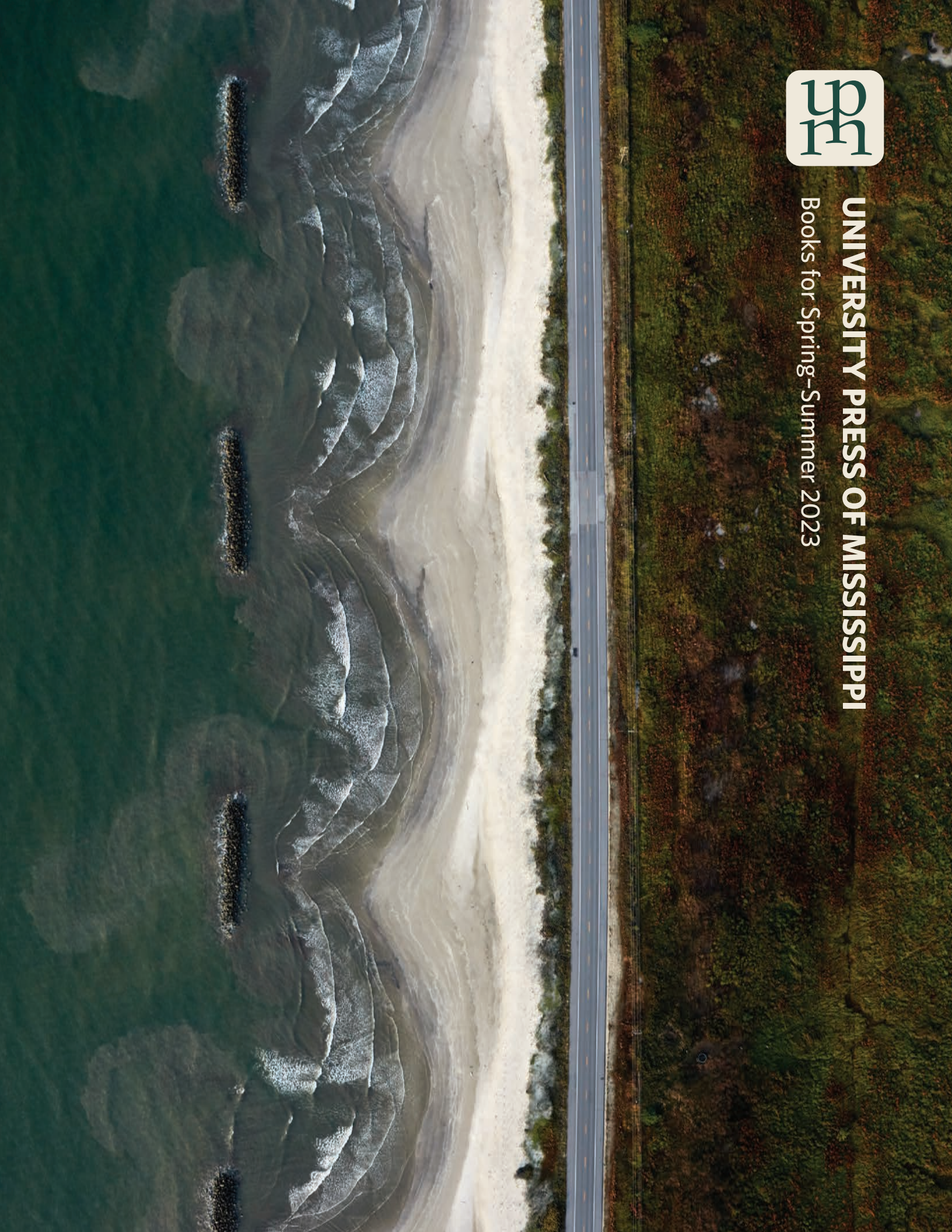




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reality*

The fall and holiday season in the South are beautiful times of the year. As the sweltering heat of summer gives way to the sweetness of autumn, many feel inspired to decorate their homes for the upcoming harvest and holidays.

James DelPrince, floriculture expert at Mississippi State University Extension Service, collaborated with horticulturists Tricia Knight, Christine Coker, and Christian Stephenson to create *The Promise of Good Things: Floral Design for the Fall and Winter Holiday Season*. This heavily illustrated book is full of ideas for bringing the promise of plenty into your home and landscape.

Deep crimson and gingery-orange flowers fill flower shop windows as flower and garden enthusiasts daydream about pumpkins and floral designs in the burnished colors of fall. Nurseries and plant farms offer bronze mums, pansies, and kale in jewel tones of royal purple, rose, and gold. Brimming with designs, examples, and how-to advice, these pages offer inspiration to those who want their homes to feel synchronous with the beloved and highly anticipated crisp weather of the season.

James DelPrince grows, harvests, processes, arranges, designs, styles, and composts flowers for a living. **Tricia Knight** has spent most of her career serving the green industry through research including all aspects of plant production and plant evaluation. **Christine Coker** is Research and Extension Professor of Urban Horticulture at Mississippi State University. Based in Biloxi, her interests intersect at the dinner table connecting production and consumption of vegetable crops. **Christian Stephenson** works as an extension agent in Hancock County, Mississippi. **Kevin Hudson** is a photographer for the Mississippi State University Extension Service.

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A Slow, Calculated Lynching

The Story of Clyde Kennard

Devery S. Anderson

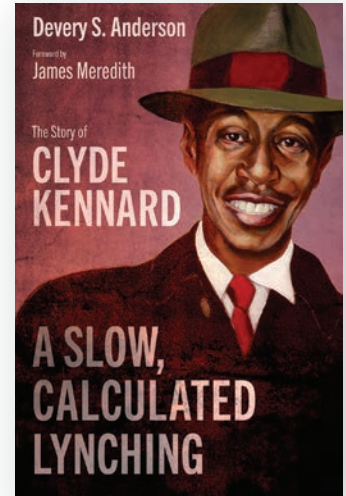
Foreword by James Meredith

In the years following *Brown v. Board of Education*, countless Black citizens endured violent resistance and even death while fighting for their constitutional rights. One of those citizens, Clyde Kennard (1927–1963), a Korean War veteran and civil rights leader from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, attempted repeatedly to enroll at the all-white Mississippi Southern College—now the University of Southern Mississippi—in the late 1950s.

In *A Slow, Calculated Lynching: The Story of Clyde Kennard*, Devery S. Anderson tells the story of a man who paid the ultimate price for trying to attend a white college during Jim Crow. Rather than facing conventional vigilantes, he opposed the governor, the Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission, and other high-ranking entities willing to stop at nothing to deny his dreams. In this comprehensive and extensively researched biography, Anderson examines the relentless subterfuge against Kennard, including the cruelly successful attempts to frame him—once for a misdemeanor and then for a felony. This second conviction resulted in a sentence of seven years hard labor at Mississippi State Penitentiary, forever disqualifying him from attending a state-sponsored school. While imprisoned, he developed cancer, was denied care, then sadly died six months after the governor commuted his sentence. In this prolonged lynching, Clyde Kennard was robbed of his ambitions and ultimately his life, but his final days and legacy reject the notion that he was powerless.

Anderson highlights the resolve of friends and fellow activists to posthumously restore his name. Those who fought against him, and later for him, link a story of betrayal and redemption, chronicling the worst and best in southern race relations. The redemption was not only a symbolic one for Kennard but proved healing for the entire state. He was gone, but countless others still benefit from Kennard's legacy and the biracial, bipartisan effort he inspired.

Devery S. Anderson's *Emmett Till: The Murder That Shocked the World and Propelled the Civil Rights Movement* was the basis for the ABC limited television series *Women of the Movement*. Anderson is editor or coeditor of four books related to Mormons and the West, two of which won the Steven F. Christensen Award for Best Documentary from the Mormon History Association in 2006.



The harrowing yet pivotal story of a brilliant integration advocate

“*A Slow, Calculated Lynching: The Story of Clyde Kennard* makes a vital and timely contribution to our understanding of how the courage of everyday people can wield immense influence. Through the life of war veteran and farmer Clyde Kennard, readers will vividly see how the sacrifices of a few can change lives for the many.”
—Meta G. Carstarphen, Gaylord Family Endowed Professor at Gaylord College of Journalism & Mass Communication, University of Oklahoma

“Clyde Kennard is known to scholars of the civil rights movement, but his name is not familiar to most Americans. It needs to be. He paved the way for many, and some, like me, learned from his mistakes as well as his perseverance. My hope is that this book goes a long way in finally giving Clyde Kennard his due.”
—from the foreword by James Meredith

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Since Sylvia Plath's death in 1963, she has become the subject of a constant stream of books, biographies, and articles. She has been hailed as a groundbreaking poet for her starkly beautiful poems in *Ariel* and as a brilliant forerunner of the feminist coming-of-age novel in her semiautobiographical *The Bell Jar*. Each new biography has offered insight and sources with which to measure Plath's life and influence. *Sylvia Plath Day by Day*, a two-volume series, offers a distillation of life's abundance without the inherent bias of a narrative.

Volume 1 commences with Plath's birth in Boston in 1932, records her response to her elementary and high school years, her entry into Smith College, and her breakdown and suicide attempt, and ends on February 14, 1955, the day she wrote to Ruth Cohen, principal of Newnham College, Cambridge, to accept admission as an "affiliated student at Newnham College to read for the English Tripos."

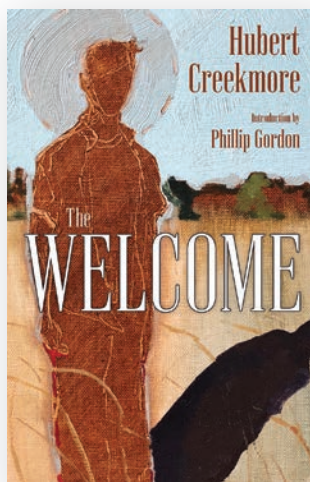
Sylvia Plath Day by Day is for readers of all kinds with a wide variety of interests in the woman and her work. The entries are suitable for dipping into and can be read in a minute or an hour. Ranging over several sources, including Plath's diaries, journals, letters, stories, and other prose and poetry—including new material and archived material rarely seen by readers—a fresh kaleidoscopic view of the writer emerges.

Carl Rollyson is professor emeritus of journalism at Baruch College, CUNY. He is author of many biographies, including *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*.

