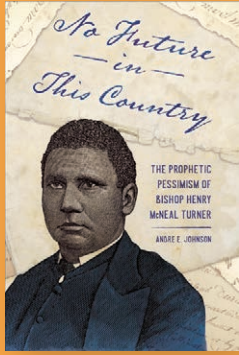




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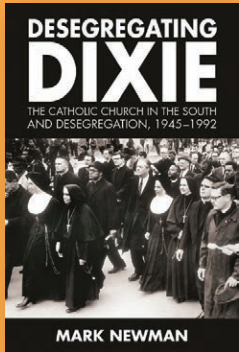
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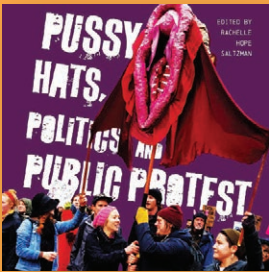
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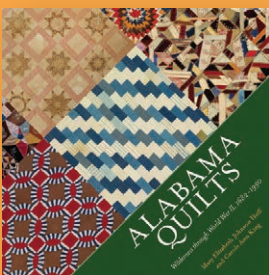
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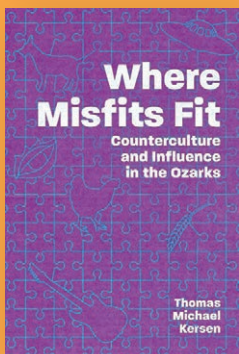
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Knight's Gambit

William Faulkner

Edited by John N. Duvall

Publication of this book was supported in part by a generous donation from Seetha and Asoka Srinivasan.

A new edition that corrects and restores six stories from the great Mississippi writer

Originally published in 1949, William Faulkner's *Knight's Gambit* is a collection of six stories written in the 1930s and 1940s that focus on the criminal investigations of Yoknapatawpha's long-time county attorney, Gavin Stevens—a man more interested in justice than the law. All previous and current editions of *Knight's Gambit* have been based on the first edition, which is fraught with a number of problems. Since tear sheets of the five previously published stories were used in setting the first edition, the original *Knight's Gambit* is a hodgepodge of various magazines' house styles with no consistency in punctuation and spelling conventions from story to story.

Far greater issues arise, however, from the substantive (and sometimes substantial) changes magazine editors made to Faulkner's prose. These changes were made variously for concision, propriety, or magazine design. Sometimes northern editors removed the southernness of Faulkner's stories, either out of ignorance of the South or in order to appeal to a mass audience. Using four previously unknown Faulkner typescripts, along with other manuscript and typescript evidence, John N. Duvall presents an edition of *Knight's Gambit* that restores over four thousand words that editors cut from the stories.

Also included is an introduction by Duvall discussing the role of detective fiction and popular magazines in creating a different kind of postwar readership for Faulkner that paves the way for the eventual republication of Faulkner's modernist masterpieces. The new edition enables readers to reevaluate the stories of *Knight's Gambit* and their place in Faulkner's career as a short story writer.

William Faulkner (1897–1962) is considered one of the greatest writers of the twentieth century. His novels include *The Sound and the Fury*; *Light in August*; *Absalom, Absalom!*; *Sanctuary*; and *As I Lay Dying*. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1950. **John N. Duvall** is Margaret Church Distinguished Professor of English at Purdue University and editor of *MFS Modern Fiction Studies*.

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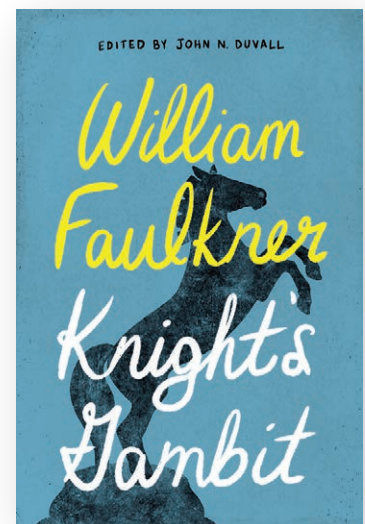
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"John N. Duvall restores the text of *Knight's Gambit* to Faulkner's original intent and shines a revealing light on the practices of popular and pulp magazines and their editors."

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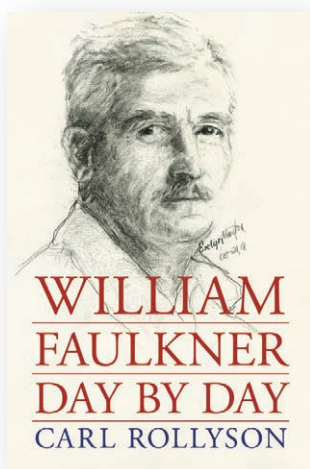
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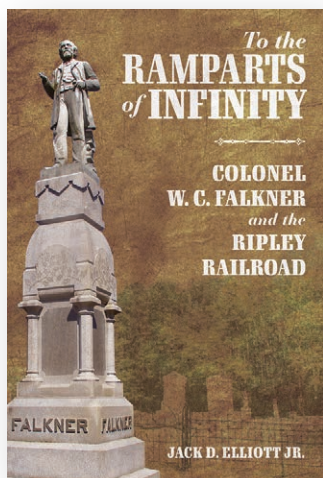
William Faulkner Day by Day provides unique insight into the daily life of one of America's favorite writers. Beyond biography, this book is an effort to recover the diurnal Faulkner, to write in the present tense about past events as if they are happening now. More importantly, this book is concerned with more than the writer's life. Instead, it examines the whole man—the daily, mundane, profound, life changing, and everything in between. Spanning from the 1825 birth of Faulkner's great-grandfather to Faulkner's death 137 years later to the day, author and biographer Carl Rollyson presents for the first time a complete portrait of Faulkner's life untethered from any one biographical or critical narrative. Presented as a chronology of events without comment, this book is accompanied by an extensive list of principal personages and is supported by extensive archival research and interviews. Populated by the characters of Faulkner's life—including family and friends both little known and internationally famous—this book is for Faulkner readers of all kinds with a wide variety of interests in the man and his work.

Carl Rollyson is professor emeritus of journalism at Baruch College, CUNY. He is author of many books, including *Uses of the Past in the Novels of William Faulkner*; *The Life of William Faulkner*; *The Last Days of Sylvia Plath*; *American Isis: The Life and Art of Sylvia Plath*; *Amy Lowell Anew: A Biography*; *A Real American Character: The Life of Walter Brennan*; *Hollywood Enigma: Dana Andrews*; and *Marilyn Monroe: A Life of the Actress, Revised and Updated*. He is also coauthor (with Lisa Paddock) of *Susan Sontag: The Making of an Icon, Revised and Updated*.

To the Ramparts of Infinity

Colonel W. C. Falkner and the Ripley Railroad

Jack D. Elliott Jr.



An in-depth exploration of the life and works of the man who would one day serve as a model and influence to his great-grandson, William Faulkner

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—Carl Rollyson, author of *The Life of William Faulkner*

“The original Falkner seems to have led a truly remarkable life, and this wonderful biography does his life justice while at the same time making major statements on larger issues such as his influence on William Faulkner as well as the original Falkner's little corner of the world in Mississippi.”

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Before William Faulkner, there was Colonel William C. Falkner (1825–1889), the great-grandfather of the prominent and well-known Mississippi writer. The first biography of Falkner was a dissertation by the late Donald Duclos, which was completed in 1961, and while Faulkner scholars have briefly touched on the life of the Colonel due to his influence on the writer's work and life, there have been no new biographies dedicated to Falkner until now. *To the Ramparts of Infinity: Colonel W. C. Falkner and the Ripley Railroad* seeks to fill this gap in scholarship and Mississippi history by providing a biography of the Colonel. Also included is an appendix entitled “A Field Guide to Colonel Falkner's Ripley.” There, sites are listed along with old and contemporary photographs of buildings. Maps of the area provide essential material for readers to understand the geographical background of the area in this period of Mississippi history.

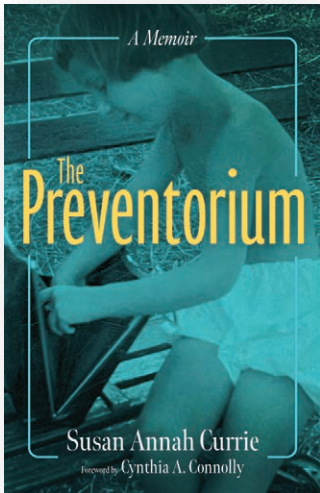
Jack D. Elliott Jr. was employed from 1985 to 2010 as historical archaeologist with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and taught archaeology, geography, and religion as an adjunct professor at the Meridian campus of Mississippi State University from 1988 to 2016.

The Preventorium

A Memoir

Susan Annah Currie

Foreword by Cynthia A. Connolly



A fascinating and personal history of children's public health in the US

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"Susan Annah Currie's memoir provides an intimate view of the preventorium and its aftereffects that last a lifetime. It's a fascinating history and personal story, riveting in its depictions of surviving such an alienating experience. Utterly powerful and moving."

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Opened on February 17, 1929, the Mississippi State Preventorium operated continuously until 1976. The Mississippi Preventorium, like similar hospitals throughout the country, was an institution for sickly, anemic, and underweight children. It was established on the grounds of the Mississippi State Tuberculosis Sanatorium in the early years of the twentieth century when tuberculosis was a dreaded disease worldwide. The name *preventorium* meant a place of preventing disease as there was a fear of sickly children contracting TB.

Now closed, the preventorium housed over three thousand children, including author Susan Annah Currie. In this intimate memoir, Currie details her fifteen-month stay at the preventorium. From her arrival in May 1959 at six years old, Currie vividly explores the unique and isolating world that she and children across the country experienced. Her exacting routine, dictated by the nurses and doctors who now acted as her parents, erased the distinction between patients and created both a sense of community among the children and a deep sense of loneliness. While many of the records from the preventorium have been lost, Currie's memoir opens to readers a lost history largely forgotten.

Susan Annah Currie is a former academic librarian, having worked for close to thirty years at Cornell University and SUNY Binghamton University Libraries. In 2009, she was chosen to be the director of the historic Tompkins County Public Library in Ithaca, New York.

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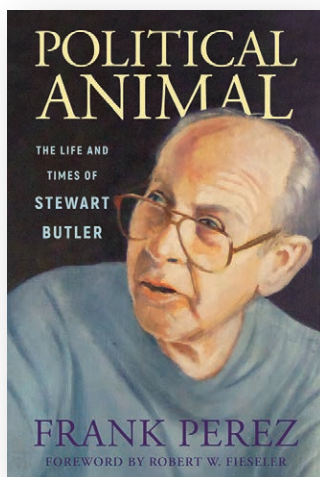
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Political Animal

The Life and Times of Stewart Butler

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A fascinating portrait of the forgotten life of a pioneer in Louisiana's LGBTQ+ culture and political history

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During Mardi Gras 1973, Stewart Butler fell in love with Alfred Doolittle—a wealthy socialite and schizophrenic from San Francisco. Their relationship was an improbable love story that changed the course of LGBTQ+ history. With Doolittle's money, Butler was able to retire and devote his life to political activism in the cause of queer liberation. A survivor of the horrific UpStairs Lounge arson, Butler was a founding member of the first statewide lesbian and gay rights organization in Louisiana and an early champion for transgender rights, playing a key role in the eight-year struggle to persuade PFLAG to become the first national LGBTQ+ organization to include trans people in its mission statement.

