revised edition of *Thousand Mile Song*, originally published in 2008. The latest advances in cetacean science and interspecies communication have been incorporated into this new edition, along with added photographs and color whale scores.

Musician and philosopher **David Rothenberg** has written *Why Birds Sing*, *Bug Music*, *Survival of the Beautiful*, and many other books, published in at least eleven languages. He has more than thirty recordings out, including *One Dark Night I Left My Silent House*, and most recently *In the Wake of Memories* and *Faultlines*. He has performed or recorded with Pauline Oliveros, Peter Gabriel, Ray Phiri, Suzanne Vega, Scanner, Elliott Sharp, Iva Bittová, and the Karnataka College of Percussion. *Nightingales in Berlin* is his latest book and film. Rothenberg is Distinguished Professor at the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

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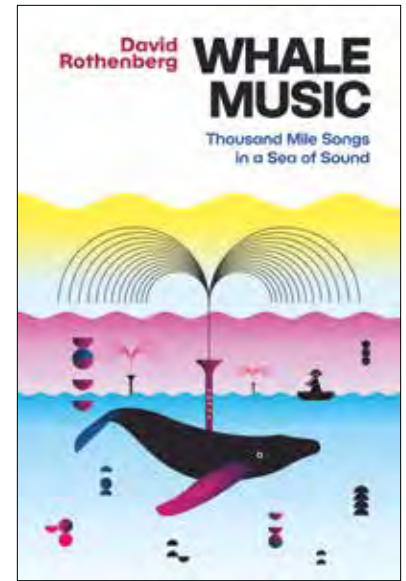
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## Star Milk/The Pool

David Farrell Krell and Elaine Tam

**Two theory-fiction novellas of geotrauma, biopsychology, regression, and longing.**

A disturbed young woman in therapy reveals her intimate encounters with a seaborne entity; a rogue scholar's lost notebooks record his obsession with the cultural, biological, and etymological genealogies of the female breast.

Two theory-fiction novellas of geotrauma, biopsychology, regression, and longing unveil disconcerting visions of the continuity of human life, thought, and desire with forces that exceed them.

In Elaine Tam's *The Pool*, sanity expands and withdraws in waves as the unidentified narrator tentatively discloses details of her shoreline tryst with a nonhuman lover, and the strange affair that ensued. With each session, her surreal monologue draws closer to the dream's navel. Regression, recapitulation, oceanic bliss, origin and otherness, Yoruba myth, Irigarayan appropriation, thalassic erotica, and briny Lovecraftian body-horror meet in a love story unlike any other.

The posthumously recovered journals of Yorgos Mammákythos, collected in *Star Milk*, chart his increasingly urgent meditations on the importance of mother's milk to the nourishment of spirit: "lactation is intellection; origin of memory equals origin of mammary!" David Farrell Krell traces Yorgos's path from the impasses of Freud's account of libido to the marvelous discovery of a Via Lactea only hinted at in cryptic remarks by Novalis and Hegel, but which led the unfortunate archaeologist into cosmic delirium.

**David Farrell Krell** is Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at DePaul University and Brauer Distinguished Visiting Professor of German Studies at Brown University. He is the editor of *Heidegger's Basic Writings* and the author of sixteen books of philosophy and three novels.

**Elaine Tam** is an independent researcher and writer working in the field of contemporary art.

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## Verdant Inferno/A Scabby Black Brazilian

Alberto Rangel and Jean-Christophe Goddard

foreword by Eduardo Viveiros de Castro and Euclides da Cunha

**A classic of Brazilian literature is twinned with an overheated tract in which tropical delirium swallows up Western philosophy, attacking the decolonial question with poetic ferocity.**

A classic of Brazilian literature is twinned with an overheated tract in which tropical delirium swallows up Western philosophy. Both attack the decolonial question with poetic ferocity, ignited by the moment when colonialist rationality meets its limits in the “magnificent disorder” of the Amazon jungle.

Described in Eduardo Viveiros de Castro’s foreword as “no longer an interpretation of Brazil but an interpenetration with Brazil,” Jean-Christophe Goddard’s strange theory-fiction plunges Western philosophy into the great American schizophrenia, where its ordered categories are devoured by uncontrollable contaminations—first and foremost the rainforest itself, a “monstrosity unapproachable by the cogito.”

The rainforest also precipitates a deregulation of the senses in *Verdant Inferno*, Alberto Rangel’s classic 1904 work of Brazilian literature. In Rangel’s astonishing tales, this “poet-engineer” sent into the dark interior as a state representative records his encounters in a style that shimmers between objective documentary and visionary limit experience.