The Welcome

Hubert Creekmore

Introduction by Phillip Gordon



A new edition of the important, long out-of-print novel by a nearly forgotten Mississippi author

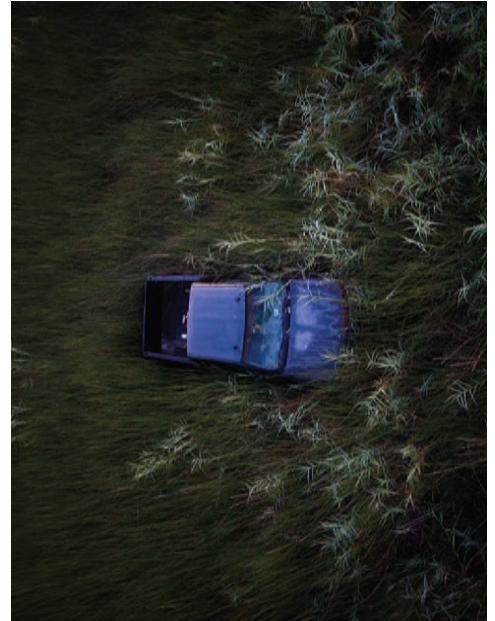
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Ashton, Mississippi, provides the deceptively sterile, conforming, and blindly respectable background in *The Welcome*, a novel written by Hubert Creekmore in 1948. After moving to New York following Jim's wedding, Don returns home, routed by the Depression of the 1930s. He finds Jim stuck in an unhappy marriage, and Don's arrival intensifies Jim's misery. As Jim sinks into alcoholism, Don connects with a new love interest, and their mutual friends persistently try to unlock the secrets between Don and Jim.

Ahead of its time in the depiction of same-sex relationships, the novel caused a scandal upon release. As Phillip "Pip" Gordon says in the new introduction written for this edition, "the majority of gay fiction prior to *The Welcome* structured tragedy as a natural outcome for being gay. Creekmore aimed higher and sought a narrative that does not show the same-sex lovers as flawed for their desires; rather, the problem is context."

Creekmore was a prolific writer, literary critic, editor, translator, photographer, and librettist, and was good friends with famed Mississippi author Eudora Welty. However, Creekmore never had the success of his peers, and his work has been neglected, most of it falling out of print. This new edition recovers a significant addition to the canon of LGBTQ southern literature and a Mississippi author for a generation of new readers and scholars.

Hubert Creekmore (1907–1966) was an American poet and author from Water Valley, Mississippi. He is author of *Personal Sun: The Early Poems of Hubert Creekmore*; *The Stone Ants*; *The Fingers of the Night*; *The Long Reprieve and Other Poems of New Caledonia*; *Formula*; *The Chain in the Heart*; *Lyrics of the Middle Ages*; and *Daffodils Are Dangerous*, among other publications.



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Tide Lines

A Photographic Record of Louisiana's Disappearing Coast

Ben Depp

Introduction by Monique Verdin

In *Tide Lines: A Photographic Record of Louisiana's Disappearing Coast*, Ben Depp's photographs capture the beauty, complexity, and rapid destruction of south Louisiana. Once formed by sediment deposited by the Mississippi River, the Louisiana coast is now quickly eroding. Two thousand square miles of wetlands have returned to open water over the past eighty years.

Depp's photographs communicate weather and seasonal changes—like the shifting high-water line, color temperature, and softness of light. A careful observer will notice coastal flora and distinguish living cypress trees from those that have been killed by saltwater intrusion, or see the patterns made by wave energy on barrier island beaches and sediment carried through freshwater diversions from the Mississippi River.

With a powered paraglider, Depp flies between ten and ten thousand feet above the ground. He spends hours in the air, camera in hand, waiting for the brief moments when the first rays of sunlight mix with cool predawn light and illuminate forms in the grass, or when evening light sculpts fragments of marsh and geometric patterns of human enterprise—canals, oil platforms, pipelines, and roads. Featuring an introduction by Monique Verdin and over fifty color images, *Tide Lines* is an intense bird's-eye survey that depicts south Louisiana from an unfamiliar perspective, prompting the viewer to reconsider the value of this vanishing, otherworldly landscape.

Ben Depp is an artist and National Geographic Society Explorer whose work centers on the environment. Using a powered paraglider and a nineteen-foot wooden sailboat to access remote parts of Louisiana, Depp documents coastal erosion from a new perspective.

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Stunning aerial photos that reveal Louisiana's vanishing landscape



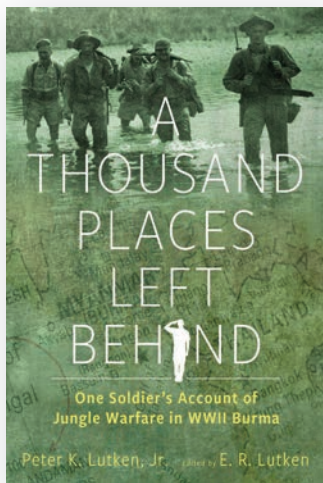
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A Thousand Places Left Behind

One Soldier's Account of Jungle Warfare in WWII Burma

Peter K. Lutken, Jr.

Edited by E. R. Lutken



A veteran's harrowing remembrance of jungle warfare and intelligence operations

June 272 pages (approx.), 6 x 9 inches,
51 b&w illustrations, 4 maps
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Born and raised in Mississippi, Peter K. Lutken, Jr. (1920–2014) joined the army in 1941 and was assigned to the Coast Artillery. Originally sent to India to guard airfields, he was reassigned to the British V Force, then the American OSS (Office of Strategic Services and precursor to the CIA) after he volunteered for reconnaissance missions behind Japanese lines. Skills he had learned as a boy in the backwoods and swamps around the Pearl River stood him in good stead, and by the end of the war, he attained the rank of major, commanding an entire battalion of ethnic Kachins and other local people of northern Burma (now called Myanmar).

Lutken's stories carry the reader along as he sails on a troop ship to India, then treks into the mountainous jungles of northern Burma to gather intelligence and engage in guerrilla warfare with the Japanese. In his straightforward way, he describes how he learned the language of the Kachins and much about their customs and legends, and how he fought alongside them for the course of the war.

Based on hundreds of pages of transcripts from tapes recorded late in his life, *A Thousand Places Left Behind* recounts the untold story not just of one soldier's experiences, but of the little-known history of American and British forces in Burma during World War II. Supported by original maps based on Lutken's personal travels as well as photographs from his scrapbook, the book traces Lutken's journey overseas, his expeditions into the jungle, and his return to Jackson, Mississippi, in 1945. It tells a remarkable story of bravery, friendship, history, and the unbreakable bonds forged in times of war.

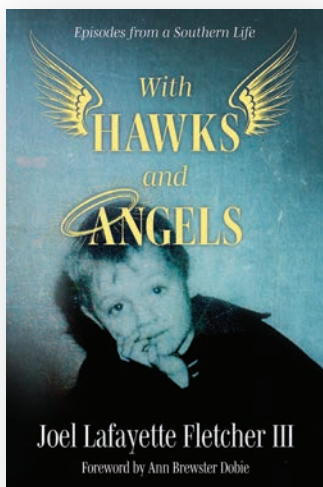
Peter K. Lutken, Jr. (1920–2014) was a veteran of World War II, serving in the OSS in Burma. After the war, he attended Harvard Business School and then worked as a businessman in Mississippi and later in Texas. **E. R. Lutken** is author of a poetry collection, *Manifold: poetry of mathematics*, and her poems have appeared in journals and anthologies.

With Hawks and Angels

Episodes from a Southern Life

Joel Lafayette Fletcher III

Foreword by Ann Brewster Dobie



A funny, fascinating chronicle of a privileged misfit from Louisiana and the journey for self that took him around the world

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"Joel Lafayette Fletcher's memoir is a moving account of the emotional journey of a young, white southern boy battling the changing social currents of the last sixty years of the twentieth century."

—Michael Wade, professor emeritus of history at Appalachian State University

With Hawks and Angels: Episodes from a Southern Life chronicles the fortunate life of a man born in the Cajun country of Louisiana and his interaction with the three distinct parts of his home state: the swampy, laissez-faire South where he was born, the red clay hills and piney woods of northern Louisiana where his relatives lived, and exotic New Orleans, where he was educated.

Author Joel Lafayette Fletcher III examines his childhood on the campus of what is now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette where his father, Joel Lafayette Fletcher Jr., was president for twenty-five years, to his time as a student at Tulane. The book follows Fletcher through his service as a naval officer—when he began to admit to himself, accept, and explore who he really was—to his life in Europe and, eventually, Virginia where he now resides. *With Hawks and Angels* intimately explores the life of a young man growing up in the racially segregated Deep South while coming to terms with being gay at a time when being out was not socially acceptable.

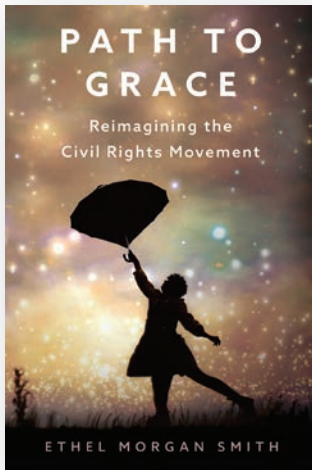
Based on his personal journals and recollections and filled with the unique characters he met along the way, *With Hawks and Angels* is the culmination of writing that, for Fletcher, was a way of holding onto an important part of his true self that for many years he felt compelled to hide.

Joel Lafayette Fletcher III served as an officer in the US Navy and lived abroad for a dozen years. He co-owned a language school in Florence, Italy, and worked in the field of educational exchange in Paris and London. For the past forty-plus years, he has been an art dealer specializing in American and European art of the twentieth century.

Path to Grace

Reimagining the Civil Rights Movement

Ethel Morgan Smith



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“*Path to Grace* is a much-needed complement to the history of the civil rights movement, restoring and highlighting many important and unforgettable people that must not remain forgotten, omitted, and unsung.”
—Daryl Cumber Dance, professor emerita of English at University of Richmond

The civil rights movement is often defined narrowly, relegated to the 1950s and 1960s and populated by such colossal figures as Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks. Many forget that the movement was bigger than the figures on the frontline and that it grew from intellectual and historical efforts that continue today. In *Path to Grace*, author Ethel Morgan Smith shines light on unsung heroes of the civil rights movement, the ordinary citizens working behind the scenes to make an impact in their communities.