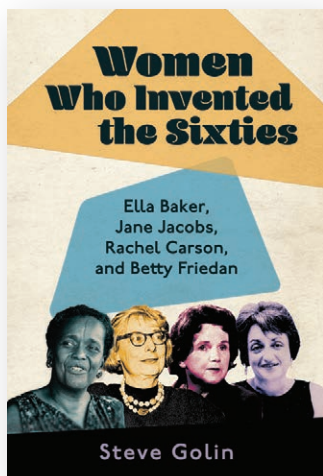
In *Political Animal: The Life and Times of Stewart Butler*, author Frank Perez traces Butler's amazing life from his early childhood in Depression-era New Orleans, his adolescence at Carville where his father worked, his first unsuccessful attempt at college, his time in the army as a closeted gay man, his adventures in Alaska, his transformation into a hippie in the 1960s, his love affair with Doolittle, his decades as a gay rights advocate, and ultimately, his twilight years as an elder statesman.

Based on Butler's own personal papers, including hundreds of letters, and dozens of interviews, *Political Animal* paints an intimate portrait of a legendary figure in gay politics and the times in which he lived.

Frank Perez is cofounder and current president of the LGBTQ+ Archives Project in New Orleans and an instructor in the Office of Professional and Continuing Studies at Loyola University New Orleans. He is author of *Treasures of the Vieux Carre: Ten Self-Guided Walking Tours of the French Quarter* and coauthor of *Southern Decadence in New Orleans*; *My Gay New Orleans: 28 Personal Reminiscences on LGBTQ+ Life in New Orleans*; and *In Exile: The History and Lore Surrounding New Orleans Gay Culture and Its Oldest Gay Bar*.

Women Who Invented the Sixties

Ella Baker, Jane Jacobs, Rachel Carson, and Betty Friedan
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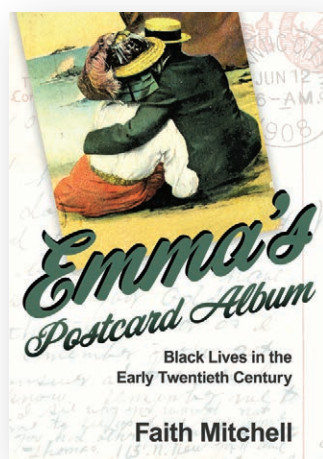
—Daniel Horowitz, author of *Betty Friedan and the Making of "The Feminine Mystique": The American Left, the Cold War, and Modern Feminism*

While there were many protests in the 1950s—against racial segregation, economic inequality, urban renewal, McCarthyism, and the nuclear buildup—the movements that took off in the early 1960s were qualitatively different. In 1960, Ella Baker played the key role in the founding of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, which became an essential organization for students during the civil rights movement and the model for the antiwar and women's movements. In 1961, Jane Jacobs published *The Death and Life of Great American Cities*, changing the shape of urban planning irrevocably. In 1962, Rachel Carson published *Silent Spring*, creating the modern environmental movement. And in 1963, Betty Friedan wrote *The Feminine Mystique*, which sparked second-wave feminism and created lasting changes for women. Their four separate interventions helped, together, to end the 1950s and invent the 1960s.

Steve Golin combines his training in the history of ideas with his interest in social history. A lifelong activist, he focuses his writing on social movements.

Emma's Postcard Album

Black Lives in the Early Twentieth Century
Faith Mitchell



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The turn of the twentieth century was an extraordinarily difficult period for African Americans, a time of unchecked lynchings, mob attacks, and rampant Jim Crow segregation. During these bleak years, Emma Crawford, a young African American woman living in Pennsylvania, corresponded by postcard with friends and family members and collected the cards she received from all over the country. Her album—spanning from 1906 to 1910 and analyzed in *Emma's Postcard Album*—becomes an entry point into a deeply textured understanding of the nuances and complexities of African American lives and the survival strategies that enabled people "to make a way from no way." In *Emma's Postcard Album*, Faith Mitchell innovatively places the contents of this postcard collection into specific historic and biographical contexts and provides a new interpretation of postcards as life writings, a much-neglected aspect of scholarship.

Faith Mitchell is an Institute Fellow at the Urban Institute and a medical anthropologist. In addition to numerous policy-related publications, she is also author of *Hoodoo Medicine: Gullah Herbal Remedies* and *The Book of Secrets, Part 1*.

Reading Confederate Monuments

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Contributions by Danielle Christmas, Joanna Davis-McElligatt, Garrett Bridger Gilmore, Spencer R. Herrera, Cassandra Jackson, Stacie McCormick, Maria Seger, Randi Lynn Tanglen, Brook Thomas, Michael C. Weisenburg, and Lisa Woolfork

Reading Confederate Monuments addresses the urgent need for scholars, educators, and the general public to be able to read and interpret the literal and cultural Confederate monuments pervading life in the contemporary United States.

Contributors demonstrate how to read literal Confederate monuments as texts and in the context of the assortment of literatures that produced and celebrated them. They further explore how to read the literary texts advancing and contesting Confederate ideology in the US cultural imaginary as monuments in and of themselves. The essays lay bare the cultural and pedagogical work of Confederate monuments and counter-monuments, showing why the persistence of Confederate monuments matters greatly to local and national notions of racial justice and belonging. This collection illustrates what critics of US literature and culture can offer to ongoing scholarly and public discussions about Confederate monuments and memory.

Even as we remove, relocate, and recontextualize the physical symbols of the Confederacy, the complicated histories, cultural products, and pedagogies of Confederate ideology remain embedded in the national consciousness. To disrupt and potentially dismantle these enduring narratives alongside the statues themselves, we must be able to recognize, analyze, and resist them in US life.

Maria Seger is assistant professor of English at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Her work has appeared in *Nineteenth-Century Literature*, *Callaloo*, and *Studies in American Naturalism*.

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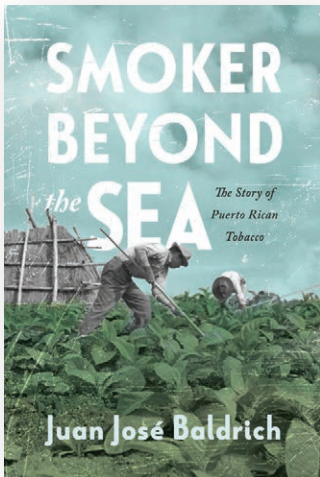


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In this volume, Juan José Baldrich traces the deep changes affecting Puerto Rican tobacco growers and manufacturers and their export markets from the Spanish colonization of the island to the present. The book sheds light on the important history of tobacco in Puerto Rico while highlighting the people and practices that have indelibly shaped Puerto Rico and its culture.

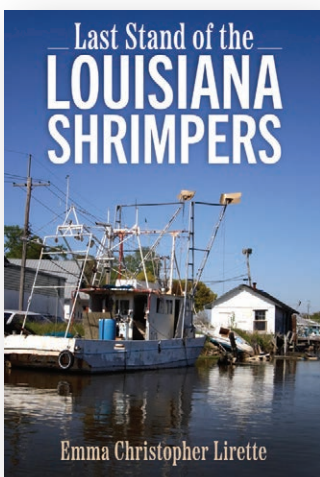
This work of recovery examines tobacco’s transitions from medicinal use to rolls fit for chewing and pipe smoking, followed by the appropriation of the Cuban paradigm for cigars and cigarettes, and, finally, to the US models after the 1898 invasion.

Baldrich documents the organization of the cigar and cigarette manufacturing sectors and the resulting development of trade unions and socialist ideals. This multidisciplinary investigation also gives due attention to the modifications that farmers made to tobacco planting and harvesting techniques and to gender relations in the labor process. Ultimately, this encompassing volume fills a major gap in the histories of tobacco-producing islands in the Caribbean.

Juan José Baldrich is a retired professor from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at University of Puerto Rico. He is author of *Sembraron la no siembra* and has been published in numerous journals, including *Agricultural History* and *CENTRO: Journal of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies*. He has also contributed chapters to such edited volumes as *El abaco en la historia económica* and *Puerto Rican Women’s History: New Perspectives*.

Last Stand of the Louisiana Shrimpers

Emma Christopher Lirette



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—Jason P. Theriot, historian

In recent years, shrimpers on the Louisiana coast have faced a historically dire shrimp season, with the price of shrimp barely high enough to justify trawling. Yet, many of them wouldn’t consider leaving shrimping behind, despite having transferrable skills that could land them jobs in the oil and gas industry. Since 2001, shrimpers have faced increasing challenges to their trade: an influx of shrimp from southeast Asia, several traumatic hurricane seasons, and the largest oil spill at sea in American history. In *Last Stand of the Louisiana Shrimpers*, author Emma Christopher Lirette traces how Louisiana Gulf Coast shrimpers negotiate land and blood, sea and freedom, and economic security and networks of control. This book explores what ties shrimpers to their boats and nets. Despite feeling trapped by finances and circumstances, they have created a world in which they have agency. With evocative, lyrical prose, she argues that in persisting to trawl in places that increasingly restrict their way of life, shrimpers build fragile, quietly defiant worlds, adapting to a constantly changing environment.

Emma Christopher Lirette is a writer and independent scholar. She currently works in the field of user experience research.



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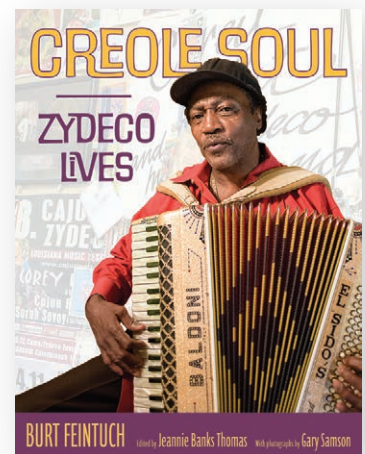
A vividly photographed journey through the world of zydeco music

Creole Soul: Zydeco Lives is an exquisitely photographed volume of interviews with contemporary zydeco musicians. Featuring the voices of zydeco's venerable senior generation and its current agents of change, this book celebrates a musical world full of passion, energy, cowboy hats and boots, banging bass, joy, and dazzling dance moves. Author Burt Feintuch captures an important American music in the process of significant—and sometimes controversial—change.

Creole Soul draws us into conversations with zydeco musicians from Texas and Louisiana, most of them bandleaders, including Ed Poullard, Lawrence “Black” Ardoin, Step Rideau, Brian Jack, Jerome Batiste, Ruben Moreno, Nathan Williams Jr., Leroy Thomas, Corey Ledet, Sean Ardoin, and Dwayne Dopsie. Some of the interviewees represent the contemporary scene and are among today's most popular performers along the Creole Corridor. Others are rooted in older French music forms and are especially well qualified to talk about zydeco's origins.

