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Small in Real Life

KELLY SATHER

Winner of the 2023 Drue Heinz Literature Prize

“This compact but mighty collection explores both the heights and depths of the unsavory business of being human. With exquisite, emotionally rich prose, every story surprises and unsettles. Tenderness coexists with terror, beauty alongside betrayal. Characters are at turns earnest and terrible as they grapple with longing, lust, grief, regret, and disappointment. The heart of this brilliant collection is chaos—the way the universe is chaotic, unpredictable, and simply dazzling.”
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“Reading this very brilliant debut feels like holding a live wire, receiving a kind of shock our current literature seldom gives. It’s a shock we need. Kelly Sather’s characters, seeking escape from unbearable lives, are canny, naive, cruel, bewildered, sometimes a little despicable, always entirely human—and utterly indifferent to our sympathy. Small in Real Life has a rare wisdom, born of freedom from illusions most of the rest of us can’t bear to let go of. This is among the most impressive new books of fiction I have read in years.”
—Garth Greenwell, author of Cleanness

“In Kelly Sather’s phenomenal short story collection, she compresses the daily commotion of life into riveting moments of reckoning, whether earned or forced. Desire can obscure or illuminate, and in these compelling stories, Sather’s characters deal with the complications of wanting and existing in the world. Sentence by sentence, Small in Real Life is one of the best debuts I’ve ever read.”
—Michele Filgate, editor of What My Mother and I Don’t Talk About

Small in Real Life invokes the myth and melancholy of Southern California glamor, of starry-eyed women and men striving for their own Hollywood shimmer and the seamy undersides and luxurious mystique of the Golden State. Exiled to a Malibu rehab, an alcoholic paparazzo spies on his celebrity friend for an online tabloid. Down to her last dollar, a Hollywood hanger-on steals designer handbags from her dying friend’s bungalow. Blinded by grief, an LA judge atones after condescending to a failed actress on a date. When hunger for power, fame, and love betrays the senses, the characters in these nine stories must reckon with false choices and their search for belonging with the wrong people. Small in Real Life offers an insider’s view of California and the golden promises of possibility and redemption that have long made the West glitter.

Kelly Sather is a writer, former entertainment lawyer, and screenwriter. Her stories and interviews have appeared in Santa Monica Review, J Journal, Pembroke Magazine, PANK, ZYZZYVA, and elsewhere. She grew up in Los Angeles and lives in Northern California.

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A
fter another week of clean blood draws and small talk
with Dr. Small, she clipped an ankle monitor around
Paul’s leg. She drew a circle on a Google Maps printout,
with the Harmony castle as the red Google teardrop in
its center. He could drive five minutes to the Starbucks
across the highway from the surfer beach in Trancas. Paul
had asked for privileges, but it was a letdown. He didn’t
feel improved. His right hand had a tremor that came and
got, an electrical fault somewhere inside, shaking itself
out through his fingers. Dr. Small said the tremor was just
the beginning. Of what she didn’t name. And he couldn’t
drive. They’d taken his license the night of the accident.

Dennis had off-campus privileges and a car. That af-
fternoon, they walked through the field of palm trees, the
Trees of Reflection, to the residents’ parking lot. Dennis
clicked the black square of the car key. The brake lights of
a white Toyota Camry blinked from the third row.

“My assistant’s car,” Dennis said. “Camouflage.”

“What’s she driving?”

“My Porsche.” Dennis laughed. His linen pants hid the
ankle bracelet. Paul’s pant leg caught up on his ankle band,
pulled down his jeans at the waist. The ankle monitors
were for special situations. Like vehicular manslaughter
or, in Dennis’s case, court-ordered rehab for possession.

Dennis slid open the sunroof, and they coasted down
the hill, away from Harmony. He rolled down the win-
doors and dialed up Frank Sinatra. “Fly Me to the Moon.”

At the coast highway, Dennis slowed for a stoplight.

“When we get out of the car,” he said, “don’t talk to
anyone.”

Paul gave him a thumbs-up. His hand jerked with the
coream, and his thumb flicked out like he was hitching a
ride.

Dennis eyed the dangling thumb and then the ocean
across the road, the surfers in black wet suits on their
boards, rising and falling with the swells.