Through eleven original interviews, Smith highlights the contributions these figures made to the civil rights movement. *Path to Grace* introduces readers to new witnesses and largely neglected voices. Also included are interviews with such esteemed but less studied figures as writer Gloria Naylor, poet Nikki Giovanni, fashion designer Ann Lowe, and educator Constance Curry.

Through historical contextualization and an analysis of contemporary sociopolitical events, *Path to Grace* celebrates the contributions of some of the individuals, generation after generation, who worked to make the United States better for all its citizens.

Ethel Morgan Smith is author of two books: *From Whence Cometh My Help: The African American Community at Hollins College* and *Reflections of the Other: Being Black in Germany*. Her essay “Love Means Nothing” won the Mid-Atlantic Art Foundation Prize. “We Ready” was a finalist for the Jeanne M. Lieby Prize and is published in the *Florida Review*. She has also published in the *New York Times*, *Callaloo*, and *African American Review*.

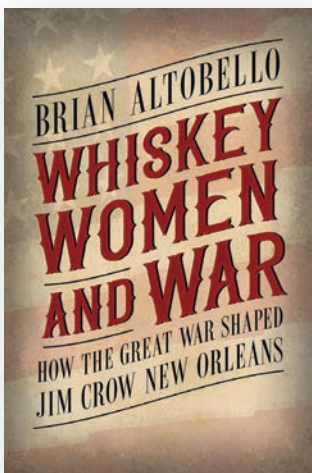
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Brian Altobello received his undergraduate and graduate degrees in US history from Louisiana State University. He is an educational consultant in New Orleans—area schools, lecturer on the American Queen Steamboat Cruise Line, and author of *Into the Shadows Furious: The Brutal Battle for New Georgia*.

To Dance, to Live

A Biography of Thalia Mara

Carolyn J. Brown in collaboration with Carla S. Wall

Foreword by Leanne Mahoney

Afterword by Mona Nicholas



A moving biography of a dancer, teacher, and arts patron recognized internationally for her efforts in dance education and for bringing world-class ballet to Mississippi

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Thalia Mara's story spans the history of dance in the twentieth century and the rise of the arts in her adopted city of Jackson, Mississippi. As an adolescent Mara (1911–2003) studied with renowned Russian teacher Adolph Bolm, who recommended she go at age sixteen to Paris for further study. During a tour in Europe and South America, she met her partner in dance and life, Arthur Mahoney, and they dazzled the world with their breath-taking performances during the 1930s and '40s. Later they started two schools of dance in New York City, but despite much success, they closed due to lack of funding. That misfortune, however, was Jackson's boon, as it led Mara to the second phase of her career: reviving the Jackson Ballet Company and bringing the USA International Ballet Competition (IBC) to the state.

Thalia Mara was recognized at the end of her life not only for the USA IBC's decision to locate in Jackson, but also for her efforts as a patron of the arts. Her extraordinary fundraising and planning attracted international performers to the city in the 1980s and '90s. *To Dance, to Live: A Biography of Thalia Mara* gives the first full account of a life devoted to the arts.

Carolyn J. Brown is author of *The Artist's Sketch: A Biography of Painter Kate Freeman Clark* and the award-winning biographies *A Daring Life: A Biography of Eudora Welty* and *Song of My Life: A Biography of Margaret Walker* and coeditor of *A de Grummond Primer: Highlights of the Children's Literature Collection*, all published by University Press of Mississippi. Find her at www.carolynjbrown.net. **Carla S. Wall**, a consultant in communications and public relations, has served on boards for theater, visual arts, ballet, and community organizations. She edited *Art to Life: Welty and Theatre* by art historian Patti Carr Black.

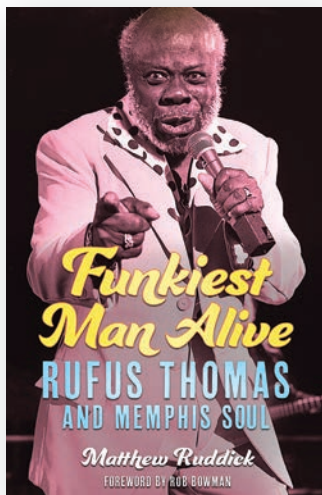
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Funkiest Man Alive

Rufus Thomas and Memphis Soul

Matthew Ruddick

Foreword by Rob Bowman



The lively story of the rise of R&B in Memphis through the eyes of one of its powerhouses

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Rufus Thomas may not be a household name, but he is widely regarded as the patriarch of Memphis R&B, and his music influenced three generations. His first singles in the early 1950s were recorded as blues transitioned into R&B, and he was arguably one of the founding fathers of early rock 'n' roll. In the early 1960s, his songs "The Dog" and "Walking the Dog" made a huge impact on the emerging British "mod" scene, influencing the likes of the Georgie Fame, the Rolling Stones, and the Who. And in the early 1970s, Thomas rebranded himself as the "funkiest man alive" and recorded funk classics that were later sampled by the likes of Public Enemy, Missy Elliot, and the Wu-Tang Clan.

In *Funkiest Man Alive: Rufus Thomas and Memphis Soul*, Matthew Ruddick reveals the amazing life and career of Thomas, who started as a dancer in the minstrel shows that toured the South before becoming one of the nation's early African American disc jockeys, and then going on to record the first hit singles for both Chess Records and Stax Records. Ruddick also examines the social fabric of the city of Memphis, analyzing the factors behind the vast array of talent that appeared in the late 1950s, with singers like Isaac Hayes, William Bell, Maurice White (Earth, Wind & Fire), and Thomas's older daughter, Carla Thomas, all emerging from the tightly knit African American community. From the earliest blues, the segregated minstrel shows, and the birth of rock 'n' roll through to the emergence of R&B and funk, Rufus Thomas saw it all.

Matthew Ruddick is cofounder and editor of the jazz website Kind of Jazz (www.kindofjazz.com) and has worked as a music critic for a variety of publications, including *Beats* magazine in Hong Kong. He is also author of *Funny Valentine: The Story of Chet Baker*, which was published to widespread acclaim in 2012.

Jack Kent

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Paul V. Allen



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Jack Kent (1920–1985) had two distinct and successful careers: newspaper cartoonist and author of children's books. For each of these he drew upon different aspects of his personality and life experiences. From 1950 to 1965 he wrote and drew *King Aroo*, a nationally syndicated comic strip beloved by fans for its combination of absurdity, fantasy, wordplay, and wit. The strip's DNA was comprised of things Kent loved—fairytales, nursery rhymes, vaudeville, *Krazy Kat*, foreign languages, and puns. In 1968, he published his first children's book, *Just Only John*, and began a career in kids' books that would result in over sixty published works, among them such classics as *The Fat Cat* and *There's No Such Thing as a Dragon*. Kent's stories for children were funny but often arose from the dark parts of his life—an itinerant childhood, an unfinished education, two harrowing tours of duty in World War II, and a persistent lack of confidence—and tackled such themes as rejection, isolation, self-doubt, and the desire for transformation.

Jack Kent: The Wit, Whimsy, and Wisdom of a Comic Storyteller illuminates how Kent's life experiences informed his art and his storytelling in both *King Aroo* and his children's books. Paul V. Allen draws from archival research, brand-new interviews, and in-depth examinations of Kent's work. Also included are many *King Aroo* comic strips that have never been reprinted in book form.

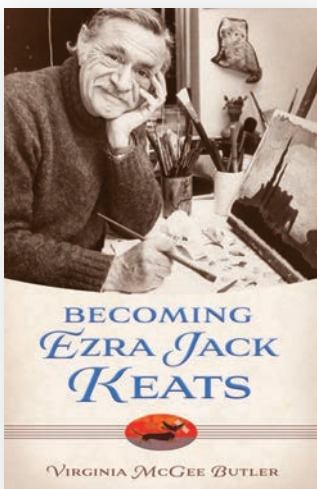
Paul V. Allen is author of *Eleanor Cameron: Dimensions of Amazement* and *I Can Read It All by Myself: The Beginner Books Story*, both published by University Press of Mississippi.

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Becoming Ezra Jack Keats

Virginia McGee Butler



The first full-length biography for adult readers of one of the most influential authors of children literature

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"Virginia McGee Butler has created a valuable illumination of Ezra Jack Keats's life, particularly his childhood and young adulthood. The portrait of the artist is vivid, as is the re-creation of the time and place in which Keats lived and created."

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"This loving portrait of Keats tells the story of his life as seen through his own eyes."

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Becoming Ezra Jack Keats offers the first complete biography of acclaimed children's author and illustrator Ezra Jack Keats (1916–1983) intended for adult readers. Drawing extensively from his unpublished autobiography and letters, *Becoming Ezra Jack Keats* covers the breadth of Keats's life, taking readers through his early years as the child of immigrant parents, his introduction to illustration and writing, and the full arc of his remarkable career.

Beyond a standard biography, this volume presents a time capsule of the political, social, and economic issues evolving during the span of Keats's lifetime. It also addresses his trailblazing commitment to representation and diversity, most notably in his work *The Snowy Day*, which won the Caldecott Medal as the first full-color picture book to feature a Black child as the protagonist. Keats far surpassed his father's prediction that he would be a starving artist. Instead, as shown in *Becoming Ezra Jack Keats*, he is now regarded as one of the most influential figures in children's literature.

Virginia McGee Butler is a writer and early childhood educator. Her research at the University of Southern Mississippi's de Grummond Children's Literature Collection has been used in *The Snowy Day* fiftieth-anniversary edition and in other scholarly works on Keats.

Starmaker

David O. Selznick and the Production of Stars in the Hollywood Studio System

Milan Hain



A thorough study of the legendary producer and his creative business savvy

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David O. Selznick (1902–1965) was one of the most prominent film producers of the Hollywood studio era, responsible for such artistic and commercial triumphs as *King Kong*, *David Copperfield*, *Anna Karenina*, *A Star Is Born*, *Gone with the Wind*, *Rebecca*, *Spellbound*, and *The Third Man*. However, film production was not his only domain. Starting in the late 1930s, he built an impressive stable of stars within his own independent company, including Ingrid Bergman, Vivien Leigh, Joan Fontaine, Jennifer Jones, and Gregory Peck.