The musicians speak freely, whether discussing the death of a famed musician or describing a memorable performance. They address the influence of rap on today's zydeco music and discuss how to pass music along to a younger generation—and how not to. In *Creole Soul*, zydeco musicians give an unprecedented look into their lives, their music, and their culture.

Burt Feintuch (1949–2018) wrote about roots music, regional cultures, and music revivals in North America and abroad starting in the 1970s, along with producing documentary sound recordings. He also directed the Center for the Humanities and was a professor of folklore for many years at the University of New Hampshire. **Jeannie Banks Thomas** is a fellow of the American Folklore Society and a professor in the Department of English and Folklore Program at Utah State University. She is author of several books, two of which won international awards. **Gary Samson** is an accomplished fine arts photographer and New Hampshire Artist Laureate whose work has been exhibited internationally. He chaired the Photography Department at the New Hampshire Institute of Art. Samson is also photographer for Feintuch's *Talking New Orleans Music: Crescent City Musicians Talk about Their Lives, Their Music, and Their City*, published by University Press of Mississippi.



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In *Do You Remember? Celebrating Fifty Years of Earth, Wind & Fire*, Trenton Bailey traces the humble beginning of Maurice White, his development as a musician, and his formation of Earth, Wind & Fire, a band that became a global phenomenon during the 1970s. Earth, Wind & Fire stood apart from other soul bands with their philosophical lyrics and extravagant visual art, much of which is studied in the book, including album covers, concerts, and music videos. The lyrics of hit songs are examined alongside an analysis of each of the band’s twenty-one studio albums and several compilation albums.

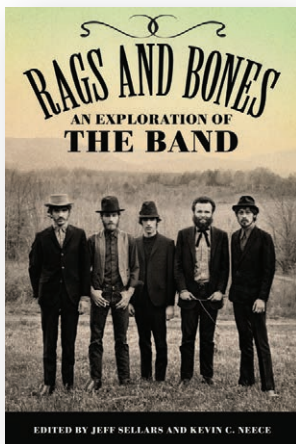
Trenton Bailey is a native of Memphis, Tennessee, and currently resides in metro Atlanta, Georgia. Bailey, a graduate of Morehouse College, earned his PhD in humanities with a concentration in African American studies from Clark Atlanta University. As a scholar of African American history, Bailey’s research interests include Black popular culture, Black spirituality, and Black innovation. He is a professor who has taught at Clark Atlanta University, Georgia State University, and Morehouse College.

Rags and Bones

An Exploration of The Band

Edited by Jeff Sellars and Kevin C. Neece

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After performing with Ronnie Hawkins as the Hawks (1957–1964), The Band (Rick Danko, Garth Hudson, Richard Manuel, Robbie Robertson, and Levon Helm) eventually rose to fame in the sixties as backing musicians for Bob Dylan. This collaboration with Dylan presented the group with a chance to expand musically and strike out on their own. The Band’s fusion of rock, country, soul, and blues music created a unique soundscape. The combined use of multiple instruments, complex song structures, and poetic lyrics required attentive listening and a sophisticated interpretive framework. They soon grew to be one of the biggest bands of their era.

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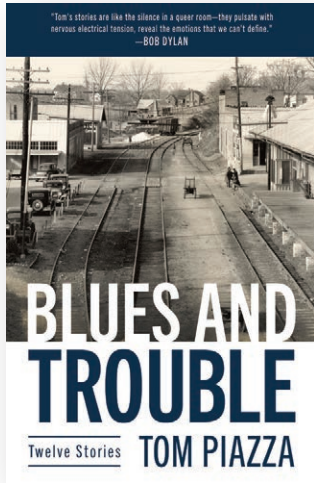
Jeff Sellars teaches in Northern California and along the Oregon Coast. His main area of academic interest centers on media, culture, and technology. **Kevin C. Neece** is editor or coeditor of multiple books and journals, as well as producer and host of *The Gospel According to Star Trek* podcast, based on his book *The Gospel According to Star Trek: The Original Crew* and its forthcoming sequels.

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Tom Piazza is a novelist and writer on American music. His twelve books include the novels *A Free State* and *City of Refuge*, the post-Katrina manifesto *Why New Orleans Matters*, and the essay collection *Devil Sent the Rain: Music and Writing in Desperate America*. He was a principal writer for the HBO drama series *Treme* and the winner of a Grammy Award for his album notes to *Martin Scorsese Presents the Blues: A Musical Journey*.

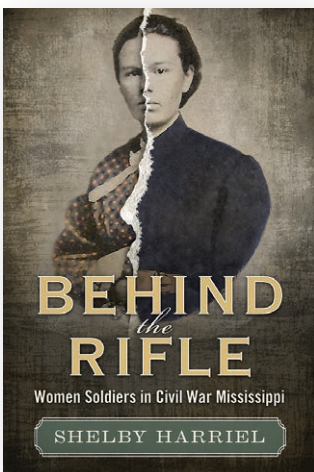
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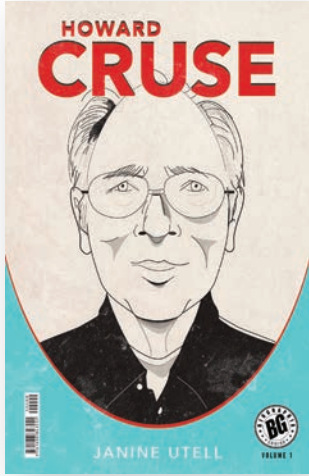
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—DeAnne Blanton, coauthor of *They Fought Like Demons: Women Soldiers in the American Civil War*

Shelby Harriel is an instructor of mathematics at Pearl River Community College. Her research on women soldiers of the Civil War has been published in various newspapers, magazines, websites, blogs, and brochures for the National Park Service and state historic sites. She has given numerous presentations about women soldiers in over ten states.

Howard Cruse

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“Howard Cruse is a compelling and moving narrative that puts Cruse in his rightful place as a significant figure in late twentieth-century comics history, LGBTQIA+ history, and US culture in general.”

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Howard Cruse is the first biography to tell the life story of one of the most important figures in LGBTQ+ comics. A preacher’s kid from Alabama who became “the godfather of queer comics,” Cruse (1944–2019) was a groundbreaking underground cartoonist, a wicked satirist, an LGBTQ+ activist, and a mentor to a vast network of queer comics artists. His comic strip *Wendel*, published in the *Advocate* throughout the 1980s, is considered a revolutionary moment in the development of LGBTQ+ comics, as is his inaugurating the editorship of *Gay Comix* with Kitchen Sink Press in 1979, which furthered the careers of important artists like Jennifer Camper and Alison Bechdel. Cruse’s graphic novel *Stuck Rubber Baby*, published in 1995, fictionalizes his own coming out in the context of the civil rights movement in 1960s Birmingham and was a significant forerunner to contemporary graphic novels and memoirs.

Howard Cruse draws on extensive archival research and interviews and covers Cruse’s entire body of work: the cute and zany *Barefootz*, the unexpected innovations of the *Gay Comix* stories, the domestic intimacies of *Wendel*, and the complexity and power of *Stuck Rubber Baby*. The book places Cruse’s art in the context of his life and his times, including the historic movements for gay rights and against the AIDS crisis, and it celebrates this extraordinary and essential figure of LGBTQ+ comics and American comics art more broadly.

Janine Utell is author of several books, most recently *Literary Couples and 20th-Century Life Writing: Narrative and Intimacy*, and editor of *The Comics of Alison Bechdel: From the Outside In*, published by University Press of Mississippi, and *Teaching Modernist Women’s Writing in English*.

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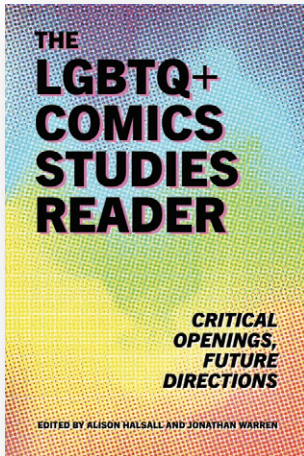
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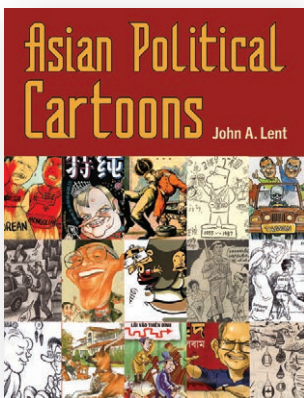
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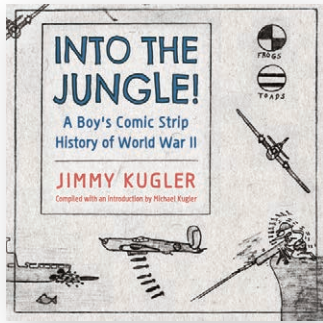
John A. Lent is professor emeritus at Temple University. He has pioneered in teaching and researching during his sixty-year career in the fields of mass communication and popular culture in Asia and the Caribbean, comic art and animation, and development communication. He has authored or edited eighty-five books, started and edited three journals, including *International Journal of Comic Art*, and founded at least six academic international associations and the first university communication school in all of Malaysia.

Into the Jungle!

A Boy's Comic Strip History of World War II

Jimmy Kugler

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Near the end of World War II and after, a small-town Nebraska youth, Jimmy Kugler, drew more than a hundred double-sided sheets of comic strip stories. Over half of these six-panel tales retold the Pacific War as fought by “Frogs” and “Toads,” humanoid creatures brutally committed to a kill-or-be-killed struggle. The history of American youth depends primarily on adult reminiscences of their own childhoods, adult testimony to the lives of youth around them, or surmises based on, at best, a few creative artifacts. The survival then of such a large collection of adolescent comic strips from America’s small-town Midwest is remarkable.

Michael Kugler reproduces the never-before-published comics of his father’s adolescent imagination as a microhistory of American youth in that formative era. Also included in *Into the Jungle! A Boy’s Comic Strip History of World War II* are the likely comic book models for these stories and inspiration from news coverage in newspapers, radio, movies, and newsreels. Kugler’s thorough analysis of his father’s adolescent art explains how a small-town boy from the plains distilled the popular culture of his day for an imagined war he could fight on his audacious, even shocking terms.

Jimmy Kugler (1932–1969) was born and raised in Lexington, Nebraska. Part of a large German immigrant community, he attended Lexington schools and was active in football, basketball, classroom art, and wartime activities like scrap metal drives. As an adult, he had various jobs in factories, driving a diaper truck, and in the shipping industry along Portland’s Willamette River. **Michael Kugler** is professor of history at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa.