“They’ll say it means your liver’s wrecked,” Dennis
said. “So don’t listen to them.”

“It’s nothing,” Paul said.

“You know how if you cut the arm off a starfish, the
starfish grows back the arm?”

“Yes.”

“That’s the liver,” Dennis said. “The liver rejuvenates.”

“Regenerates.”

“That’s what I said.”

Starbucks was on one side of a grocery store parking lot.
Dennis parked at the end of a line of Harley motorcycles.
He looked over the Starbucks patio, at the bearded bikers
in black leather vests, the surfers in board shorts and flip-
flops, the teenage girls in halter tops.

“Casting call, Malibu,” he said.

Then he pushed his sunglasses higher up the bridge
of his nose and checked his tousled hair in the rearview
mirror.

“Do not talk to anyone,” Dennis said. “I repeat, don’t
talk to anyone.”

If Paul had been paying attention, he would’ve noticed
the girl in the aviators, the phone in her hand, how she
tilted it slightly and pouted as if for a selfie. He relied
on tipsters: valets, hairstylists, waiters, bodyguards,
production assistants, doormen. Yes, he could say to the
judge about the night the kid had died, I received a tip
and was en route to the Peninsula Hotel. I didn’t intend
to speed. [Pause.] But I suppose I was in a hurry. My
livelihood depends on getting the first shot.

He followed Dennis inside Starbucks. They bought
iced cappuccinos, triples. It took five minutes, maybe ten,
before they picked up their drinks from the counter. It
wasn’t enough time, but it must’ve been because as Paul
followed Dennis out the doors into the sunlight, he heard
the clicks—two Canons and a Nikon. Dennis crouched
and turned his back to them instantly. Three men in dark
T-shirts and faded jeans lifted and lowered the cameras,
pushed in on them. Clicking and shouting for Dennis in
his real name. For a second Paul didn’t understand who
they were calling for. Dennis stayed low and grabbed
Paul’s arm, pulled him close as if to protect him. Paul felt a
pang of relief, of safety. Then Dennis swerved away from
the Starbucks doors. He gripped Paul’s other arm, dug his
fingers into the skin, and shoved Paul backward into the
cameras. Paul flailed as he fell, his wrist smacking two
lenses. The paparazzi yelled, “Hey, watch out, asshole,”
and recoiled, lifted their precious cameras above their
heads as Paul hit the pavement. His iced cappuccino
smacked the ground beside him. He watched the men’s
dirty tennis shoes as they turned and ran from him. They
called after Dennis, who fled across the parking lot to the
Camry, his sandals slapping the asphalt.

From the Starbucks patio, Paul watched Dennis climb
into the Camry and speed out of the parking lot, the
paparazzi firing their cameras at his back. They were Hail
Mary shots. Worthless. He’d gotten away.

The girl in the aviators sat at her table, her phone
sideways, scanning the scene on video. She paused on
Paul. He gave her the finger. She put down the phone.

“What’s your name?” she said.

“Warren Beatty.”

She typed into her phone, and then he heard the swoosh
of her email. She’d sent the video. Another five hundred
dollars for the tipster.
NOW IN PAPERBACK

Now You Know It All

JOANNA PEARSON

Winner of the 2021 Drue Heinz Literature Prize

“Subtle and moving . . . Pearson’s stories glide through their alarming moments with a precision hard to look away from. This will transfix and unsettle.”

—Publishers Weekly

“A worthy acolyte of Flannery O’Connor, Pearson trades in dark character studies punctuated by alarming events. They are set mostly in Southern suburbs and small towns, which are rendered with precise authenticity. And while Pearson never crosses the line into Southern gothic territory, she walks right up to it and flirts with it in a way that delights my deep-seated love of stories that examine the dark underbelly of human nature when it’s exposed to the light.”

—Atlanta Journal Constitution

Posed on the precipice of mystery and longing, each character in Now You Know It All also hovers on the brink of discovery—and decision. Set in small-town North Carolina, or featuring eager Southerners venturing afar, these stories capture the crucial moment of irrevocable change. A young waitress accepts an offer from a beguiling stranger; a troubled boy attempts to unleash the villain from an internet hoax on his party guests; a smitten student finds more than she bargained for in her favorite teacher’s attic; two adult sisters reconvene to uncover a family secret hidden in plain sight. With a sharp eye for rendering inner life, Joanna Pearson has a knack for creating both compassion and a looming sense of threat. Her stories peel back the layers of the narratives we tell ourselves in an attempt to understand the world, revealing that the ghosts haunting us are often the very shadows that we cast.