In *Starmaker: David O. Selznick and the Production of Stars in the Hollywood Studio System*, author Milan Hain reveals the mechanisms by which Selznick and his collaborators discovered and promoted new stars and describes how these personalities were marketed, whether for financial gain or symbolic recognition and prestige. Using a wide range of archival materials, the book significantly complements and reshapes our understanding of Selznick's celebrated career by focusing on heretofore neglected aspects of his creative and business activities. It also sheds light on the US film industry during the Golden Age of Hollywood studios and in the postwar period when the established order began to break down. By structuring the book around Selznick and his role as a star-maker, Hain demonstrates that star production and development in the Hollywood studio system was a highly organized and systematic activity, though the respective strategies and procedures were often hidden from the public eye.

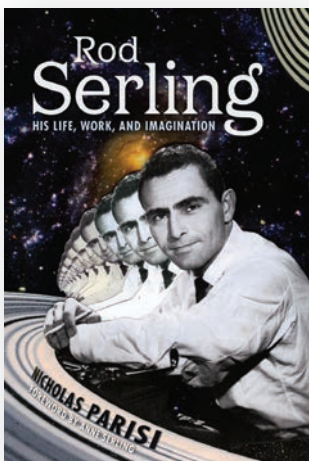
Milan Hain is assistant professor of film studies at Palacký University in Olomouc, Czech Republic. He is author or coauthor of five books and his work has appeared in such publications as the *Journal of Adaptation in Film and Performance*, *Czech and Slovak Journal of Humanities*, and *Jewish Film and New Media*.

Rod Serling

His Life, Work, and Imagination

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Nicholas Parisi serves as president of the Rod Serling Memorial Foundation. He has appeared on CBS's *Inside Edition*, *Coast to Coast AM*, and *Gilbert Gottfried's Amazing Colossal Podcast*. In 2010, his former band, Arioch, released a CD with the Serling-inspired title *Between Light and Shadow* on Retrospect Records.

Part of the Magic

A Collection of Disney-Inspired Brushes with Greatness
Bambi Moé



A behind-the-scenes look at some of Disney's greatest creative legends as told by an industry insider

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Part of the Magic: A Collection of Disney-Inspired Brushes with Greatness is a book of remarkable and wildly entertaining anecdotal stories told through the lens of an entertainment industry insider. Author Bambi Moé enjoyed a twenty-year career at the Walt Disney Company in charge of all aspects of music for Walt Disney Television Animation. Her name, vocation, and background gave her exceptional access to pop culture and entertainment giants. The book takes readers on a nonstop ride and keeps them riveted throughout extremely candid encounters shared here for the first time.

Moé's fascinating, true stories provide a rare insight into the creative process associated with music in animation and give readers a historical reference to the Walt Disney Company's burgeoning direct-to-video empire. Her career exemplifies the rewards often associated with hard work, perseverance, integrity, and the ability to recognize potential in others. Often the only woman in a male-dominated work environment, Moé's success will inspire young readers interested in pursuing a career in entertainment.

Part of the Magic invites readers to consider their own stories and recognize their own universality. Like a photo that captures life's moments and teaches us lessons, each of Moé's brushes with greatness serves as a reminder that we are all connected by reason of our own humanity. Her joy extends far beyond the original encounter and multiplies in the retelling of these stories.

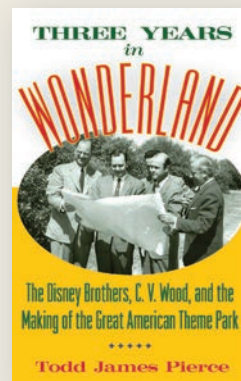
Bambi Moé spent twenty years working at Disney, after which she founded and co-owned Courgette Records, a multi-Grammy-nominated independent record label. She also created and hosted a series called *Composers on Composing*, developed music-centric programming for LA's PBS station KLCS-TV, and has been a part-time faculty member at California Polytechnic University, Pomona, having developed and taught a course curriculum for the Music Business Studies program.

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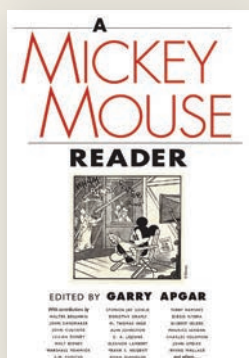
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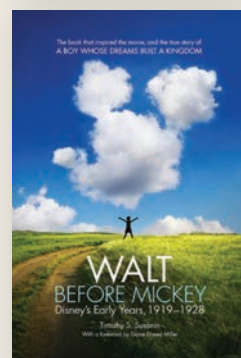
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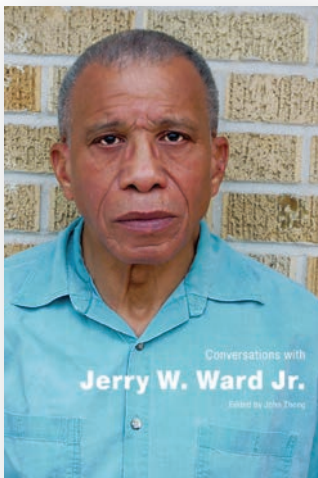
With roots in the American South, Beth Henley (b. 1952) has for four decades been a working playwright and screenwriter. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize in 1981 at the age of twenty-eight, Henley so far has written twenty-five produced plays that are always original, usually darkly comic, and often experimental. In these interviews, Henley speaks of the plays, from her early crowd-pleasers, *Crimes of the Heart* and *The Miss Firecracker Contest*, to her more experimental plays, including *The Debutante Ball* and *Control Freaks*, to her brilliant and time-bending play, *The Jacksonian*.

Henley is a master at writing about the duality of human experience—the beautiful and the grotesque, the cruel and the loving. This duality provokes in Henley both amazement and compassion. She discusses here not only her admiration for Chekhov and other influences, but also her process of bringing a play from notebooks of images and bits of dialogues through rumination, writing, and rewriting to rehearsals and previews. The interviews range from 1981, just before she won the Pulitzer Prize, to 2020 and cover nearly forty years of a creative life, which, as Henley remarks in the most recent interview, is “such a life worth living: to be in tune with the creative process.”

Jackson R. Bryer is professor emeritus of English at the University of Maryland, College Park. He is editor of *Conversations with Lillian Hellman* and *Conversations with Thornton Wilder* and coeditor of *Conversations with Neil Simon*, in University Press of Mississippi’s Literary Conversations Series. With Bryer, **Mary C. Hartig** is coeditor of *Conversations with Sam Shepard*; *Conversations with August Wilson* (both published by University Press of Mississippi); and *William Inge: Essays and Reminiscences on the Plays and the Man* and coauthor of *The Facts on File Companion to American Drama*.

Conversations with Jerry W. Ward Jr.

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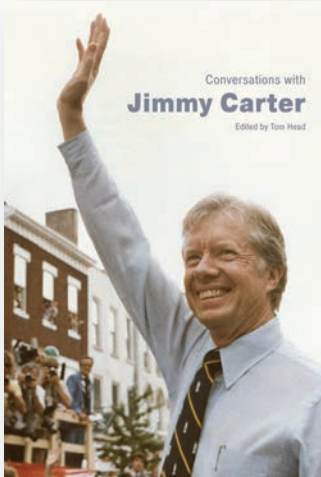
Jerry W. Ward Jr. (b. 1943) has published nonfiction, literary criticism, encyclopedias, anthologies, and poetry. Ward is also a highly respected scholar with a specialty in African American literature and has been recognized internationally as one of the leading experts on Richard Wright. Ward was Lawrence Durgin Professor of Literature at Tougaloo College, served as a member of both the Mississippi Humanities Council and the Mississippi Advisory Committee for the US Commission on Civil Rights, and cofounded the Richard Wright Circle and the *Richard Wright Newsletter*. He has won numerous awards, and in 2001 he was inducted into the International Literary Hall of Fame for Writers of African Descent.

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John Zheng is professor of English at Mississippi Valley State University and author of *A Way of Looking*, which won the Gerald Cable Book Award. He is also editor of *African American Haiku: Cultural Visions*; *The Other World of Richard Wright: Perspectives on His Haiku*; *Conversations with Dana Gioia*; and *Conversations with Sterling Plump* and coeditor of *Conversations with Gish Jen*, all published by University Press of Mississippi.

Conversations with Jimmy Carter

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When Jimmy Carter (b. 1924) lost the presidency in 1980, it would have been reasonable to think his public life was coming to an end. The moderate, evangelical, blue-jeans-wearing peanut farmer made an unlikely governor of Georgia, and an even less likely winner of the vicious 1976 Democratic presidential nomination. Coming into an era of American politics where evangelical and rural voters became increasingly identified with the Reagan revolution, and the Democratic Party’s identity became increasingly secular and urban by attrition, he did not fit neatly into the political categories of the emerging decade. But it was not politics that would define President Carter in the end: it would be his humble Christian faith and his enduring commitment to the poor, to peace, and to human rights.

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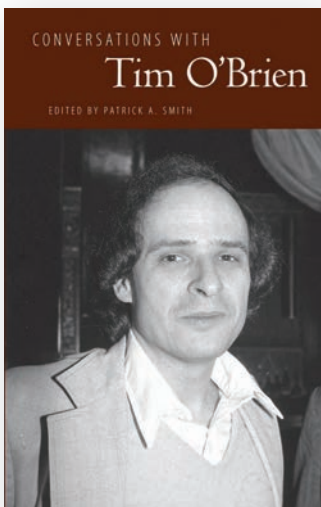
Tom Head is author or coauthor of more than three dozen nonfiction books covering a wide range of topics, including University Press of Mississippi’s *Conversations with Carl Sagan*.

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Conversations with Tim O’Brien

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On the strength of a National Book Award for his novel *Going After Cacciato* and a widely acclaimed short-story cycle, *The Things They Carried*, Tim O’Brien (b. 1946) cemented his reputation as one of the most compelling chroniclers of Vietnam—and, in the process, was cast as a “Vietnam writer.” But to confine O’Brien to a single piece of ground or a particular style is to ignore the broad sweep of a career spanning nearly four decades.

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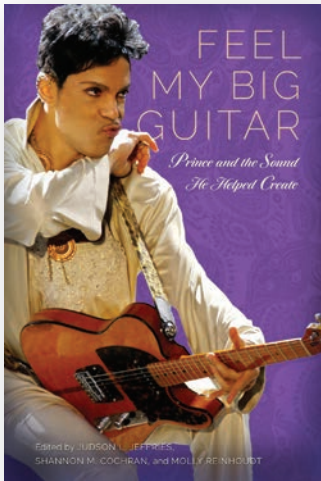
Patrick A. Smith is professor of English at Bainbridge State College in Bainbridge, Georgia. His previous books and edited collections include *“The True Bones of My Life”: Essays on the Fiction of Jim Harrison*; *Tim O’Brien: A Critical Companion*; and *Conversations with William Gibson*, the latter published by University Press of Mississippi.

