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Lesley Rains joins the University of Pittsburgh Press after a decade in bookselling. She was previously manager and buyer at City of Asylum Bookstore and founder of East End Book Exchange (now White Whale Books and Coffee). She oversees all publicity efforts for the Press, including soliciting reviews, scheduling author events, and submitting books for a wide range of regional and national prizes. She works with all Press authors and brings valuable knowledge of the trade and a firsthand appreciation of the importance of publicity to authors, bookstores, and the Press.

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Caleb Gill earned an MFA in poetry from Chatham University and previously worked as an assistant poetry editor at Autumn House Press. As the advertising and promotions coordinator, he manages our databases and metadata; designs advertisements and other marketing materials; and serves as the designer and editor of our monthly e-newsletter.

...and Congratulates Recently Promoted Staff Members



Kelly Lynn Thomas, Advertising and Social Media Manager

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Kelly Lynn Thomas joined the Press in 2019 as the marketing coordinator and was recently promoted to advertising and social media manager. In her expanded role, Kelly manages the Press's digital marketing efforts, including our social media accounts, email newsletter, and website, as well as traditional advertising. She looks forward to working with all our authors to develop social media marketing plans and expand our digital community and network in the coming months.



Melissa Dias-Mandoly, Design and Production Coordinator

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Melissa Dias-Mandoly joined the production and editorial department in 2013 after earning a degree in poetry and film from the University of Pittsburgh. She was recently promoted to design and production coordinator. Melissa created the current Press logo and designs ten to fifteen books annually. One of her designs was featured in the 2019 AUPresses Book, Jacket, and Journal Show. Her poetry and visual art has been featured in *Nat. Brut, Gesture, Pinwheel, FreezeRay, Cordella, PANK, Storm Cellar*, and more.





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Donora Death Fog

Clean Air and the Tragedy of a Pennsylvania Mill Town

ANDY McPHEE With a forward by JENNIFER RICHMOND-BRYANT

The Complete Story of the Worst Air Pollution Disaster in US History

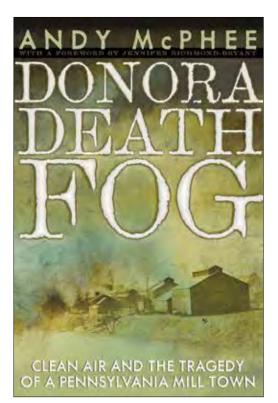
"Andy McPhee's *Donora Death Fog* paints a riveting portrait of the deadly 1948 smog and presents for the first time a detailed timeline of the six-day tragedy and the people who lived, worked, and died in the riverside mill town. He also documents the subtle racism pervading Donora, a town that prided itself on its diversity. A compelling page-turner, *Donora Death Fog* shows why the legacy of the smog continues to reside in the heart of the town's sons and daughters and in the air we all breathe today."

—Devra Davis, founder and president of Environmental Health Trust and author of When Smoke Ran Like Water: Tales of Environmental Deception and the Battle against Pollution

"In an approachable and informative narrative history, Andy McPhee situates the catastrophic environmental disaster in the town of Donora in the context of the various human motivations and actions that conspired to create the perfect storm of this deadly smog event. He has done a remarkable job of creating personal narratives intermixed with historical context in such a way that is compelling, yet informative, for general and expert readers alike."

-Trenton Honda, Northeastern University

"The story of a tight-knit community that united to face an air pollution disaster, *Donora Death Fog* is an important contribution to environmental history. Written with insight and compassion, it helps us understand the social networks that can sustain organized responses in the desperate early hours of unforeseen tragedy." —William Kovarik, Radford University



n October 1948, a seemingly average fog descended on the tiny mill town of Donora, Pennsylvania. With a population of fewer than fifteen thousand, the town's main industry was steel and zinc mills-mills that continually emitted pollutants into the air. The six-day smog event left twenty-one people dead and thousands sick. Even after the fog lifted, hundreds more died or were left with lingering health problems. Donora Death Fog details how six fateful days in Donora led to the nation's first clean air act in 1955, and how such catastrophes can lead to successful policy change. Andy McPhee tells the very human story behind this ecological disaster: how wealthy industrialists built the mills to supply an ever-growing America; how the town's residents-millworkers and their families-willfully ignored the danger of the mills' emissions; and how the gradual closing of the mills over the years following the tragedy took its toll on the town.