**Alberto Rangel** (1871–1945) was a prolific Brazilian writer who, as secretary of lands, mines, navigation, and colonization of the Amazonas State Government, recorded his experiences in the collections *Inferno verde* (1908) and *Sombras n'água* (1913). **Jean-Christophe Goddard** is a professor in philosophy at Université Toulouse-Jean Jaurès.

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## Phantom Lure/Every Day Catastrophes

Angus Carlyle and Sam Forsythe

**The weaponization of listening, and the technical cartography of anxiety.**

Two original essays scrutinize the use of acoustic camouflage, and the function of toolkits as maps of internal dread and environmental threat.



In *Phantom Lure* Angus Carlyle explores the ways in which the frequency spectrum can become a site for disguise and deception. Acoustic camouflage is deployed in the concrete curves of sound mirrors, military battlefield sensors, and snipers’ sonic concealment tactics, but also in the silent steps of the hunter and the mimicry of

duck calls, antler rattles, and fox flutes.

Sam Forsythe’s *Every Day Catastrophes* is an essay for the anxious, the paranoid, and the overly prepared. From the everyday carry of the urban explorer to the bug-out bag for total apocalypse, the toolkits we assemble in order to forestall anticipated yet unforeseen disasters are abstract environmental maps. Tools compress place, matter, and relation into the portable abstractions of points, edges, and levers. But they also embody inner landscapes, topographies shaped by anxiety and fear.

**Angus Carlyle** is Professor of Sound and Landscape at University of the Arts London. With Cathy Lane, he co-wrote the oral histories *In the Field* (2013) and *Sound Arts Now* (2021). **Sam Forsythe** is a doctoral researcher in international security at the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, and a member of the working group for “Research in Emerging Technologies, Order and Stability” (rETOS).

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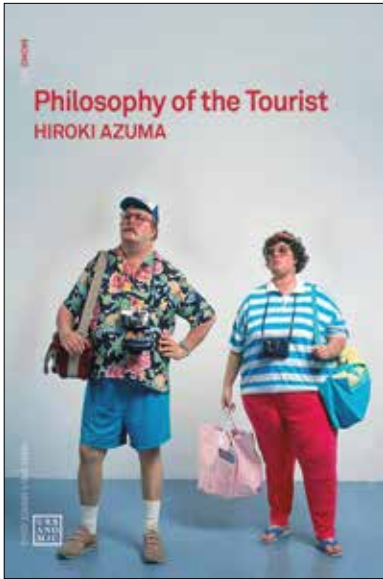
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## Philosophy of the Tourist

Hiroki Azuma

**An inventive philosophical study that reconsiders the figure of the tourist.**

Tourism is a characteristically modern phenomenon, yet modern thinkers have tended to deride the tourist as a figure of homogenizing globalism.

This philosophical study considers the tourist anew, as a subject position that enables us to redraw the map of globalized culture in an era increasingly in revolt against the liberal intellectual worldview and its call for the welcome of the "Other."

Why has the tourist proved so resistant to philosophical treatment, asks Hiroki Azuma. Tracing the reasons for this exclusion through the work of Rousseau and Voltaire, and subsequently in Kant, Carl Schmitt, Alexandre Kojève, Hannah Arendt, and Hardt and Negri, Azuma contends that the figure of the tourist has been rendered illegible by becoming ensnared in a series of misleading conceptual dichotomies and a linear model of world history.

In the widening gap between the infrastructure of globalization and inherited ties of local and national belonging, Azuma's retheorization of the tourist presents an alternative to the choice between doubling down on local identity and roots, or hoping for the spontaneous uprising of a multitude from within the great networked Empire. For the tourist is the subject capable of moving most freely between the strata of the global and the local.

Azuma's inventive and optimistic philosophical essay sheds unexpected new light on a mode of engagement with the world that is familiar to us all.

**Hiroki Azuma** is the founder of Genron, a publisher and live forum for critical thought in Tokyo, Japan. A leading cultural critic in Japan, he is the author of seven books, including *Ontological*, *Postal*, which won the 2000 Suntory Literary Prize, *Otaku: Japan's Database Animals*, and *General Will 2.0: Rousseau, Freud, Google*.

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## Machine Decision Is Not Final

China and the History and Future  
of Artificial Intelligence

edited by Benjamin H. Bratton, Anna Greenspan,  
and Bogna Konior

An interdisciplinary, cross-cultural collection that decenters familiar narratives to provide a fresh perspective on what artificial intelligence is today, and what it might become.