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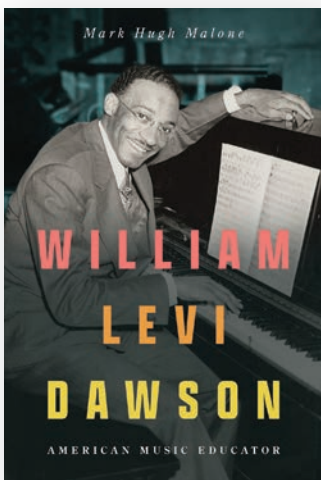
Feel My Big Guitar: Prince and the Sound He Helped Create seeks to place Prince in his proper cultural and political context. This edited volume includes a mix of essays and reflections by scholars and fans, as well as interviews with people who worked with and knew Prince personally. Contributors offer a body of fresh, intriguing, thought-provoking, and mind-bending work about Prince—an artist whose music exemplified those very characteristics. This is the first book in an ongoing scholarly project, *PrincEnlightenmE: A Study of Society through Music*, intended to investigate and reveal the full spectrum of Prince’s life and work.

Judson L. Jeffries is professor of African American and African studies at The Ohio State University–Columbus. He is editor and author of numerous books, including *On the Ground: The Black Panther Party in Communities across America*, published by University Press of Mississippi. **Shannon M. Cochran** is professor of English and interdisciplinary studies at Clayton State University, where she directs the African American Studies and Women’s and Gender Studies programs. **Molly Reinhoudt** is managing editor of *Research in African Literatures* and *Spectrum: A Journal on Black Men* in the Department of African American and African Studies at The Ohio State University.

William Levi Dawson

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—Vernon Huff, director of choral activities at the State University of New York at Fredonia

William Levi Dawson (1899–1990) overcame adversity and Jim Crow racism to become a nationally recognized composer, choral arranger, conductor, and professor of music. In *William Levi Dawson: American Music Educator*, Mark Hugh Malone tells the fascinating tale of Dawson’s early life, quest for education, rise to success at the Tuskegee Institute, achievement of national notoriety as a composer, and retirement years spent conducting choirs throughout the US and world.

Under his direction, the Tuskegee Choir achieved national recognition by singing at Radio City Music Hall, presenting concerts for Presidents Herbert Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt, and performing on nationwide radio and television broadcasts. Dawson’s *Negro Folk Symphony*, only the second extended musical work to be written by an African American, was premiered by Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra in both Philadelphia and New York City. Dawson’s arrangements of spirituals quickly became highly sought-after choral works. This biographical account of Dawson’s life is narrated with a generous sprinkling of Dawson’s personal memories and photographs.

Mark Hugh Malone has taught in Mississippi at Pearl River Community College, William Carey University, the University of Southern Mississippi, and more during his forty-six-year career in education. As curriculum designer for the Mississippi Arts Commission, he has created numerous arts-integrated curricula focused on the Mississippi Blues Trail, Mississippi’s bicentennial, the Natchez Trace, the TVA, the Mississippi River flood of 1927, Hurricane Camille, and Walter Anderson.

Hidden Harmonies

Women and Music in Popular Entertainment

Edited by Paula J. Bishop and Kendra Preston Leonard

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Contributors in *Hidden Harmonies* reexamine primary sources using feminist and queer methodologies as well as critical race theory in order to overcome previous, biased readings. The scholarship that results from such reexaminations explores topics from songwriters to the music of the civil rights movement and from whistling schools to musical influencers. With intelligence and care, *Hidden Harmonies* uncovers the fascinating figures behind decades of popular music.

Paula J. Bishop is a faculty member in the Music Department at Bridgewater State University. She has published on the Everly Brothers, duet practices, country music, Hawaiian music, and other aspects of American vernacular music. **Kendra Preston Leonard** is a musicologist and music theorist whose work focuses on women and music in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries and music and screen history. She is founder and executive director of the Silent Film Sound and Music Archive.

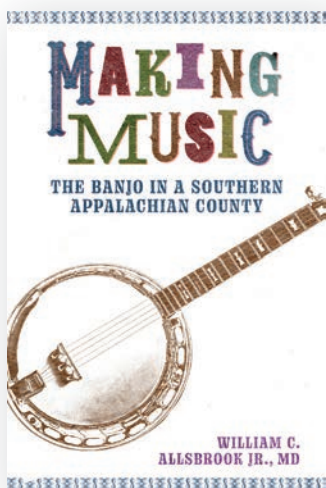
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Making Music

The Banjo in a Southern Appalachian County

William C. Allsbrook Jr., MD



An intimate look at the role of the banjo in a long-standing, joyful musical tradition vital to the Appalachian region

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“This collection of oral histories offers up new information on the instrument’s recent spread. Allsbrook provides an interesting read for all those inquisitive about the banjo’s growth.”

—Bob Carlin, longtime banjo performer, documentarian, and disseminator

The banjo has been emblematic of the southern Appalachian Mountains since the late twentieth century. *Making Music: The Banjo in a Southern Appalachian County* takes a close look at the instrument and banjo players in Haywood County, North Carolina. Author William C. Allsbrook Jr., MD, presents the oral histories of thirty-two banjo players, all but two of whom were born in Haywood County. These talented musicians recount in their own words their earliest memories of music and of the banjo, as well as the appeal of the banjo.

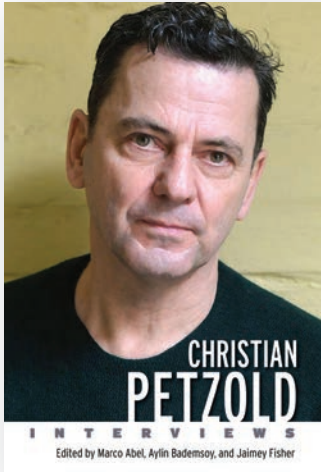
In the book, Allsbrook explores an in-home musical folkway that developed along the colonial frontier. By the mid-1800s, frontier expansion had ceased in Haywood County due to geographic barriers, but the in-home musical tradition, including the banjo, survived in largely isolated areas. Vestiges of that tradition remain to this day although the region has undergone significant changes over the lifetimes of the musicians interviewed. As a result, the survival of the in-home tradition is not guaranteed. Readers are invited into the private lives of the banjo players and asked to consider the future of the banjo in the face of contemporary trends. The future will be shaped by how this remarkable mountain culture continues to adapt to these challenges. Still, this thriving community of banjo players represents the vibrant legacy of the banjo in Haywood County and the persistence of tradition in the twenty-first century.

William C. Allsbrook Jr., MD, is professor emeritus of pathology and surgery (urology) at the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta University. A few years after retiring to Haywood County, he began taking banjo lessons and, upon recognizing the remarkably large number of banjo players in the county, decided to explore this phenomenon.

Christian Petzold

Interviews

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Christian Petzold (b. 1960) is the best-known filmmaker associated with the “Berlin School” of postunification German cinema. Archeologically reconstructing genre filmmaking in a national film production context that makes the production of genre cinema virtually impossible, he repeatedly draws on plots from classic films, including Alfred Hitchcock’s, in order to provide his viewers with the distinct pleasures only cinema can instill without, however, allowing his audience the comforts the “cinema of identification” affords them.

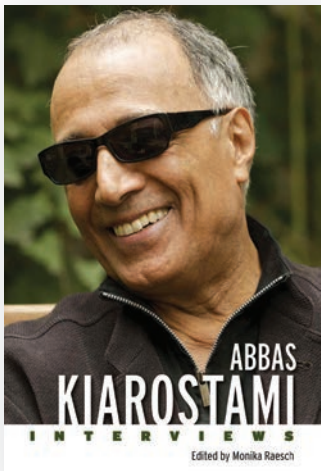
Including thirty-five interviews, *Christian Petzold: Interviews* is the first book in any language to document how one of Germany’s best-known directors thinking about his work has evolved over the course of a quarter of a century, spanning his days as a flailing student filmmaker in the early 1990s in postunified Germany to 2020, when his reputation as one of world cinema’s most respected auteurs has been firmly enshrined. The interviews collected here—thirty of which are published in English for the first time—highlight Petzold’s career-long commitment to foregrounding how economic operations affect individual lives. The volume makes for a rich resource for readers interested in Petzold’s work or contemporary German cinema but also those looking for theoretically challenging and sophisticated commentary offered by one of global art cinema’s leading figures.

Marco Abel is Willa Cather Professor of English and Film Studies at the University of Nebraska and author of *The Counter-Cinema of the Berlin School*. **Aylin Bademsoy** is a PhD candidate in the German Department at the University of California, Davis. **Jaimey Fisher**, professor of German and cinema and digital media at the University of California, Davis, is author of *German Ways of War: The Affective Geographies and Generic Transformations of German Combat Films; Treme; Christian Petzold; and Disciplining Germany: Youth, Reeducation, and Reconstruction after the Second World War*.

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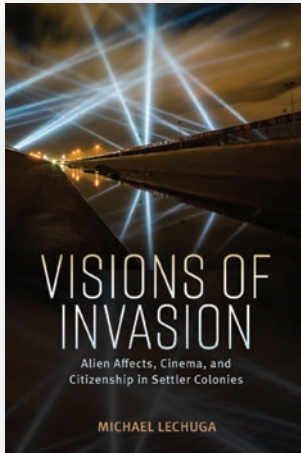
In *Abbas Kiarostami: Interviews*, editor Monika Raesch collects eighteen interviews (several translated into English for the first time), lectures, and other materials that span Kiarostami’s career in the film industry. In addition to exploring his expertise, the texts provide insight into his life philosophy. This volume offers a well-rounded picture of the filmmaker through his conversations with journalists, film scholars, critics, students, and audience members.

Monika Raesch is associate professor of film studies and video production at Suffolk University. A native of Germany, she is editor of *Margarethe von Trotta: Interviews*, published by University Press of Mississippi, and author of *The Kiarostami Brand: Creation of a Film Auteur*. Her work has appeared in such publications as the *Journal of Film and Video* and *Feminist Media Studies*.