EXCERPT FROM DONORA DEATH FOG, CHAPTER 18:

he fog that formed on Tuesday settled into the valley like a lazy cousin on a three-week visit. The mill's many chimneys continued to pour forth toxins in its smoke all night, just as they had been doing every day and night for decades, fog or no. Rather than being caught on the wind and transported throughout the region, smoke from the metal factories—and the toxins contained in it-now were trapped. The valley's walls hemmed in the fog and smoke from either side of the river. The temperature inversion blocked the release of fog and smoke upward, and the horseshoe bend in the Monongahela stymied their release to the north or south. The valley had become by Thursday a lidded mixing bowl, continually blending discharge from cars, trucks, trains, and mill chimneys into what was rapidly becoming a sickening brew of dark gray muck.

Even the dark gray color of the air was different. Normally the color of the smoke varied throughout town. Near the blast furnaces at the south end, smoke tended to look black, largely due to coal being used as fuel. In the middle of town, where the open hearth furnaces were, smoke tended to be reddish in color, from the iron ore being broken down. Finally, at the north end of town near the Zinc Works, smoke tended to have a yellowish tinge, the result of sulfur-containing fumes being given off during smelting. With a lid now over the valley the smoke began to blend into a deep, gray mélange of poisonous smoke.

Had factory smokestacks been taller than 250 feet, the approximate height of the lowest level of the inversion layer, the effluents coming from them might have spewed into the atmosphere, where they would have become diluted and dissipated over the region. The tallest smokestacks in Donora, though, were just 150 feet high. Without wind, even a slight breeze, there could be no upward movement of smoke from the plants. So smoke, soot, dust, and toxic gases from the plants, trains, and vehicular traffic in the valley continued to mix into the fog.

It seems utterly unlikely that mill owners didn't know how important stack height was to the surrounding communities and, more important, their bottom line. A smelter operator in Montana, the Anaconda Company, constructed a three-hundred-foot stack at its Washoe copper smelter in 1902. Farmers and ranchers near the smelter found that they were losing crops and livestock due, they claimed, to "smelter fumes and poisonous ingredients" contained therein. Fred J. Bliss, on behalf of area residents, sued Anaconda for damages.

Although Bliss, not surprisingly, lost his claim, Anaconda leaders took the lesson to heart, and in 1917 the company removed the smaller stack and built in its place a stack that reached 585 feet into the air, a chimney famously known as the Anaconda Stack. Numerous other smelters at the time also constructed smokestacks more than three hundred feet high, but owners of the zinc smelter in Donora chose otherwise. Andrew Mellon's key lieutenants must have known about the trend toward higher stacks; almost certainly Donora's mill officials did. Why they chose to ignore that trend is unknown, but the decision cost Donora dearly.

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Pittsburgh Rising

From Frontier Town to Steel City, 1750–1920

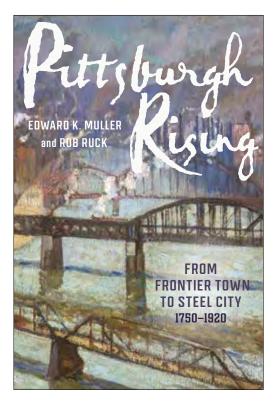
EDWARD K. MULLER and ROB RUCK

Traces the Arc of Pittsburgh's Rise from Frontier Outpost to Dynamic Industrial Region

"In its first 150 years, Pittsburgh was a place shaped by geography, natural resources, immigration, class and ethnic identity, and the quest for power and profit. This is a history of the people who fashioned lives in Pittsburgh and the material and social structures in which they lived those lives. Muller and Ruck offer a masterful sense of cause and effect, leading the reader into a sense of change over time." —Edward Slavishak, Susquehanna University