Joanna Pearson’s stories have appeared in Best Small Fictions and Best of the Net, as well as other journals. She holds an MFA in poetry from the Johns Hopkins University Writing Seminars and an MD from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. A native of western North Carolina, she now lives with her husband and two daughters near Chapel Hill, where she works as a psychiatrist.

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Happiness and connection prove fickle in this debut collection of eleven linked stories introducing Babbie and Donnie. She is a thrice-divorced former call girl, and he is a sobriety-challenged trucker turned yogi. Along with their community of exes, in-laws, and coworkers, Babbie and Donnie share a longing to reforge their lives, a task easier said than done in Mobile, Alabama, which bears its own share of tainted history. Despite overwhelming challenges and the ever-looming specters of status, race, and class, the characters in It Falls Gently All Around and Other Stories strive for versions of the American Dream through modern and often unconventional means. Told with humor and honesty, these stories remind us not only about the fallibility of being human and the resistance of some to change but also about finding redemption in unlikely places.
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ABOUT THE SERIES EDITORS

Terrance Hayes’s poetry collections include American Sonnets for My Past and Future Assassin, finalist for the National Book Award; How to Be Drawn, finalist for the National Book Award and the National Book Critics Circle Award; Lighthead, winner of the National Book Award and finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award; and Wind in a Box, finalist for the Hurston-Wright Legacy Award, among others.

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.

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Transcript of the Disappearance, Exact and Diminishing

LYNN EMANUEL

A Poetic Autobiography—Intimate, Sorrowful, and Funny

“Lynn Emanuel’s *Transcript of the Disappearance, Exact and Diminishing* is a roiling hybrid of autobiographical poems from a writer who has lived enough to know that all memoir is elegy, and who is so craft-proficient that her blazing dexterity seems second nature. She’s so on. So on it. It is Lynn Emanuel’s masterwork.”

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“The imagined camera here ‘waiting for me in that emptiness’ never cuts away from inside the skull—yet frees an off-screen voice that’s killer-eccentric, focused and sheer, flickering brilliant.”

—Carol Muske-Dukes, author of *Blue Rose*

“Both diary and anti-diary—both a love letter to New York and an elegy to the poet’s ghostly past. The beautiful lines and prose are like quiet flotsam in a poet’s digressive brain, contemplating the deep silences and sorrows of a devastating pandemic and of the wondrous adventure of artmaking despite uncertainty. I feel enriched by these poems.”

—Marilyn Chin, author of *SAGE*

Lynn Emanuel’s sixth collection of poetry is not sequential or straightforward. It has no conventional chronology, no master narrative. Instead, it is a life story, with all the chaos and messiness entailed therein. *Transcript of the Disappearance, Exact and Diminishing* is a commotion of grief and wit, audacious images, poems, and paragraphs. It explores and centers on the possibilities and limitations of art in the face of disappearances of many kinds, including the disappearance that is most personal—the poet’s own.

—PLAGUE’S MONOLOGUE

I erased the world so nothing can find it, snuffed out the roses, red and hot as the snouts of bombs, repealed the polar ice cap, even that fat oxymoron, the “industrial park,” has disappeared. And the last few words huddled together, like bees in a hive buzzing and plotting? I cut their throats with the scythe of a comma, turned the snout of my pen against them. I saved by erasing the streets and the people—let them be overgrown with absence. I don’t care—there is no limit to my appetite, my lust, my zeal for emptiness. But I know you—and you have kept a transcript of the disappearance.
Trailer Park Psalms

RYLER DUSTIN

Winner of the 2023 Agnes Lynch Starrett Poetry Prize

“Ryler Dustin’s poems achieve a clear and accessible quality, not through the simplicity of idea or emotion (for his poems are rich with surprising language and complex sentiment) but through his remarkable facility with syntax. Indeed, his elegant sentences convey feeling with vulnerability and sensitivity, while achieving what can only be called pure music. The ingenious metaphors in Trailer Park Psalms manage to contain the contradictory and conflicting emotions that come with loss, nostalgia, humor, and the effort to cope with the wounds of a complicated personal history.”
—Kwame Dawes, author of UnHistory with John Kinsella