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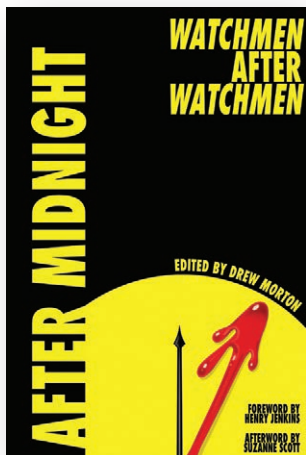
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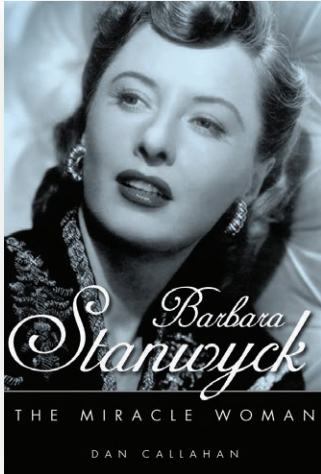
Alan Moore’s and Dave Gibbons’s *Watchmen* fundamentally altered the perception of American comic books and remains one of the medium’s greatest hits. Launched in 1986, *Watchmen* quickly assisted in cementing the legacy that comics were a serious form of literature no longer defined by the Comics Code era of funny animal and innocuous superhero books that appealed mainly to children. *After Midnight*: “*Watchmen*” after “*Watchmen*” looks specifically at the three adaptations of Moore’s and Gibbons’s *Watchmen*—Zack Snyder’s *Watchmen* film (2009), Geoff Johns’s comic book sequel *Doomsday Clock* (2017), and Damon Lindelof’s *Watchmen* series on HBO (2019). Divided into three parts, the anthology considers how the sequels, especially the limited series, have prompted a reevaluation of the original text and successfully harnessed the politics of the contemporary moment into a potent relevancy.

Drew Morton is associate professor of mass communication at Texas A&M University–Texarkana. He is author of *Panel to the Screen: Style, American Film, and Comic Books during the Blockbuster Era*, published by University Press of Mississippi. He is cofounder and coeditor of *[in]Transition*, the award-winning journal devoted to videographic criticism.

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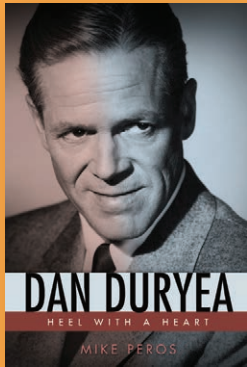
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Dan Callahan is author of *Vanessa: The Life of Vanessa Redgrave*; *The Art of American Screen Acting, 1912–1960*; *The Art of American Screen Acting, 1970 to Today*; *The Camera Lies: Acting for Hitchcock*; and the novel *That Was Something*. He has written for *Film Comment*, *Sight & Sound*, *New York Magazine*, *The Criterion Collection*, and many other publications.

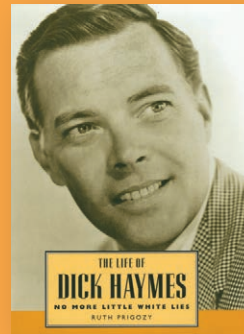
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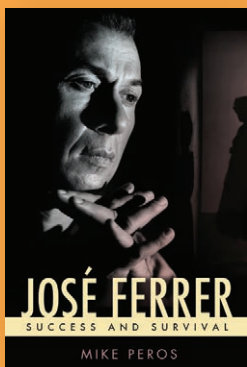
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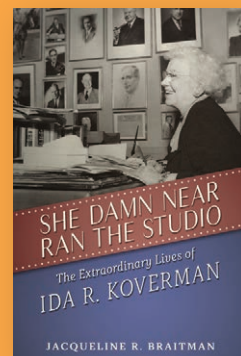
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Sofia Coppola (b. 1971) was baptized on film. After appearing in *The Godfather* as an infant, it took twenty-five years for Coppola to take her place behind the camera, helming her own adaptation of Jeffery Eugenides's celebrated novel *The Virgin Suicides*. Following her debut, Coppola was the third woman ever to be nominated for Best Director and became an Academy Award winner for Best Original Screenplay for her sophomore feature, *Lost in Translation*. She has also been awarded the Golden Lion at the Venice Film Festival and Best Director at Cannes.

In addition to her filmmaking, Coppola is recognized as an influential tastemaker. She sequenced the so-called Tokyo dream pop of the *Lost in Translation* soundtrack like an album, a success in its own right. Her third film, *Marie Antoinette*, further showcased Coppola's ear for the unexpected needle drop, soundtracking the controversial queen's life with a series of New Romantic bangers popular during the director's adolescence.

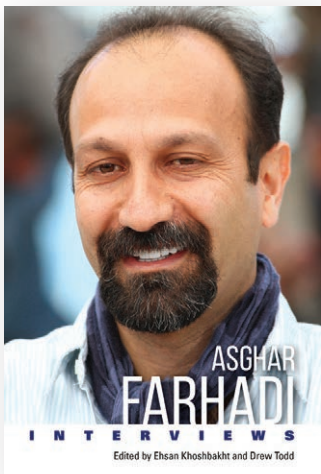
The conversations compiled within *Sofia Coppola: Interviews* mark the filmmaker's progression from dismissed dilettante to acclaimed auteur of among the most visually arresting, melancholy, and wryly funny films of the twenty-first century. Coppola discusses her approach to collaboration, Bill Murray as muse, and how *Purple Rain* blew her twelve-year-old mind. There are interviews from major publications, but Coppola speaks with musician Kim Gordon for indie magazine *Bust* and Tavi Gevinson, then-adolescent founder of online teen magazine *Rookie*, as well. The volume also features a new and previously unpublished interview conducted with volume editor Amy N. Monaghan. To read these interviews is to witness Sofia Coppola coming into her own as a world-renowned artist.

Amy N. Monaghan is senior lecturer in cinema studies and literature at Clemson University.

Asghar Farhadi

Interviews

Edited by Ehsan Khoshbakht and Drew Todd



“The content of conversations is not all that important. Rather, it provides a setting for developing a relationship. Gestures and glances should be the subject of scrutiny, not the words.”

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The winner of two Academy Awards for Best Foreign Film, Asghar Farhadi (b. 1972) has become Iran's most prominent director since the late Abbas Kiarostami. Around the world, Farhadi is considered one of the great dramatist filmmakers of his generation. His reputation and influence in his home country have been even greater, though also prone to misunderstandings, controversies, and divided critical reception.

On both nights of his Oscar wins, Iranians flooded the streets with joy in a rare (and illegal) celebration. Yet, like other contemporary Iranian filmmakers who have struggled to reconcile their national identity with their global repute as international filmmakers, Farhadi is at once fêted and under fire by his own government. In addition to making recent films outside Iran, he has taken advantage of his celebrity status to make controversial statements on topics ranging from Donald Trump to poverty and capital punishment in Iran. *Asghar Farhadi: Interviews* addresses the important dimensions that characterize contemporary Iranian filmmaking and sheds light on what Farhadi sees as his role and responsibilities as an Iranian filmmaker in a global age.

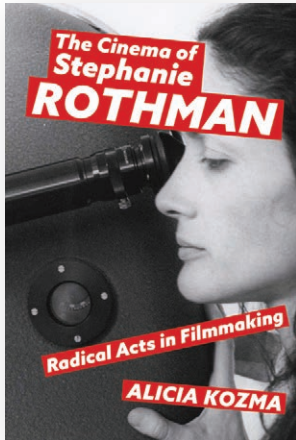
Beginning with his work in television, the interviews collected here chart Farhadi's rise from theater student to Iranian dramatist to celebrated international filmmaker of award-winning features like *About Elly* and *Everybody Knows*. The eleven interviews were conducted in Persian and have been translated into English for the first time.

Ehsan Khoshbakht is codirector of Il Cinema Ritrovato film festival, held annually in Bologna, Italy. He is a noted film curator whose series have traveled the world, film critic, and documentarian. **Drew Todd** teaches film studies at San José State University and has published in various journals in his field. He is editor of *Jafar Panahi: Interviews*, published by University Press of Mississippi.

The Cinema of Stephanie Rothman

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—Kelly Hankin, professor of film studies in the Johnston Center for Integrative Studies, University of Redlands

The rare woman director working in second-wave exploitation, Stephanie Rothman (b. 1936) directed seven successful feature films, served as the vice president of an independent film company, and was the first woman to win the Directors Guild of America’s student filmmaking prize. Despite these career accomplishments, Rothman retired into relative obscurity. In *The Cinema of Stephanie Rothman: Radical Acts in Filmmaking*, author Alicia Kozma uses Rothman’s career as an in-depth case study, intertwining historical, archival, industrial, and filmic analysis to grapple with the past, present, and future of women’s filmmaking labor in Hollywood.

Kozma argues that understudied film production cycles provide untapped spaces for discovering women’s directorial work. This book shines a needed spotlight on the problems and successes of the memorialization of women’s directorial labor, connecting historical and contemporary patterns of gendered labor disparity in the film industry.

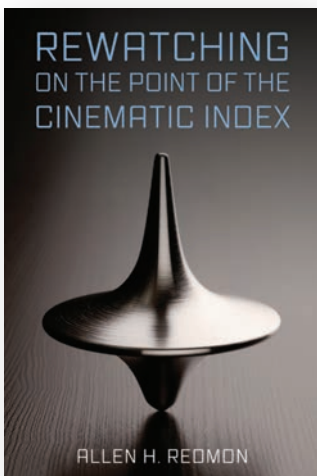
Alicia Kozma is director of the Indiana University Cinema. She is co-author of *Refocus: The Films of Doris Wishman* and *Mobilized Identities: Mediated Subjectivity and Cultural Crisis in the Neoliberal Era*.

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Allen H. Redmon



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Rewatching on the Point of the Cinematic Index offers a reassessment of the cinematic index as it sits at the intersection of film studies, trauma studies, and adaptation studies. Author Allen H. Redmon argues that far too often scholars imagine the cinematic index to be nothing more than an acknowledgment that the lens-based camera captures and brings to the screen a reality that existed before the camera. When cinema’s indexicality is so narrowly defined, the entire nature of film is called into question the moment film no longer relies on a lens-based camera. Examining such films as Oliver Stone’s *World Trade Center* (2006); Stephen Daldry’s *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* (2011); and Christopher Nolan’s *Dunkirk* (2017), *Inception* (2010), and *Memento* (2000), Redmon demonstrates that the cinematic index invites spectators to enter a process of ongoing adaptation.

Allen H. Redmon is professor of English and film studies at Texas A&M University–Central Texas. He is author of *Constructing the Coens: From “Blood Simple” to “Inside Llewyn Davis,”* editor of *Next Generation Adaptation: Spectatorship and Process*, and coeditor of *Clint Eastwood’s Cinema of Trauma: Essays on PTSD in the Director’s Films*. Redmon also serves as president of the Literature/Film Association.

Conversations with Nalo Hopkinson

Edited by Isiah Lavender III



“I’d say learn to do the heart-rending thing of turning a critical eye upon your developing work. When you have managed to get a chunk of words on paper, those are clay, not art.”