"Muller and Ruck do a fantastic job of giving a sense of what the actual conditions were like in the iron forges, steel mills, and glass workshops of Pittsburgh. The day-to-day specifics of labor are conveyed with ease and accessibility. They extend this focus to the capital class as well, explaining the economics and technology that altered industrial production, as well as the personalities of men like Carnegie, Frick, Westinghouse, and Heinz, who changed the city forever. In addition to that familiar story, they add nuance to the narrative of immigration to Pittsburgh, both from Europe and in the form of Black migration from the South, by emphasizing the ways in which regionalism from country of origin affected the American experience of different groups." —Ed Simon, author of An Alternative History of Pittsburgh

ver 170 years, Pittsburgh rose from remote outpost to industrial powerhouse. With the formation of the United States, the frontier town located at the confluence of three rivers grew into the linchpin for trade and migration between established eastern cities and the growing settlements of the Ohio Valley. Resources, geography, innovation, and personalities led to successful glass, iron, and eventually steel operations. As Pittsburgh blossomed into one of the largest cities in the country and became a center of industry, it generated great wealth for industrial and banking leaders. But immigrants and African American migrants, who labored under insecure, poorly paid, and dangerous conditions, did not share in the rewards of growth. Pittsburgh Rising traces the lives of individuals and families who lived and worked in this early industrial city, jammed into unhealthy housing in overcrowded neighborhoods near the mills. Although workers organized labor unions to improve conditions and charitable groups and reform organizations, often helmed by women, mitigated some of the deplorable conditions, authors Muller and Ruck show that divides along class, religious, ethnic, and racial lines weakened the efforts to improve the inequalities of early twentieth-century Pittsburgh-and persist today.





Edward K. Muller is professor emeritus of history at the University of Pittsburgh and former director of the university's Urban Studies Program. He focuses on the history and geography of North American cities, particularly Pittsburgh. He is coauthor of Making Industrial Pittsburgh: Environment, Landscape, Transportation, Energy, and Planning and Before Renaissance: Planning in Pittsburgh, 1889–1943, among other books, and editor of An Uncommon Passage: Traveling through History on the Great Allegheny Passage Trail and DeVoto's West: History, Conservation, and the Public Good, among other books.

Rob Ruck is a historian at the University of Pittsburgh, where he teaches and writes about sport. He focuses on how people use sport to tell a collective story about who they are to themselves and the world. He is the author of Tropic of Football: The Long and Perilous Journey of Samoans to the NFL, Raceball: How the Major Leagues Colonized the Black and Latin Game, and Rooney: A Sporting Life, among other titles. His documentaries Kings on the Hill: Baseball's Forgotten Men and The Republic of Baseball: Dominican Giants of the American Game appeared on PBS.

EXCERPT FROM THE INTRODUCTION TO PITTSBURGH RISING:

Pittsburgh's industrialists, bankers, and professionals heartily embraced a private enterprise, free market ideology stressing individual initiative and responsibility. Many were Scottish and Scotch-Irish Presbyterians who believed that the accumulation of wealth and power was a sign of their favorable predestination by God. Business leaders saw only a limited role for government and favored leaving the economy to the operation of market forces. They considered individuals largely responsible for their own welfare. Men and women whose wealth derived from commercial and professional pursuits or family inheritance exercised substantial power and authority. Sharing family connections, neighborhoods, churches, clubs, and political affiliations, they forged a cohesive class identity. Protestants dominated the city's upper class, while Catholics like Daniel Rooney and Jews like Isaac Frank who succeeded in Pittsburgh's business and professional arenas built separate social spheres. As the region grew, the elite class became more varied in composition but remained self-consciously distinct from the socially diverse working and middle classes who made up the bulk of the population. The wealthy enjoyed considerable control over the business and political life of the city, though their hegemony was weakening by 1900.

The power and perspective of the upper class did not go unchallenged. Mass production, new waves of immigrants, and feeble governmental responses to public needs fomented dissatisfaction and conflict, even bloodshed. As owners' and workers' interests diverged in the first half of the nineteenth century, workers' protests, strikes, and violence punctuated peaceful, though fragile, labor relations. Skilled craftsmen eventually gained a measure of power on the shop floor by leveraging their unity and knowledge of production. But between the Civil War and World War I, mechanization in factories and mills, along with the increasing scale of production, shattered skilled workers' traditional craft practices and power. In spontaneous work stoppages, organized labor actions, and at the polls, Pittsburgh workers protested their deteriorating wages, working conditions, and status. Girls and women took axes to the doors of textile factory compounds in 1848. The entire community angrily protested the use of the state militia to suppress railroad protesters in 1877, and the Monongahela River turned red with the blood of Pinkerton detectives and mill workers in Homestead in 1892. But manufacturers, with the support of the upper class, the state's police power, and the courts, usually prevailed. The arc bent toward justice in the workplace, but very slowly.