Historians, media theorists, science-fiction writers, philosophers, and artists from China and elsewhere reexamine the nation's intense engagement with AI, moving beyond the clichés that still dominate contemporary debate. Today, visions of AI veer between common planetary goals and a new Cold War, as culturally specific models of intelligence, speculative traditions, and thought experiments come up against

the emergence of novel forms of cognition that cannot be reduced to any historical cultural tradition.

This uniquely positioned volume provides expert insight into this tension, using China as a touchstone for rethinking “artificiality” and “intelligence” as sites of difference. Tracking the history of Chinese AI from the pre-Cultural Revolution to the post-Deng Xiaoping eras right up to contemporary debates surrounding facial recognition, the writers in this collection draw on a mixture of speculative thought experiments and cutting-edge use cases to offer singular views on topics including AI and Chinese philosophy, AI ethics and policymaking, the development of computational models in early Chinese cybernetics, and the aesthetics of Sinofuturism.

**Benjamin H. Bratton** is Associate Professor of Visual Arts and Director of the Center for Design and Geopolitics at the University of California, San Diego. **Anna Greenspan** is Assistant Professor of Contemporary Global Media at NYU Shanghai. **Bogna Konior** is a writer and Assistant Arts Professor at Interactive Media Arts department of NYU Shanghai.

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## The Intolerable Image

Reason, Realism, and Art

Amanda Beech

On how art can be understood as a space within which the project of reason is pursued.

Modern and contemporary art have often defined themselves against the conceptual and linguistic mediations of reason, claiming that their practices offer a different and more direct access to the real.

Employing a unique configuration of philosophy, art theory, and an analysis of popular culture, current political events, and Hollywood cinema, artist and theorist Amanda Beech challenges this deep-seated orthodoxy, asking how art can instead be understood as a space within which the *project* of reason is pursued.

Developing out of the idealism of theological-sacral art, the notion that art is opposed to reason defined the political and social hopes of the avant-garde, was manifested in the crisis of a self-conscious conceptualism, and remains implicit in the ontologies of immanence, anti-representationalism, and new materialist theories of affect championed in contemporary works today.

But the grounds for art's autonomy as nonreason have never been secure, Beech argues, and are associated with a tragic sensibility and ultimately with naive and conservative beliefs about the nature of the image.

Worse still, while it asserts its natural right to the field of unreason and its access to a real that language cannot touch, contemporary art in fact continues to be of service to persistent and dominant ideologies.

When we can no longer maintain the assumption that it necessarily exceeds the normative linguistic practices of reason and is more “real” than other ways of addressing the world, what might the practice of art become?

**Amanda Beech** is an artist and writer, and is Dean of Critical Studies, California Institute of the Arts, Santa Clarita, California.

art

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## Proof of Work

Blockchain Provocations 2011–2021

Rhea Myers

**A beautifully produced anthology of crypto-artist, writer, and hacker Rhea Myers's pioneering blockchain art, along with a selection of her essays, reviews, and fictions.**

DAO? BTC? NFT? ETH? ART? WTF? HODL as OG crypto-artist, writer, and hacker Rhea Myers searches for faces in cryptographic hashes, follows a day in the life of a young shibe in the year 2032, and patiently explains why all art should be destructively uploaded to the blockchain.

Now an acknowledged pioneer whose work has graced the auction room at Sotheby's, Myers embarked on her first art projects focusing on blockchain tech in 2011, making her one of the first artists to engage in creative, speculative, and conceptual engagements with "the new Internet."

*Proof of Work* brings together annotated presentations of Myers's blockchain artworks along with her essays, reviews, and fictions—a sustained critical encounter between the cultures and histories of the artworld and crypto-utopianism, technically accomplished but always generously demystifying and often mischievous.

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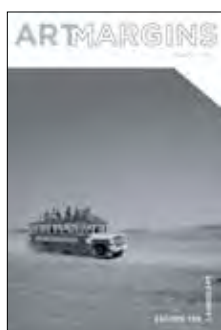
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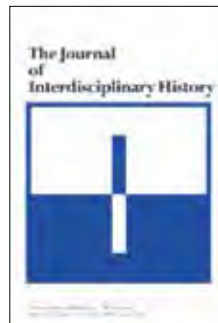


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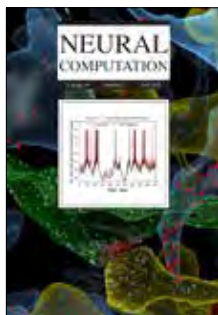
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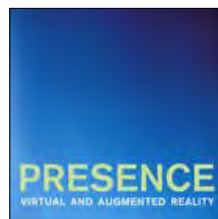
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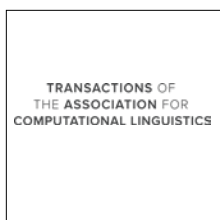
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