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Michael Lechuga is assistant professor in the Department of Communication and Journalism at the University of New Mexico, where he researches and teaches rhetoric, migration, settler colonial studies, and cultural studies.

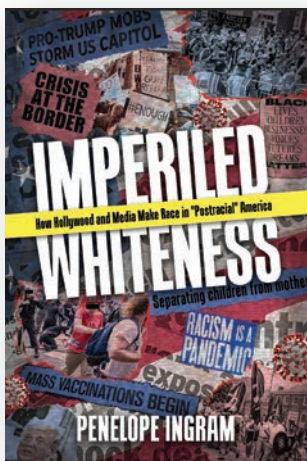
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Ingram explores the convergence of entertainment, news, and social media in a digital networked environment and traces how media’s renewed attention to “mainstream whiteness” has propelled a resurgence of rabid white nationalism. Reading popular film and television franchises (*The Walking Dead*, *The Planet of the Apes* reboot, and the *Star Trek* reboot) through the contemporary political flashpoints of immigration reform, gun control, and Black Lives Matter protests, Ingram demonstrates how media buttressed and exploited an affective experience among white audiences—a feeling or sense of vulnerability and loss. Ingram also explores how contemporary Black filmmakers utilize speculative fiction to intercede in and disrupt this shifting racial landscape, through an examination of Jordan Peele’s films *Get Out* and *Us* and Ryan Coogler’s *Black Panther*.

Penelope Ingram is associate professor of English and distinguished teaching professor at the University of Texas, Arlington. She is author of *The Signifying Body: Toward an Ethics of Sexual and Racial Difference*.

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The *giallo* (yellow) film cycle, characterized by its bloody murders and blending of high art and cinematic sleaze, rose to prominence in Italy in the 1960s and 1970s. Beginning with Mario Bava’s *The Girl Who Knew Too Much* (1963) and Dario Argento’s *The Bird with the Crystal Plumage* (1970), *giallo* films influenced the American slasher films of the 1980s and attracted an increasingly large fandom.

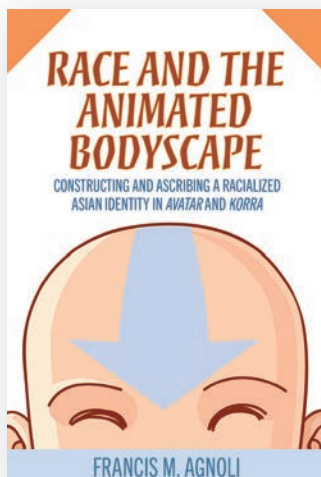
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Matthew Edwards is an independent film scholar and primary school teacher from Cirencester, England. He is author or editor of many books on cult/horror cinema, including *The Atomic Bomb in Japanese Cinema*; *Klaus Kinski, Beast of Cinema*; *Twisted Visions: Interviews with Horror Filmmakers*; and *Murder Movie Makers: Directors Discuss Their Killer Flicks*. **Fernando Gabriel Pagnoni Berns** is professor at Universidad de Buenos Aires–Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, where he teaches courses on international horror film. He is director of the research group on horror cinema, Grite, authored a book about the Spanish horror TV series *Historias para no dormir*, and edited a book on director James Wan.

Race and the Animated Bodyscape

Constructing and Ascribing a Racialized Asian Identity in *Avatar* and *Korra*

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“Francis M. Agnoli’s work is ahead of the curve in dealing with American animation efforts to represent Asian-ness and with the international production system that is becoming the standard for the industry.”

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In *Race and the Animated Bodyscape: Constructing and Ascribing a Racialized Asian Identity in “Avatar” and “Korra,”* author Francis M. Agnoli introduces and illustrates the concept of the animated bodyscape, looking specifically at the US television series *Avatar: The Last Airbender* and its sequel, *The Legend of Korra*.

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Due to its illusory and constructed nature, animation affords untapped opportunities to approach the topic of race in media, looking beyond the role of the actor and taking into account the various factors and processes behind the production of racialized performances. The analysis of race and animation calls for a holistic approach, one that treats both the visual and the aural as intimately connected. This volume offers a blueprint for how to approach the analysis of race and animation.

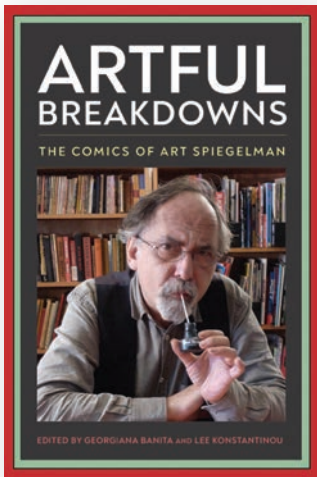
Francis M. Agnoli is an independent animation scholar who specializes in the production of racialized identities in US television animation. His work has been published in the edited collection *Fantasy/Animation: Connections Between Media, Mediums and Genres* and in the journals *Animation: An Interdisciplinary Journal* and *Animation Studies*.

Artful Breakdowns

The Comics of Art Spiegelman

Edited by Georgiana Banita and Lee Konstantinou

Contributions by Georgiana Banita, Colin Beinecke, Harriet Earle, Ariela Freedman, Liza Futerman, Shawn Gilmore, Sarah Hamblin, Cara Koehler, Lee Konstantinou, Patrick Lawrence, Philip Smith, and Kent Worcester



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The twelve chapters cut across Spiegelman's career to document continuities and ruptures that the intense focus on *Maus* has obscured, yielding an array of original readings. His cultural critique and anticapitalist, antimilitary positions shed light on his vocal public persona, while his deft intertextual strategies of mixing media archives, from comics to photography and film, amplify the poignance of his works.

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Georgiana Banita is associate professor of North American literature and culture at the University of Bamberg. She is author of *Plotting Justice: Narrative Ethics and Literary Culture after 9/11* and coeditor of *Electoral Cultures: American Democracy and Choice*. **Lee Konstantinou** is associate professor of English literature at the University of Maryland, College Park. He is author of the novel *Pop Apocalypse* and the literary history *Cool Characters: Irony and American Fiction*, and coeditor of *The Legacy of David Foster Wallace*.

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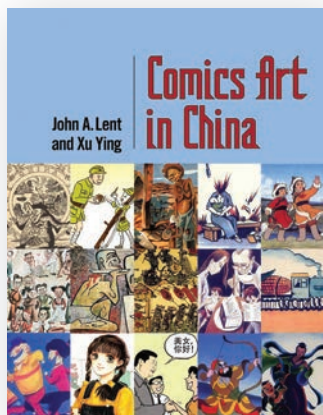
Blockheads, Beagles, and Sweet Babboos: New Perspectives on Charles M. Schulz’s “Peanuts” sheds new light on the past importance, ongoing significance, and future relevance of a comics series that millions adore: Charles M. Schulz’s *Peanuts*. More specifically, it examines a fundamental feature of the series: its core cast of characters. In chapters devoted to Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Franklin, Pigpen, Woodstock, and Linus, author Michelle Ann Abate explores the figures who made Schulz’s strip so successful, so influential, and—above all—so beloved. In so doing, the book gives these iconic figures the in-depth critical attention that they deserve and are long overdue.

Abate considers the exceedingly familiar characters from *Peanuts* in markedly unfamiliar ways. Drawing on a wide array of interpretive lenses, *Blockheads, Beagles, and Sweet Babboos* invites readers to revisit, reexamine, and rethink characters that have been household names for generations. Through this process, the chapters not only demonstrate how Schulz’s work remains a subject of acute critical interest more than twenty years after the final strip appeared, but also how it embodies a rich and fertile site of social, cultural, and political meaning.

Michelle Ann Abate is professor of literature for children and young adults at The Ohio State University. She has published six books and dozens of essays on a wide range of topics in US popular culture, comics and graphic novels, LGBTQ studies, and literature for young readers.

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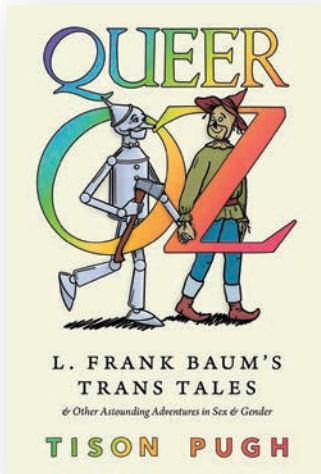
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John A. Lent taught at the university level from 1960 to 2011, with stints in the Philippines, Malaysia, Canada, China, and the United States. He has authored or edited eighty-seven books, including *Asian Comics* and *Asian Political Cartoons*, both published by University Press of Mississippi. He founded and serves as the publisher and editor-in-chief of *International Journal of Comic Art*. **Xu Ying** has published more than one hundred articles about Chinese cartooning, animation, and cinema, as well as foreign films and animation, in such publications as *Asian Cinema*, *International Journal of Comic Art*, *World Cinema*, *Film Review*, *New Film*, *Contemporary Cinema*, *Contemporary Television*, and *Film*.

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Baum envisioned his fantasy works as progressive fictions, aspiring to create in the Oz series "a modernized fairy tale, in which the wonderment and joy are retained and the heartaches and nightmares are left out." In line with these progressive aspirations, his works are often sexually progressive as well, with surprisingly queer and trans touches that reject the standard fairy-tale narrative path toward love and marriage. From Ozma of Oz's backstory as a boy named Tip to the genderless character Chick the Cherub, *Queer Oz: L. Frank Baum's Trans Tales and Other Astounding Adventures in Sex and Gender* shows how Baum exploited the freedoms of children's literature, in its carnivalesque celebration of a world turned upside-down, to reimagine the meanings of gender and sexuality in early twentieth-century America and to envision them for the future.

Tison Pugh is Pegasus Professor of English at the University of Central Florida. He is author or editor of over twenty books, including *Harry Potter and Beyond: On J. K. Rowling's Fantasies and Other Fictions*; *The Queer Fantasies of the American Family Sitcom*; and *Innocence, Heterosexuality, and the Queerness of Children's Literature*.