Remarkable diversity along ethnic, religious, and racial lines further fragmented the region's social cohesion.

Those divisions both incited conflict among different groups of working people and fueled opposition to upper-class rule. Long-standing animosities between Protestants and Catholics turned vicious at times and exacerbated underlying citizen distrust of civic leaders. Enmity among ethnic groups and between skilled and unskilled workers frequently disrupted labor's unity in their episodic challenges to manufacturers. As industry decentralized, spreading along the rivers beyond the original urban core, and improved transportation facilitated residential suburbanization, Pittsburgh's classes and cultures grew farther apart. This spatial separation, reinforced by western Pennsylvania's hilly topography and rivers, splintered the region into dozens of small, autonomous civil divisions, triggering its legendary fragmentation. The uneven distribution of public services, such as water, sewers, street paving, and lighting, underscored stark political and class inequalities. Environmental and health problems especially burdened industrial neighborhoods and mill towns. These inequities provoked sporadic political mobilization to bring about more satisfactory conditions for underserved communities.

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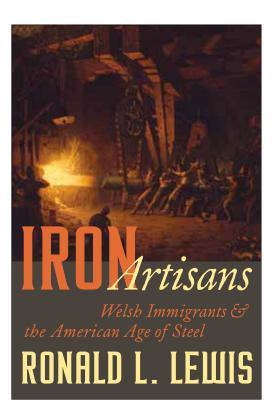
Welsh Immigrants and the American Age of Steel

RONALD L. LEWIS

How Skilled Welsh Workers and Managers Helped Build the American Steel Industry

"Iron Artisans is a deeply interesting, insightful, and meticulously researched book. Ron Lewis addresses a major gap in the study of American industry and immigration and ethnicity in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries by providing a comprehensive, full-length study of the contribution and experiences of Welsh immigrants in the American iron, steel, and tinplate industries. His book brings out well the human dimension to the topic and establishes the importance of individual experience and contingency, as well as structural factors, as agents of change. Equally, a sense of place emerges strongly in the discussions on various Welsh communities, be they in Pittsburgh or Youngstown. A fascinating new contribution to literature in the field." —Bill Jones, Cardiff University

merica's emergence as a global industrial superpower was built on iron and steel, and despite their comparatively small numbers, no immigrant group played a more strategic role per capita in advancing basic industry than Welsh workers and managers. They immigrated in surges synchronized with the stage of America's industrial development, concentrating in the coal and iron centers of Pennsylvania and Ohio. This book explores the formative influence of the Welsh on the American iron and steel industry and the transnational cultural spaces they created in mill communities in the tristate area-the greater upper Ohio Valley, eastern Ohio, northern West Virginia, and western Pennsylvaniaincluding boroughs of Allegheny County, such as Homestead and Braddock. Focusing on the intersection of transnational immigration history, ethnic history, and labor history, Ronald Lewis analyzes continuity and change, and how Americanization worked within a small, relatively privileged, working-class ethnic group.



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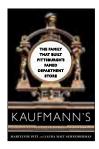


Ronald L. Lewis is professor and Stuart and Joyce Robbins Chair emeritus at West Virginia University and historian laureate of West Virginia. He is the author of eight books and numerous articles and book chapters, and coeditor of fourteen books. In retirement he continues to reside in Morgantown, West Virginia, with his wife, Susan.

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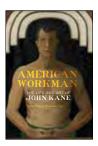


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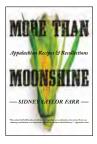
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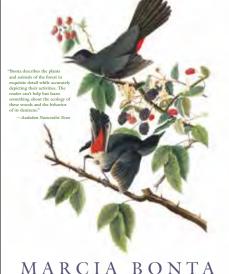
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byes, when, after the flaming leaves fall and start the inevitable process of decay, we are left with only the bare bones of nature." If we are not careful, she warns, there may come a day when autumn's dusk and winter's night no longer lead into spring's morning.