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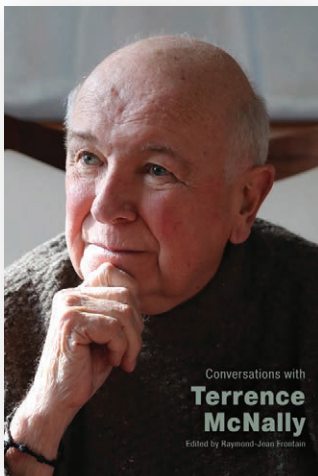
A key figure in contemporary speculative fiction, Jamaican-born Canadian Nalo Hopkinson (b. 1960) is the first Black queer woman as well as the youngest person to be named a “Grand Master” of Science Fiction. Her Caribbean-inspired narratives—*Brown Girl in the Ring*, *Midnight Robber*, *The Salt Roads*, *The New Moon’s Arms*, *The Chaos*, and *Sister Mine*—project complex futures and complex identities for people of color in terms of race, sex, and gender. Hopkinson has always had a vested interest in expanding racial and ethnic diversity in all facets of speculative fiction from its writers to its readers, and this desire is reflected in her award-winning anthologies. Her work best represents the current and ongoing colored wave of science fiction in the twenty-first century.

In twenty-one interviews ranging from 1999 until 2021, *Conversations with Nalo Hopkinson* reveals a writer of fierce intelligence and humor in love with ideas and concerned with issues of identity. She provides powerful insights on code-switching, race, Afrofuturism, queer identities, sexuality, Caribbean folklore, and postcolonial science fictions, among other things. As a result, the conversations presented here very much demonstrate the uniqueness of her mind and her influence as a writer.

Isiah Lavender III is Sterling-Goodman Professor of English at the University of Georgia, where he researches and teaches courses in African American literature and science fiction. He is author of *Afrofuturism Rising: The Literary Prehistory of a Movement*; editor of *Black and Brown Planets: The Politics of Race in Science Fiction* and *Dis-Orienting Planets: Racial Representations of Asia in Science Fiction*, both published by University Press of Mississippi; and coeditor of *Literary Afrofuturism in the Twenty-First Century*.

Conversations with Terrence McNally

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Arriving in New York at the tail end of what has been termed the “Golden Age” of Broadway and the start of the Off-Broadway theater movement, Terrence McNally (1938–2020) first established himself as a dramatist of the absurd and a biting social critic. He quickly recognized, however, that one is more likely to change people’s minds by first changing their hearts, and—in outrageous farces like *The Ritz* and *It’s Only a Play*—began using humor more broadly to challenge social biases. By the mid-1980s, as the emerging AIDS pandemic called into question America’s treatment of persons isolated by suffering and sickness, he became the theater’s great poet of compassion, dramatizing the urgent need of human connection and the consequences when such connections do not take place.

Conversations with Terrence McNally collects nineteen interviews with the celebrated playwright. In these interviews, one hears McNally reflect on theater as the most collaborative of the arts, the economic pressures that drive the theater industry, the unique values of music and dance, and the changes in American theater over McNally’s fifty-plus year career. The winner of four competitive Tony Awards as the author of the Best Play (*Love! Valour! Compassion!* and *Master Class*) and author of the book for the Best Musical (*Kiss of the Spider Woman* and *Ragtime*), McNally holds the distinction of being one of the few writers for the American theater who excelled in straight drama as well as musical comedy.

Raymond-Jean Frontain is an independent scholar who has published eight books and over one hundred scholarly articles on the Bible as literature, gay literature, Renaissance poetry, the Indian novel, and modern drama. His previous works on Terrence McNally include *The Theater of Terrence McNally: Something about Grace* and an edition of McNally’s writings about theater, *Muse of Fire*.

Conversations with Joe R. Lansdale

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Joe R. Lansdale (b. 1951), the award-winning author of such novels as *Cold in July* (1989) and *The Bottoms* (2000), as well as the popular Hap and Leonard series, has been publishing novels since 1981. Lansdale has developed a tremendous cult audience willing to follow him into any genre he chooses to write in, including horror, western, crime, adventure, and fantasy. His distinctive voice is often funny and always unique, as characterized by such works as *Bubba Ho-Tep* (1994), a novella that centers on Elvis Presley, his friend who believes himself to be John F. Kennedy, and a soul-sucking ancient mummy. This same novella won a Bram Stoker Award, one of the ten Bram Stoker Awards given to Lansdale thus far in his illustrious career. Wielding a talent that extends beyond the page to the screen, Lansdale has also written episodes for *Batman: The Animated Series* and *Superman: The Animated Series*.

Conversations with Joe R. Lansdale brings together interviews from newspapers, magazines, and podcasts conducted throughout the prolific author's career. The collection includes conversations between Lansdale and other noted peers like Robert McCammon and James Grady; two podcast transcripts that have never appeared in print; and a brand-new interview, exclusive to the volume. In addition to shedding light on his body of literary work and process as a writer, this collection also shares Lansdale's thoughts on comics, atheism, and martial arts.

Andrew J. Rausch is a film journalist and author of nearly fifty books, including *The Films of Martin Scorsese and Robert De Niro*; *The Cinematic Misadventures of Ed Wood*; and *Perspectives on Stephen King: Conversations with Authors, Experts and Collaborators*. He is an online editor at *Diabolique* magazine and writes a recurring column for *Screem* magazine. **Mark Slade** is author of *Yardbird* and the Barry London novels. He has written audiodramas for Para-X Radio and Chronosphere Fiction and is one of the founding members of Screaming Eye Press.

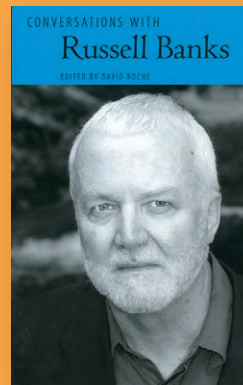
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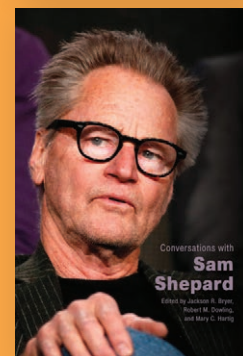
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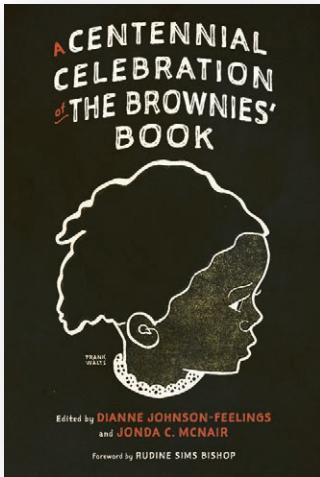
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"A Centennial Celebration of *The Brownies' Book* is an important contribution to the analysis and appreciation of the landmark children's magazine. As a celebratory volume, the insightful and beautifully phrased collection emphasizes the ethos of uplift and joy promoted by the magazine."

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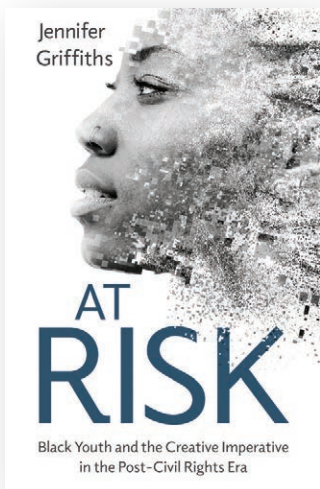
The Brownies' Book occupies a special place in the history of African American children's literature. Informally the children's counterpart to the NAACP's *The Crisis* magazine, it was one of the first periodicals created primarily for Black youth. Several of the objectives the creators delineated in 1919 when announcing the arrival of the publication—"to make them familiar with the history and achievements of the Negro race" and "to make colored children realize that being 'colored' is a beautiful, normal thing"—still resonate with contemporary creators, readers, and scholars of African American children's literature. The meticulously researched essays in *A Centennial Celebration of "The Brownies' Book"* get to the heart of *The Brownies' Book* "project" using critical approaches both varied and illuminating. Bookending the essays are, reprinted in full, the first and last issues of the magazine.

Dianne Johnson-Feelings is professor of English at the University of South Carolina. As Dinah Johnson she is author of several picture books including *Black Magic* and *H Is for Harlem*. **Jonda C. McNair** is the Charlotte S. Huck Endowed Professor of Children's Literature at The Ohio State University. McNair served as chair of the 2021 John Newbery Award Selection Committee and as a past chair of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee.

At Risk

Black Youth and the Creative Imperative in the Post-Civil Rights Era

Jennifer Griffiths



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"*At Risk* is important activist criticism that both seeks equity and justice for the most vulnerable Black lives and highlights Black youth subjectivity, resilience, and possibility."

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Jennifer Griffiths's *At Risk: Black Youth and the Creative Imperative in the Post-Civil Rights Era* focuses on literary representations of adolescent artists as they develop strategies to intervene against the stereotypes that threaten to limit their horizons. The authors of the analyzed works capture and convey the complex experience of the generation of young people growing up in the era after the civil rights movement. Through creative experiments, they carefully consider what it means to be narrowed within the scope of a sociological "problem," all while trying to expand the perspectives of creative liberation. In short, they explore what it means to be deemed an "at risk" youth.

This book looks at crucial works beginning in 1968, ranging from Sapphire's *Push* and *The Kid*, Walter Dean Myers's *Monster*, and Dael Orlandersmith's *The Gimmick* to Bill Gunn's *Johnnas*. Each text offers unique representations of Black gifted children, whose creative processes help them to navigate simultaneous hypervisibility and invisibility as racialized subjects. The book addresses the ways that adolescents experience the perilous "at risk" label, which threatens to narrow adolescent existence at a developmental moment that requires an orientation toward possibility and a freedom to experiment.

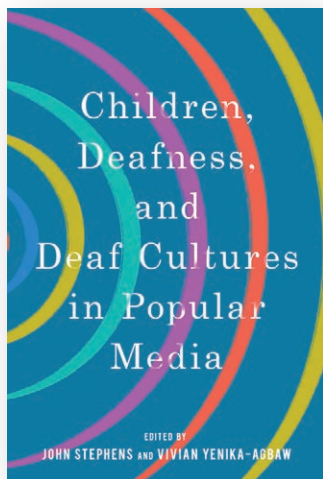
Ultimately, *At Risk* considers the distinct possibilities and challenges of the post-civil rights era, and how the period allows for a more honest, multilayered, and forthright depiction of Black youth subjectivity against the adultification that forecloses potential.

Jennifer Griffiths is professor of English at New York Institute of Technology. She is author of *Traumatic Possessions: The Body and Memory in African American Women's Writing and Performance*.

Children, Deafness, and Deaf Cultures in Popular Media

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—Christopher Krentz, author of *Writing Deafness: The Hearing Line in Nineteenth-Century American Literature*

Children, Deafness, and Deaf Cultures in Popular Media examines how creative works have depicted what it means to be a deaf or hard of hearing child in the modern world. In this collection, scholars discuss works that cover wide-ranging subjects: growing up deaf in a hearing world, stigmas associated with deafness, rival modes of communication, friendship and discrimination, and intergenerational tensions between hearing and nonhearing family members. Contributors explore most of the major genres of children's literature and film and consider the expressive power of multimodal forms such as graphic novel to depict experience from the perspective of children.