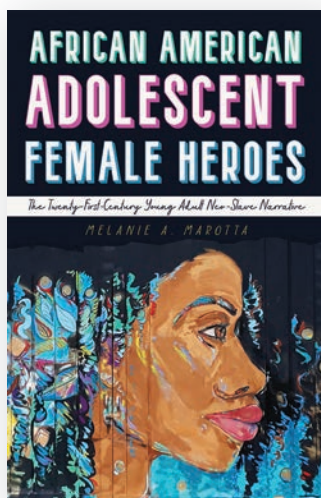
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In the wake of the second wave of the Black Lives Matter movement, inequalities and disparities were brought to light across the publishing industry. The need for more diverse, representative young adult literature gained new traction, resulting in an influx of young adult speculative fiction featuring African American young women. While the #BlackGirlMagic movement inspired a wave of positive African American female heroes in young adult fiction, it is still important to acknowledge the history and legacy of enslavement in America and their impact on literature. Many of the depictions of young Black women in contemporary speculative fiction still rely on stereotypical representations rooted in American enslavement.

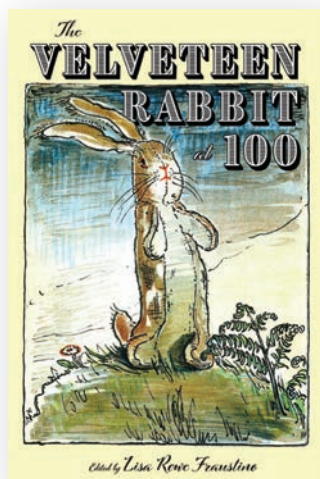
African American Adolescent Female Heroes: The Twenty-First-Century Young Adult Neo-Slave Narrative investigates the application of the neo-slave narrative structure to the twenty-first-century young adult text. Author Melanie A. Marotta examines texts featuring a female, adolescent protagonist of color, including *Orleans*, *Tankborn*, *The Book of Phoenix*, *Binti*, and *The Black God's Drums*, as well as series like the *Devil's Wake* series, Octavia E. Butler's *Parable* series, and the *Dread Nation* series. Taken together, these chapters seek to analyze whether the roles for adolescent female characters of color are changing or whether they remain re-creations of traditional slave narrative roles.

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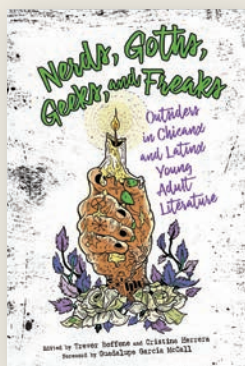
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First published in 1922 to immediate popularity, *The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams has never been out of print. The story has been adapted for film, television, and theater across a range of mediums including animation, claymation, live action, musical, and dance. Frequently, the story inspires a sentimental, nostalgic response—as well as a corresponding dismissive response from critics. It is surprising that, despite its longevity and popularity, *The Velveteen Rabbit* has inspired a relatively thin dossier of serious literary scholarship, a gap that this volume seeks to correct.

While each essay can stand alone, the chapters in “*The Velveteen Rabbit*” at 100 flow in a coherent sequence from beginning to end, showing connections between readings from a wide array of critical approaches. Philosophical and cultural studies lead us to consider the meaning of love and reality in ways both timeless and temporal. The Velveteen Rabbit is an Anthropocene Rabbit. He is also disabled. Here a traditional exegetical reading sits alongside queering the text. Collectively, these essays more than double the amount of serious scholarship on *The Velveteen Rabbit*. Combining hindsight with evolving sensibilities about representation, the contributors offer thirteen ways of looking at this Rabbit that Margery Williams gave us—ways that we can also use to look at other classic storybooks.

Lisa Rowe Fraustino edits the journal *Children's Literature* and directs the graduate programs in children's literature at Hollins University. With Karen Coats, she coedited *Mothers in Children's and Young Adult Literature: From the Eighteenth Century to Postfeminism*, published by University Press of Mississippi and winner of the 2018 Edited Book Award of the Children's Literature Association.

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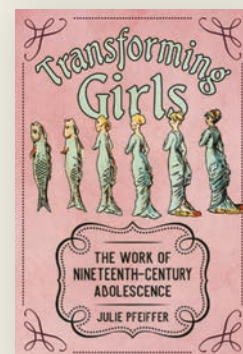
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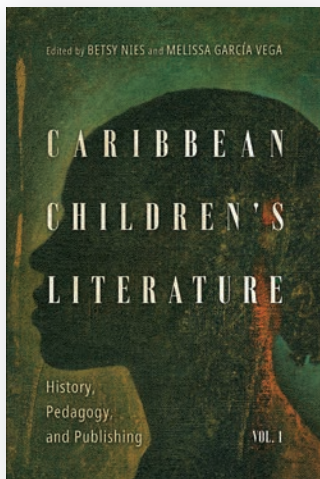
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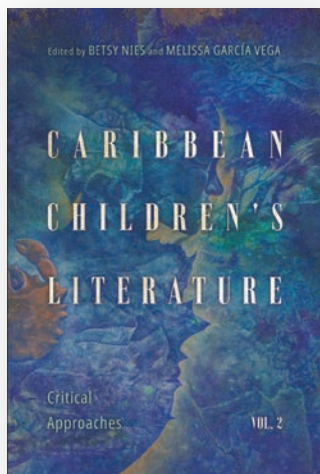
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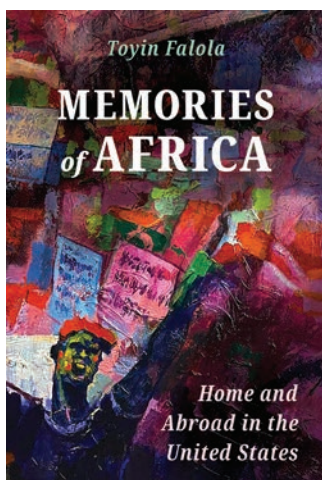
Through close readings of the mother/daughter plots in contemporary Caribbean women's historical fiction, such as Andrea Levy's *The Long Song*, Edwidge Danitcat's *The Farming of Bones*, Paule Marshall's *Praise-song for the Widow*, and Marie-Elena John's *Unburnable*, *Matria Redux* considers the concept of matria an important vehicle for postcolonial-psychoanalytic feminist literary resistance and political intervention.

Tegan Zimmerman is adjunct professor in women and gender studies at Saint Mary's University. Her work has been published in such journals as *Feminist Theory*; *MELUS*; *Journal of Romance Studies*; *Women's Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal*; and *Atlantis: Critical Studies in Gender, Culture, and Social Justice*.

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Toyin Falola is professor of history, University Distinguished Teaching Professor, and the Jacob and Frances Sanger Mossiker Chair in the Humanities at the University of Texas at Austin. He has received over thirty lifetime career awards and fourteen honorary doctorates. He has written extensively on the African diaspora, including *The African Diaspora: Slavery, Modernity, and Globalization*.

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Caroline J. Smith is associate professor in the University Writing Program at the George Washington University. She is author of *Cosmopolitan Culture and Consumerism in Chick Lit*.

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Stephen Small is professor in the Department of African American Studies at the University of California, Berkeley. His most recent book is *20 Questions and Answers on Black Europe*. He is coauthor of *Representations of Slavery: Race and Ideology in Southern Plantation Museums* and coeditor of *Global Mixed Race, New Perspectives on Slavery and Colonialism in the Caribbean*, and *Black Europe and the African Diaspora*.

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Debies-Carl argues that legend trips are important social practices. Unlike traditional rites of passage, they reflect the modern world, revealing both its problems and its virtues. In society as well as in legend tripping, there is ambiguity, conflict, crisis of meaning, and the substitution of debate for social consensus. Conversely, both emphasize individual agency and values, even in spiritual matters. While people still need meaningful and transformative experiences, authoritative, traditional institutions are less capable of providing them. Instead, legend trippers voluntarily search for individually meaningful experiences and actively participate in shaping and interpreting those experiences for themselves.

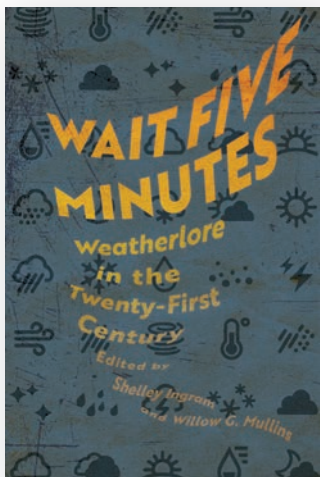
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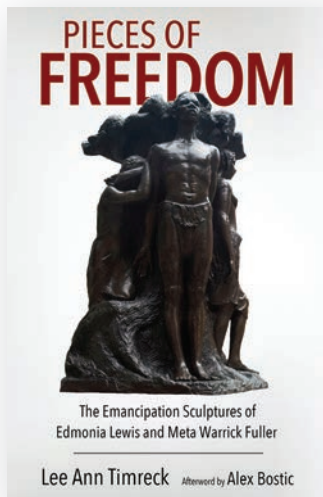
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Lee Ann Timreck is an independent researcher on African American history and a frequent contributor to academic conferences. She is a contributing author to an upcoming book, *Claims on the City: Alternative Understandings of the Urban*.

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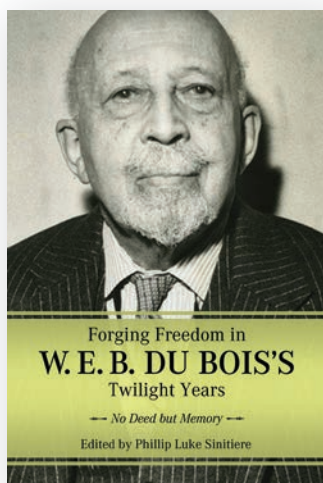
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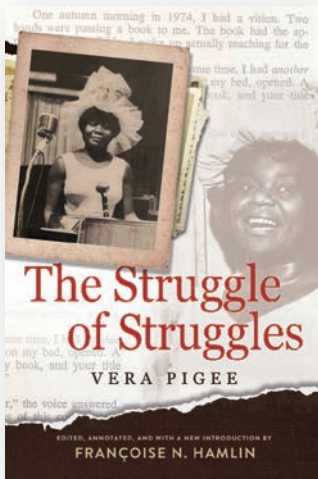
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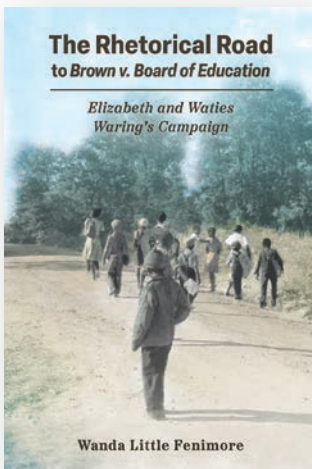
The Struggle of Struggles, originally published in 1975, spotlights the gendered and generational tensions within the civil rights movement. It outlines the complexity, frustrations, and snubs, as well as the joy and triumphs that Pige experienced and witnessed in the quest for a fairer and more equitable nation. This new edition begins with a detailed introductory essay by historian Françoise N. Hamlin, who interviewed Pige and her daughter in the few years preceding their passing, as well as their coworkers and current activists.