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inter is the season that most tests our mettle. The psychological burdens of waiting for spring under gray skies compound the challenges of freezing rain, wind chill, deep snow, and dangerous ice. Despite winter's harshness, there is plenty of beauty and life in the woods if only we know where to look. The stark, white landscape sparkles in the sunshine and glows beneath the moon on crisp, clear nights; bare branches make it easy to see long distances; birds flock to feeders; and animals—even those that should be hibernating—make surprise visits

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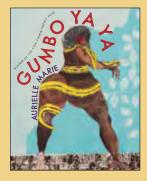
His additional honors include a Whiting Writers' Award and fellowships from the MacArthur Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Guggenheim Foundation. He has taught at Carnegie Mellon University, the University of Alabama, and the University of Pittsburgh. Hayes is currently professor of English at New York University.

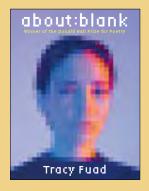


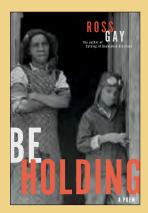
Nancy Krygowski's book Velocity won the Agnes Lynch Starrett Poetry Prize in 2006, and her most recent poetry collection is *The Woman in the Corner*. She teaches poetry at Carnegie Mellon University and in Carlow University's Madwomen in the Attic program.



Jeffrey McDaniel is the author of six books of poetry, most recently Holiday in the Islands of Grief. Other books include Chapel of Inadvertent Joy, The Endarkenment, The Splinter Factory, The Forgiveness Parade, and Alibi School. He teaches at Sarah Lawrence College and lives in the Hudson Valley.









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FRESHET

Born when the mountain rushes with sudden, small streams,

when coltsfoot shoves its hooves thick-stemmed, fringed suns—

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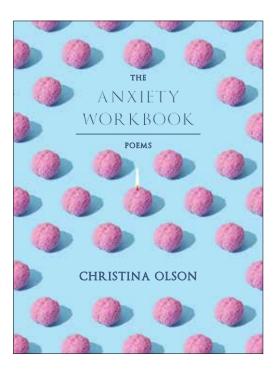
Wisteria sinensis

The purple of early bruise. The slow strangle of climb toward chimney or sky,

something we humans cannot or will not see. The grape-clusters of bloom

don't last long, though of course you should expect this, the root

right in the name: wistful. Now flowers shower down like your grief: violet and sudden.



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BLACK THUMB

The dogwood was threatening to swallow the back garden's light,

so I borrowed a chainsaw and gas. Its last berries a memory of red, the fruit

bitter, tiny angry mangos in the mouth of its killer. Nights my son chooses his father

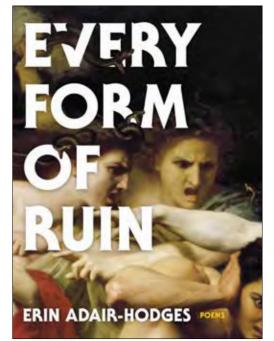
to read him into silence, I practice not loving anything. Less like learning than remembering.

As a child, I studied how to be a child. I was given a doll to care for

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I am on my way to the car, part of the car pool, going to school, and everybody else is standing in front of the open doors of their cars, bent over, their heads resting on their arms, listening to the news of the assassination. I think we cried. We went to school and prayed and cried. It snowed in April that year. That year, no one had yet committed any sex crimes. No one was a junkie. Only a few of us had already died. This was when men mistreated their wives and children, when men spent their days digging ditches, drinking guart bottles of Miller High Life, which was cold and golden. You could wear hats back then. You could go out very late at night and walk the streets smoking cigarettes, looking for love. You could stay until the bars closed. You could sit on the stoop, blowing smoke at the sky, wondering what would happen, you know, in the future, which was like a far-off country you would never get to visit, but whose laws you were forced to obey.



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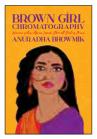
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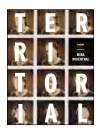


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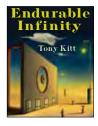
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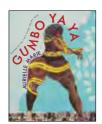
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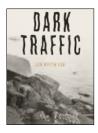