Representation of the point of view of child characters is central to this collection and to the intersections of deafness with discourses of diversity and social justice. These essays will alert readers to the many representations of deafness that, like deafness itself, pervade all cultures and are not limited to specific racial or sociocultural groups.

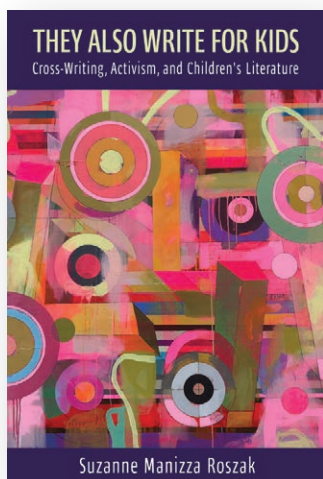
John Stephens is former president of the International Research Society for Children's Literature and foundation editor of *International Research in Children's Literature*. He is author of several books and over a hundred articles. **Vivian Yenika-Agbaw** (1959–2021) was professor of literature and literacies at the Pennsylvania State University, University Park. A former middle and high school teacher, she authored and coedited several books and over seventy articles and book chapters. She was inaugural chair of the IRSCL Equity and Diversity Committee.

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They Also Write for Kids

Cross-Writing, Activism, and Children's Literature
Suzanne Manizza Roszak



A compelling study of activist cross-writing by authors better known for their work "for adults"

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"Calling attention to these important authors' works for children, as well as adults, is a wonderful service for all literary scholars, as is the reminder of the overlap and intersection of these two audiences."

—Ramona Caponegro, professor of children's literature at Eastern Michigan University

Outside the world of children's literature studies, children's books by authors of well-known texts "for adults" are often forgotten or marginalized. Although many adults today read contemporary children's and young adult fiction for pleasure, others continue to see such texts as unsuitable for older audiences, and they are unlikely to cross-read children's books that were themselves cross-written by authors like Chinua Achebe, Anita Desai, Joy Harjo, or Amy Tan. Meanwhile, these literary voices have produced politically vital works of children's literature whose complex themes persist across boundaries of expected audience. These works form part of a larger body of activist writing "for children" that has long challenged preconceived notions about the seriousness of such books and ideas about who, in fact, should read them.

They Also Write for Kids: Cross-Writing, Activism, and Children's Literature seeks to draw these cross-writing projects together and bring them to the attention of readers. In doing so, this book invites readers to place children's literature in conversation with works more typically understood as being for adult audiences, read multiethnic US literature alongside texts by global writers, consider children's poetry and nonfiction as well as fiction, and read diachronically as well as cross-culturally. These ways of reading offer points of entry into a world of books that refuse to exclude young audiences in scrutinizing topics that range from US settler colonialism and linguistic prejudice to intersectional forms of gender inequality. Too often disregarded by skeptical adults, these texts offer rich rewards to readers of all ages.

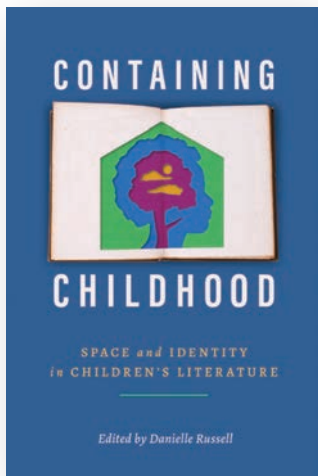
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Containing Childhood

Space and Identity in Children's Literature

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—Terri Doughty, coeditor of *Knowing Their Place? Identity and Space in Children's Literature*

"*Containing Childhood* is erudite, engaging, and original. The result is a sophisticated and thoughtful reflection on the ideas of boundaries, liminal spaces, and identity."

—Jane Suzanne Carroll, author of *Landscape in Children's Literature*

Home. School. Nature. The spaces children occupy, both physically and imaginatively, are never neutral. Instead, they carry social, cultural, and political histories that impose—or attempt to impose—behavioral expectations. Moreover, the spaces identified with childhood reflect and reveal adult expectations of where children "belong."

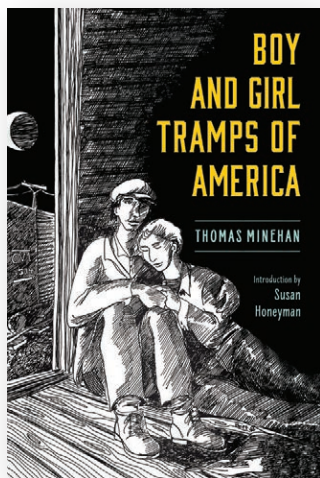
The essays in *Containing Childhood: Space and Identity in Children's Literature* explore the multifaceted and dynamic nature of space, as well as the relationship between space and identity in children's literature. Contributors to the volume address such questions as: What is the nature of that relationship? What happens to the spaces associated with childhood over time? How do children conceptualize and lay claim to their own spaces? The book features essays on popular and lesser-known children's fiction from North America and Great Britain, including works like *The Hate U Give*, *His Dark Materials*, *The Giver* quartet, and *Shadowshaper*.

Danielle Russell is associate professor of English at Glendon College (York University). She is author of *Between the Angle and the Curve: Mapping Gender, Race, Space, and Identity in Cather and Morrison*.

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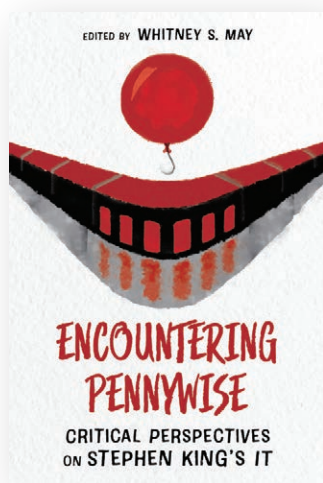
Thomas Minehan (1903–1948) was instructor of sociology at the University of Minnesota. **Susan Honeyman** is professor of English at the University of Nebraska. She is author of *Elusive Childhood: Impossible Representations in Modern Fiction; Consuming Agency in Fairy Tales, Childlore, and Folklore; Child Pain, Migraine, and Invisible Disability; and Perils of Protection: Shipwrecks, Orphans, and Children's Rights*, the latter published by University Press of Mississippi.

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Whitney S. May is a lecturer for the Department of English at Texas State University. Her work has appeared in such publications as *Gothic Studies*, *Supernatural Studies*, and the *Edgar Allan Poe Review*, as well as *Representing Kink: Fringe Sexuality and Textuality in Literature, Digital Narrative, and Popular Culture* and *The Big Top on the Big Screen: Explorations of the Circus in Film*.

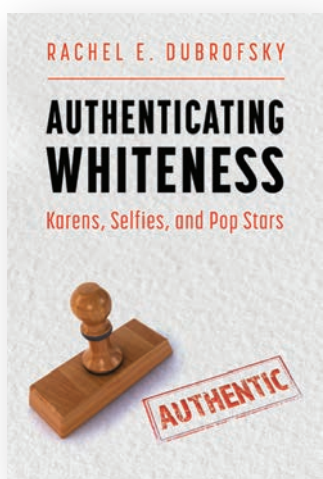
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Dubrofsky argues that this way of making white people appear authentic is a strategy of whiteness, requiring attentiveness to the context of white supremacy in which the presentations unfold. The volume details how ideas about what is natural, good, and wholesome are reified in media, showing how these values are implicitly racialized. Additionally, the project details how white women are presented as particularly authentic when they seem to lose agency by expressing affect through emotional and bodily displays.

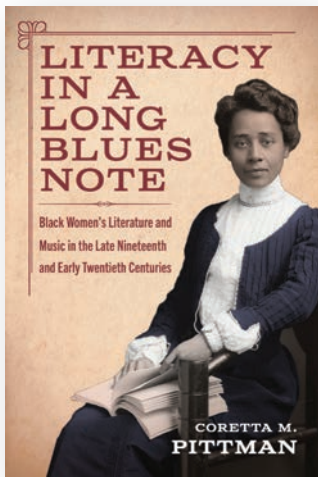
The chapters examine a range of popular media—newspaper articles about Donald J. Trump, a selfie taken at Auschwitz, music videos by Miley Cyrus, the television series *UnREAL*, the infamous video of Amy Cooper calling the police on an innocent Black man, and the documentary *Miss Americana*—pinpointing patterns that cut across media to explore the implications for the larger culture in which they exist. At its heart, the book asks: Who gets to be authentic? And what are the implications?

Rachel E. Dubrofsky is associate professor in the Department of Communication at the University of South Florida. She is author of *The Surveillance of Women on Reality Television: Watching "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette"* and coeditor of the collection *Feminist Surveillance Studies*.

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Literacy in a Long Blues Note: Black Women’s Literature and Music in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries traces the evolution of Black women’s literacy practices from 1892 to 1934. A dynamic chronological study, the book explores how Black women public intellectuals, creative writers, and classic blues singers sometimes utilize singular but other times overlapping forms of literacies to engage in debates on race.

The book begins with Anna J. Cooper’s philosophy on race literature as one method for social advancement. From there, author Coretta M. Pittman discusses women from the Woman’s and New Negro Eras, including but not limited to Angelina Weld Grimké, Gertrude “Ma” Rainey, and Zora Neale Hurston. The volume closes with an exploration of Victoria Spivey’s blues philosophy. The women examined in this book employ forms of transformational, transactional, or specular literacy to challenge systems of racial oppression.

By including Black women from various social classes and ideological positions, Pittman reveals alternative visions of racial uplift. Ultimately, the volume details the agency and literacy practices of these influential women.

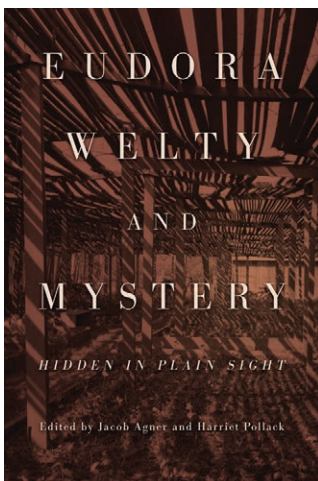
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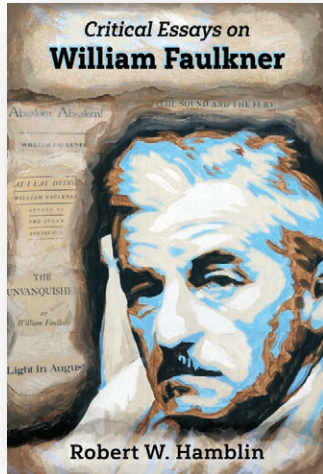
Jacob Agner is a PhD candidate in English at the University of Mississippi. As a recipient of the Eudora Welty Research Fellowship, he has examined the writer’s correspondence for connections to film history and film noir.