Vera Pige (1924–2007) managed Pige’s Beauty Salon in Clarksdale, Mississippi, and worked as a civil rights activist, serving as branch secretary to the Coahoma County chapter of the NAACP, a chapter she helped organize with Aaron Henry. She was an advisor to the Mississippi state NAACP Youth Council, taught citizenship classes, trained activists, and ran voter registration drives. She later became an ordained Baptist minister. **Françoise N. Hamlin** is the Royce Family Associate Professor of Teaching Excellence in Africana Studies and History at Brown University. She is author of *Crossroads at Clarksdale: The Black Freedom Struggle in the Mississippi Delta after World War II* and coeditor of *These Truly Are the Brave: An Anthology of African American Writings on War and Citizenship*.

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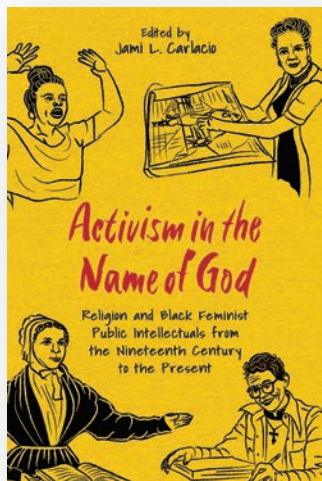
Wanda Little Fenimore is assistant professor of speech communication. Her work has appeared in such publications as *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, *Carolinas Communication Annual*, and the anthology *Women in American History: A Social, Political, and Cultural Encyclopedia and Document Collection*. Fenimore received the Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies Community College Faculty Fellowship.

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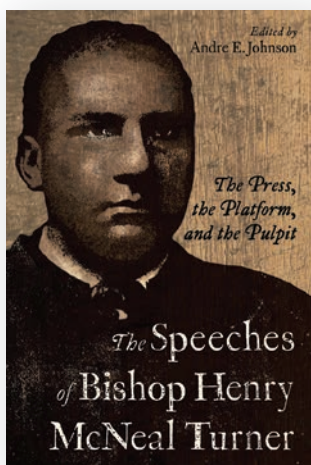
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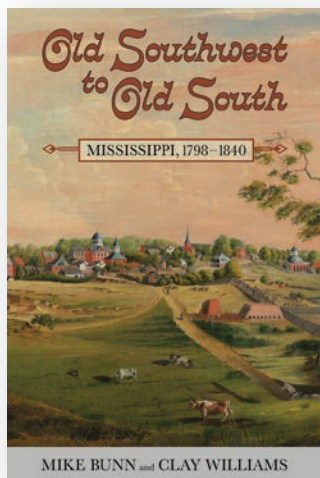
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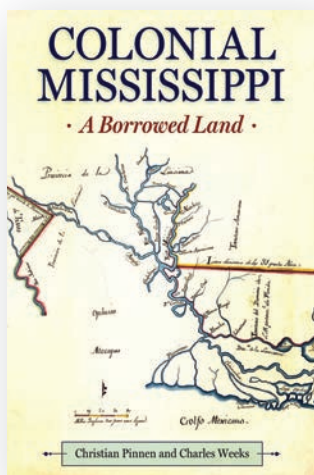
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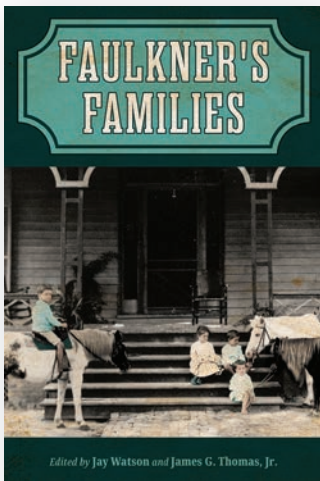
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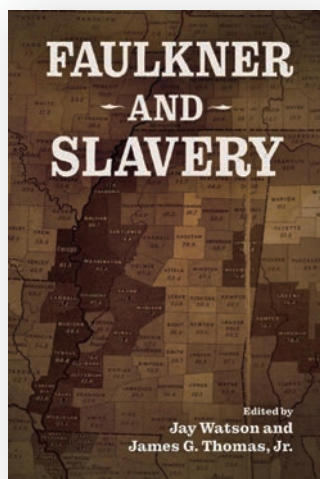
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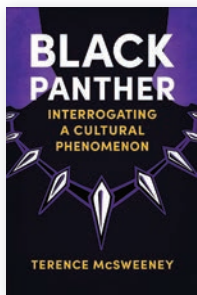
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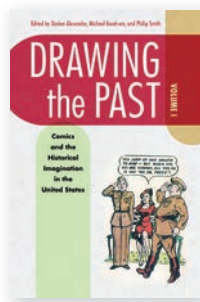
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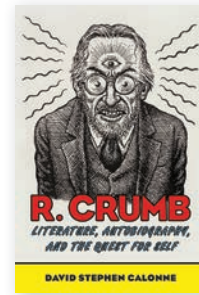
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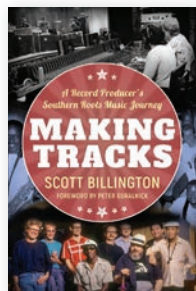
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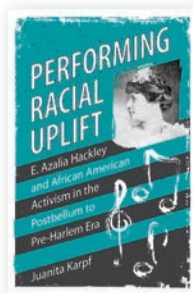
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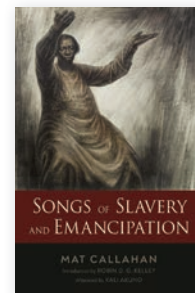
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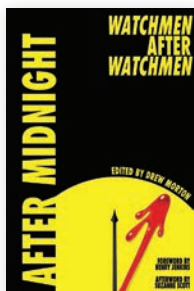
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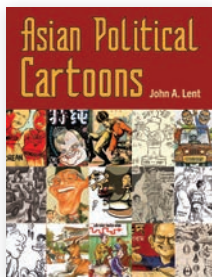
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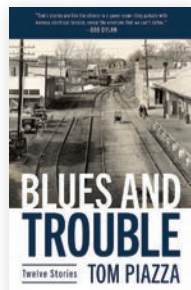
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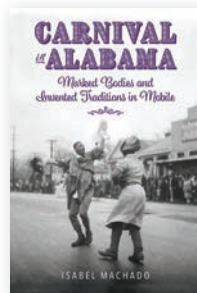
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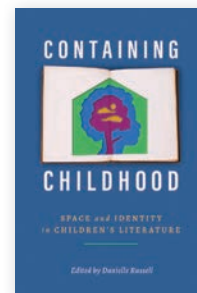
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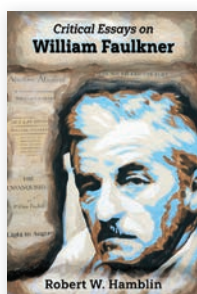
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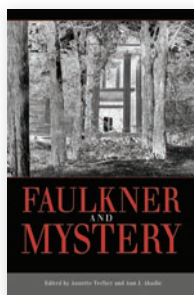
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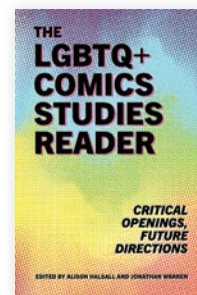
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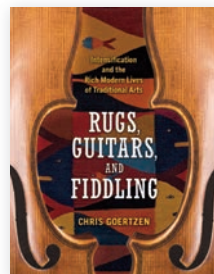
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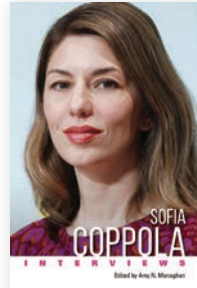
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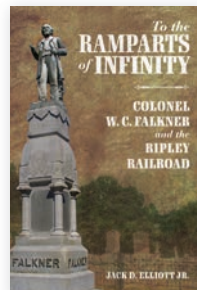
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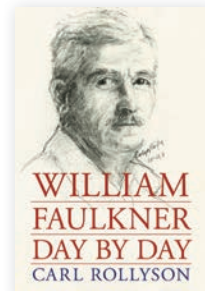
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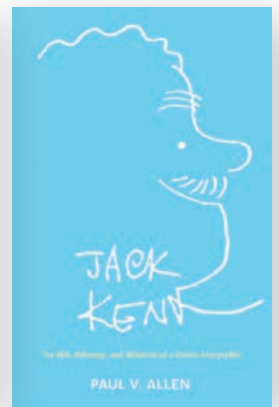
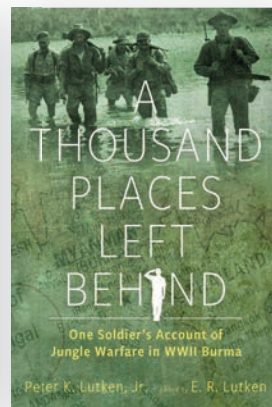
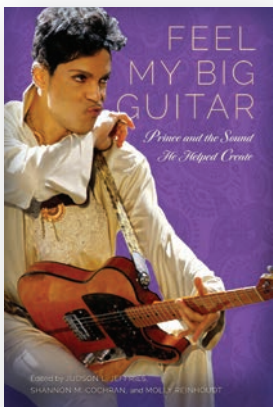
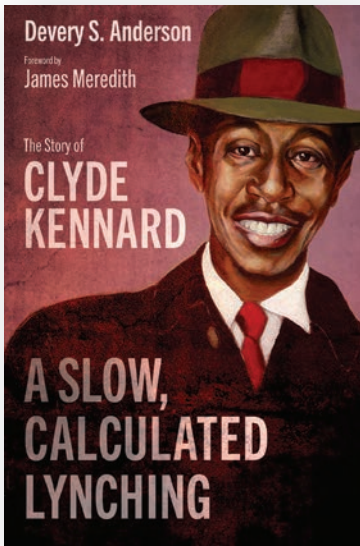
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