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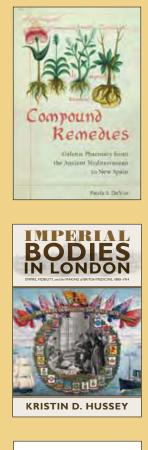
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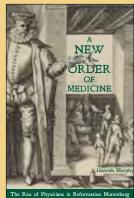
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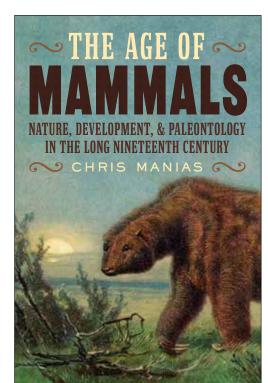
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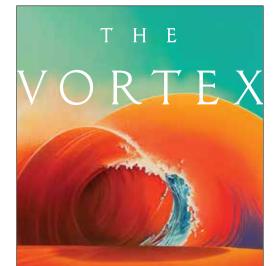
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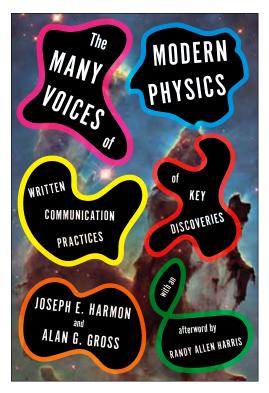
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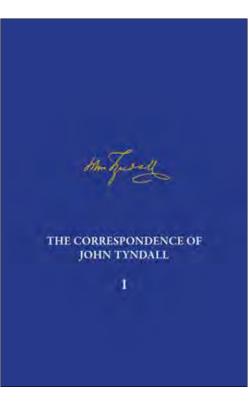
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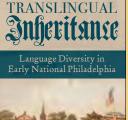
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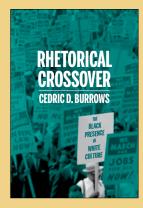
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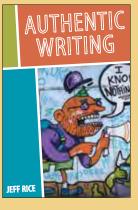
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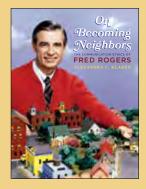
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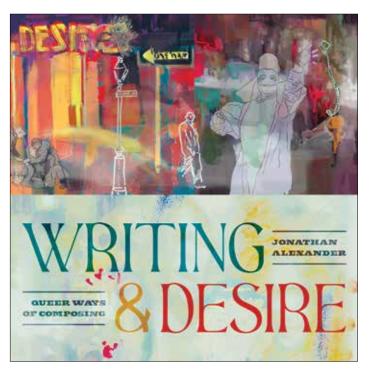
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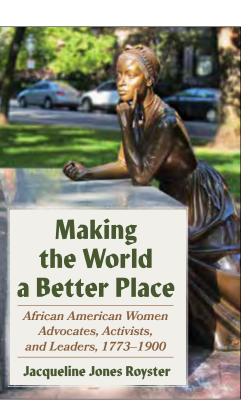
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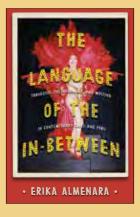


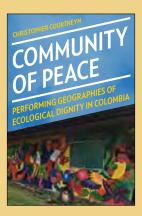
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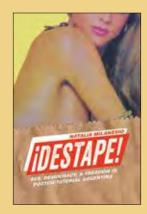




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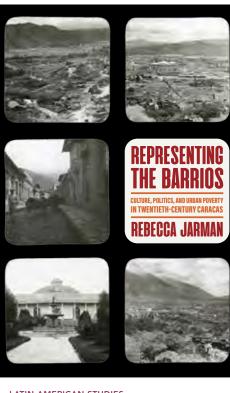
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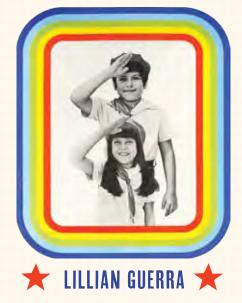
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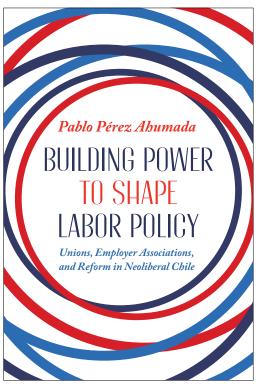
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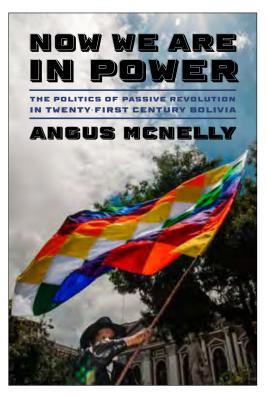
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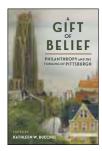


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