Harriet Pollack, College of Charleston, is author of *Eudora Welty’s Fiction and Photography: The Body of the Other Woman* and editor of numerous essay collections including *New Essays on Eudora Welty, Class, and Race; Eudora Welty, Whiteness, and Race; and Emmett Till in Literary Memory and Imagination* (with Christopher Metress). She now serves as editor of University Press of Mississippi’s book series *Critical Perspectives on Eudora Welty*.

Critical Essays on William Faulkner

Robert W. Hamblin

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Taken as a whole, Hamblin’s essays suggest that Faulkner’s overarching themes relate to time and consequent change. The history of Faulkner’s Yoknapatawpha stretches from the arrival of the white settlers on the Mississippi frontier in the early 1800s to the beginnings of the civil rights movement in the 1940s. Caught in this world of continual change that produces a great degree of uncertainty and ambivalence, the Faulkner character (and reader) must weigh the traditions of the past with the demands of the present and the future.

Robert W. Hamblin is professor emeritus of English and founding director of the Center for Faulkner Studies at Southeast Missouri State University. He has authored or edited nineteen books on Faulkner, including *A William Faulkner Encyclopedia*; *Myself and the World: A Biography of William Faulkner*, published by University Press of Mississippi; and *My Life with Faulkner and Brodsky*.

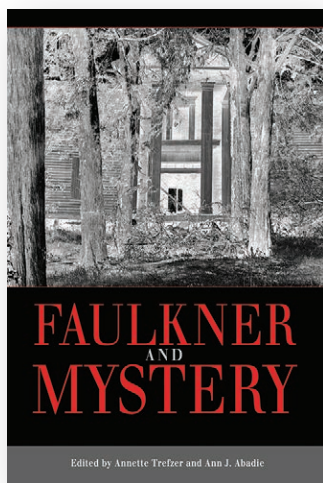
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Scholars scrutinize Faulkner’s use of the contemporary crime and detection genre as well as novels that deepen a plot rather than solve it. Several essays are dedicated to exploring the narrative strategies and ideological functions of Faulkner’s take on the detective story, the classic “whodunit.” Among Faulkner’s novels most interested in the format of detection is *Intruder in the Dust*, which assumes a central role in this essay collection.

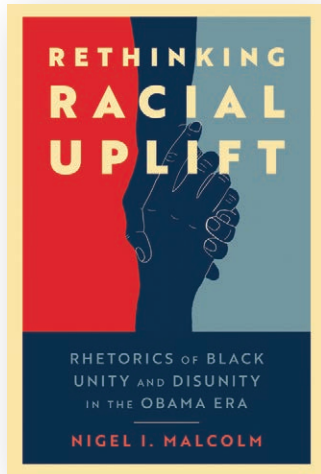
Other contributors explore the thickening mysteries of racial and sexual identity, particularly the enigmatic nature of his female and African American characters. Questions of insight, cognition, and judgment in Faulkner’s work are also at the center of essays that explore his storytelling techniques, plot development, and the inscrutability of language itself.

Annette Trefzer is professor of English at the University of Mississippi. She is author of *Exposing Mississippi: Eudora Welty’s Photographic Reflections* and *Disturbing Indians: The Archaeology of Southern Fiction* and coeditor of *Global Faulkner*; *Faulkner’s Sexualities*; *Faulkner and Formalism: Returns of the Text*; and *Faulkner and the Native South*, all published by University Press of Mississippi, and her work has appeared in many journals. **Ann J. Abadie** is former associate director of the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi and coeditor of numerous scholarly collections from the Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha Conference.

Rethinking Racial Uplift

Rhetorics of Black Unity and Disunity in the Obama Era

Nigel I. Malcolm



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In 1903, W. E. B. Du Bois wrote about the Talented Tenth in an influential essay of the same name. The concept exalted college-educated Blacks who Du Bois believed could provide the race with the guidance it needed to surmount slavery, segregation, and oppression in America. Although Du Bois eventually reassessed this idea, the rhetoric of the Talented Tenth resonated, still holding sway over a hundred years later.

In *Rethinking Racial Uplift: Rhetorics of Black Unity and Disunity in the Obama Era*, author Nigel I. Malcolm asserts that in the post-civil rights era, racial uplift has been redefined not as Black public intellectuals lifting the masses but as individuals securing advantage for themselves and their children. Malcolm examines six best-selling books published during Obama's presidency—including Randall Kennedy's *Sellout*, Bill Cosby's and Alvin Poussaint's *Come on People*, and Ta-Nehisi Coates's *Between the World and Me*—and critically analyzes their rhetorics on Black unity, disunity, and the so-called “postracial” era. Based on these writings and the work of political and social scientists, Malcolm shows that a large, often-ignored percentage of Blacks no longer see their fate as connected with that of other African Americans.

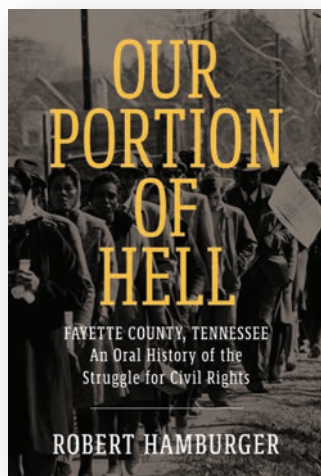
While many Black intellectuals and activists seek to provide a justification for Black solidarity, not all agree. In *Rethinking Racial Uplift*, Malcolm takes contemporary Black public intellectual discourse seriously and shows that disunity among Blacks, a previously ignored topic, is worth exploring.

Nigel I. Malcolm is associate professor of communication at Keene State College. He is author of *One More River to Cross: The Therapeutic Rhetoric of Race in the Post-Civil Rights Era*.

Our Portion of Hell

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Our Portion of Hell: Fayette County, Tennessee: An Oral History of the Struggle for Civil Rights offers an unrivalled account of how a rural Black community drew together to combat the immense forces aligned against them. Author Robert Hamburger first visited Fayette County as part of a student civil rights project in 1965 and, in 1971, set out to document the history of the grassroots movement there.

Beginning in 1959, Black residents in Fayette County attempting to register to vote were met with brutal resistance from the white community. Sharecropping families whose names appeared on voter registration rolls were evicted from their homes and their possessions tossed by the roadside. These dispossessed families lived for months in tents on muddy fields, as Fayette County became a “tent city” that attracted national attention. The white community created a blacklist culled from voter registration rolls, and those whose names appeared on the list were denied food, gas, and every imaginable service at shops, businesses, and gas stations throughout the county.

Hamburger conducted months of interviews with residents of the county, inviting speakers to recall childhood experiences in the “Old South” and to explain what inspired them to take a stand against the oppressive system that dominated life in Fayette County. Their stories, told in their own words, make up the narrative of *Our Portion of Hell*.

This reprint edition includes twenty-nine documentary photographs. In a new afterword, Hamburger discusses the making of the book and reflects upon the difficult truth that many of the core issues that inspired the civil rights struggle remain as urgent as ever.

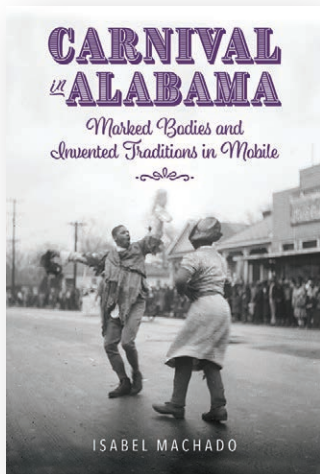
Robert Hamburger is author of six books ranging from oral history, personal journalism, biography, and travel memoir to fiction. He is the recipient of two NEH research awards, three Fulbright teaching fellowships (France, New Delhi, Kolkata), three residencies at the MacDowell Artists Colony, and a New York Foundation of the Arts award in creative nonfiction.

Carnival in Alabama

Marked Bodies and Invented Traditions in Mobile

Isabel Machado

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Mobile was a quintessential boomtown during World War II. That prosperity was followed by a period of rapid urban decline and subsequent attempts at revitalizing (or gentrifying) its downtown area. As in many other US cities, urban renewal, integration, and other socioeconomic developments led to white flight, marginalized the African American population, and set the stage for the development of LGBTQ+ community building and subculture. Yet these usually segregated segments of society in Mobile converged once a year to create a common identity, that of a Carnival City.

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Isabel Machado specializes in the fields of gender and sexuality studies and celebration studies, focusing more specifically on carnivals and drag competitions. She has published articles in *Oral History Journal*, *Journal of Festive Studies*, *O Olho da História*, and *Study the South*.

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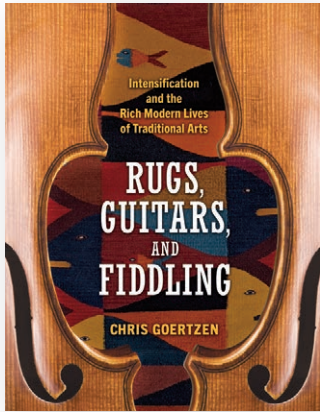
During the formative years of jazz (1890–1917), the Creoles of Color—as they were then called—played a significant role in the development of jazz as teachers, bandleaders, instrumentalists, singers, and composers. They played and/or sang classical, military, and dance music, as well as popular songs and *cantiques* that incorporated African, European, and Caribbean elements decades before early jazz appeared. In *Jazz à la Creole: French Creole Music and the Birth of Jazz*, author Caroline Vézina describes the music played by the Afro-Creole community since the arrival of enslaved Africans in La Louisiane, then a French colony, at the beginning of the eighteenth century, emphasizing the many cultural exchanges that led to the development of jazz.

Vézina has compiled and analyzed a broad scope of primary sources found in diverse locations from New Orleans to Quebec City, Washington, DC, New York City, and Chicago. A closer look at their musical practices indicates that the Creoles sang and improvised music and/or lyrics of Creole songs, and that some were part of their professional repertoire. As such, they belong to the Black American and the Franco-American folk music traditions that reflect the rich cultural heritage of Louisiana.

Caroline Vézina is an independent scholar specializing in the study of music and culture. Based in Montréal, she split her time between her hometown and New Orleans for many years to further her research on the music of the French Creoles.

Rugs, Guitars, and Fiddling

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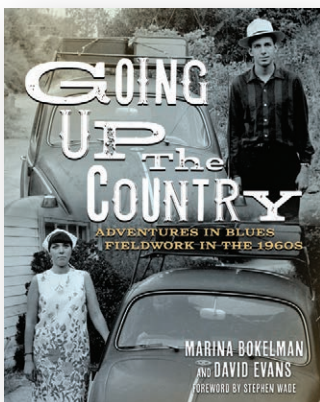
What do exotic area rugs, handcrafted steel-string guitars, and fiddling have in common today? Many contemporary tradition bearers embrace complexity in form and content. They construct objects and performances that draw on the past and evoke nostalgia effectively but also reward close attention. In *Rugs, Guitars, and Fiddling: Intensification and the Rich Modern Lives of Traditional Arts*, author Chris Goertzen argues that this entails three types of change that can be grouped under an umbrella term: intensification. Rugs handwoven in southern Mexico, luthier-made guitars, and southern US fiddle styles experience parallel changes, all absorbing just enough of the complex flavors, dynamics, and rhythms of modern life to translate inherited folklore into traditions that can be widely celebrated today. Intensification helps make crafts and traditional performances more accessible and understandable and thus more effective.

Chris Goertzen is professor of music history and world music at the University of Southern Mississippi. His books include *Fiddling for Norway: Revival and Identity*; *Southern Fiddlers and Fiddle Contests*; *Made in Mexico: Tradition, Tourism, and Political Ferment in Oaxaca*; *George P. Knauff’s “Virginia Reels” and the History of American Fiddling*; and *American Antebellum Fiddling*, the latter four published by University Press of Mississippi.

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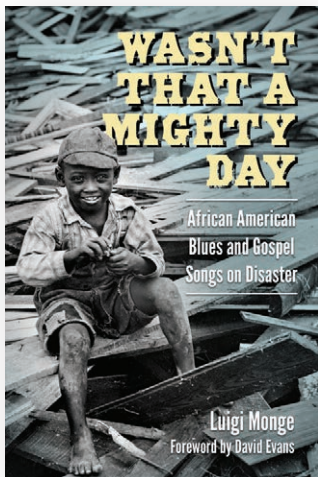
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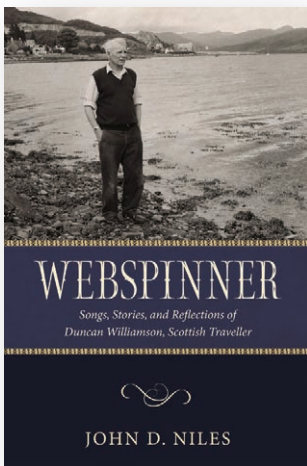
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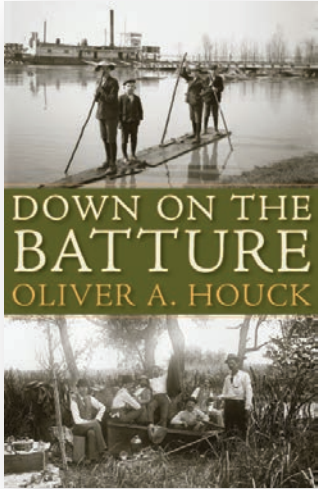
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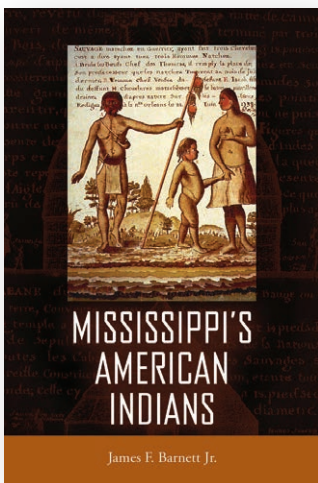
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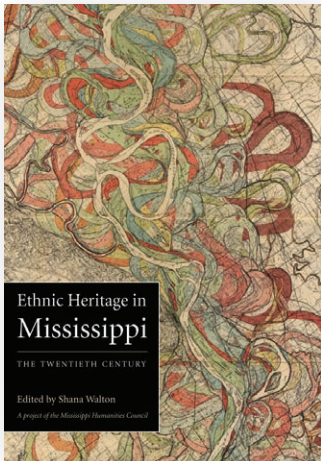
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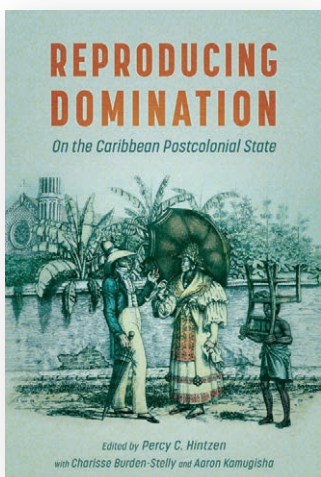
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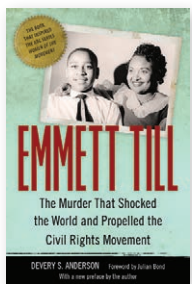
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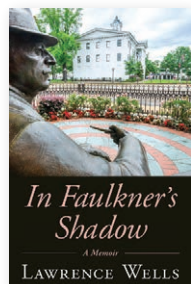
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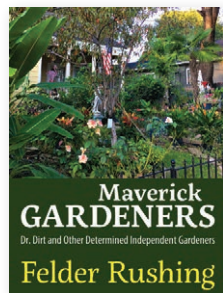
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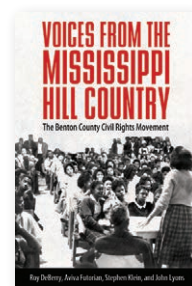
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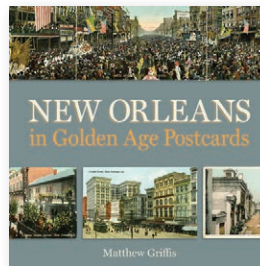
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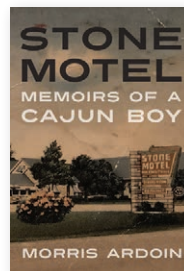
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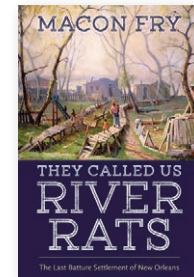
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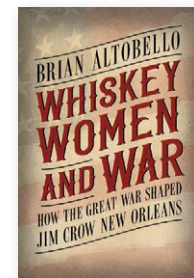
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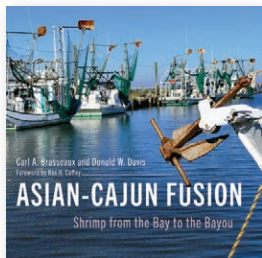
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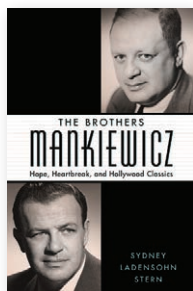
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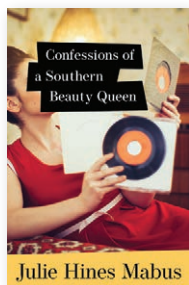
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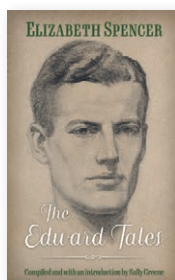
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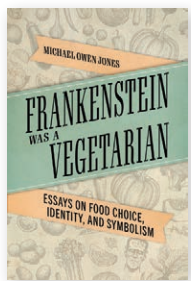
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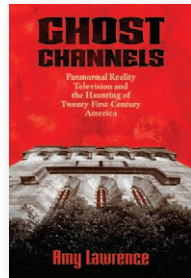


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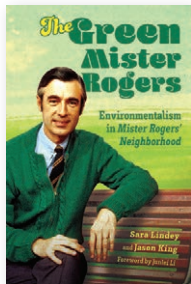


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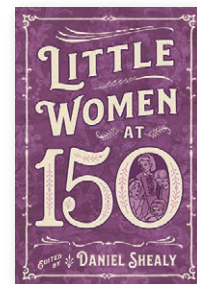


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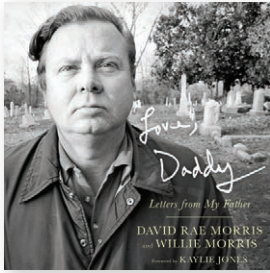


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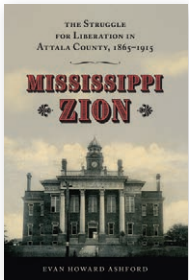
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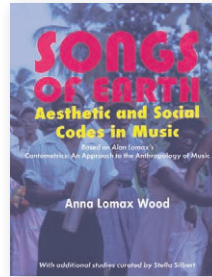
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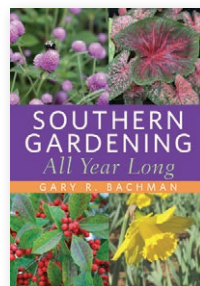
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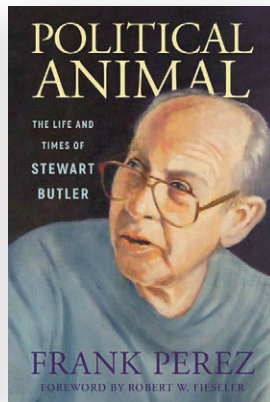
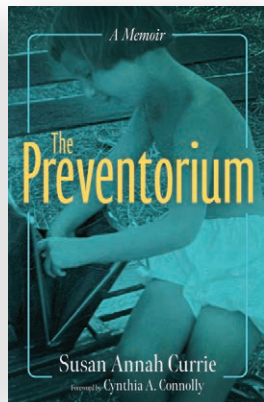
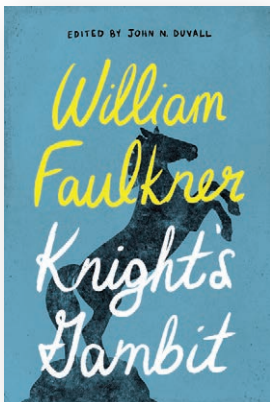
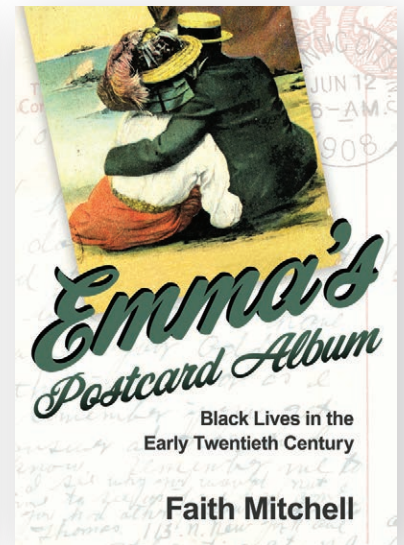
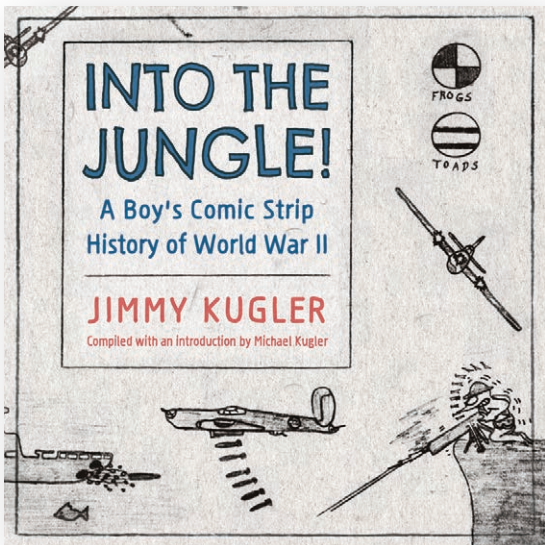
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