“Although the poems in Trailer Park Psalms range widely (from a hardscrabble trailer park in the Pacific Northwest to London to the very edge of our galaxy), they are united by Ryler Dustin’s fine intelligence and his mastery of image and tone. These poems meditate on the persistence of memory, the difficulties of love, and the curiosities of ecology with real clarity, always offering us voyages toward knowledge, awe, and an invigorated sense of self.”
—Kevin Prufer, author of The Art of Fiction: Poems

“The poems in Ryler Dustin’s Trailer Park Psalms radiate with ache, pull us toward the awe of memory and love and the holy ringing only a body can make. If Dustin is right, and ‘love . . . means to make a space for this wrecked world inside us,’ then this collection is a profound act of love, offering the wrecked world inside us a tender home, an exquisite language with which to make itself known.”
—Stacey Waite, author of Butch Geography

Trailer Park Psalms traces the speaker’s journey beyond his boyhood trailer park, through an American landscape marked by violence—from a gas line explosion in his hometown to his father’s war memories to the scars of colonialism inscribed in place, language, and ecology. Along the way, he searches for sources of awe that might inspire us, even in a compromised world: the everyday miracle of eyesight, the courage of the Voyager spacecrafts, and the “clumsy kindness” of family members trying to mend the damages of the past. In the end, what he finds isn’t faith but the hope that “if there’s a heaven, we will bend / to examine our old selves / and wonder how something so delicate / was ever allowed.”

Ryler Dustin has represented Seattle on the final stage of the Individual World Poetry Slam, and his poems appear in outlets like Verse Daily, Gulf Coast, and The Best of Iron Horse. He is the author of Heavy Lead Birdsong from Write Bloody Publishing. A graduate of the MFA program at the University of Houston and the Ph.D. program at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, he has lived in Michigan, Spain, the Jack Kerouac House in Orlando, and an off-grid cabin in Oregon. He recently moved back to his hometown of Bellingham, Washington.

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FIRST STAR

It is here, in the empty lot across from K-Mart, dusk falling on the cusp of summer, that you realize you love her. She has asked you to teach her to drive, you lied about having a license, and your mother’s Metro is not cut out for this, how she kills the clutch again and again as you brace your bodies against the dash, laughing. You are not cut out for it, either—the way she jokes with the boys at your lunch table, grin flashing, hair black as volcanic glass. You cannot ease the ache her body makes in yours no matter what you do, even when you are making love behind her mother’s leaky apartment, or lying in the damp grass after, watching geese sign their mysterious arrow overhead. Soon her father will vanish again, her mother remarry and take her to Georgia. On the phone she’ll talk about pills she’s started and a man she met at church, her voice fading in the sound of traffic. But blink now and you are back in the empty lot—blink and you are in the brimming grass, wet, watching the geese neck ever on. Tell her again they have needles in their noses, like compasses, guiding them to where they must go. Say you can see Sirius, the first star, though you know she is already sleeping like something crash-landed, unfathomable, from an even deeper distance—her breasts below the coat you both share, her wrists so defenseless that the world, for the first time, frightens you—and you begin, in that light, to know what it is.

SONG FOR VOYAGERS

You, the farthest objects we have ever touched, now venture beyond that place where the sun’s wind gives way...—Ann Druyan

After school, I’d sit where failing shops gave way to water and woods, gripping a sci-fi book from the free box outside Henderson’s, watching sun recede in passing clouds then swell until the bay glowed like green glass. No one noticed me on the abandoned trestle that ran along the pulp mill’s graffitied walls and firs that sank soundlessly into shade.

If someone came—the drunk lady, the two sisters picking blackberries, the boys on bikes with greasy hair—

I kept quiet except to share what my grandmother knew, that a woman planted the berries as she train-hopped west.

I stayed as long as the light lasted, reading novels set among alien suns and the windless dark between galaxies, past planets that glowed like the bay’s far freighters—redshifted or neon green—my pages dog-eared by someone else. Wheel of Winds, Planet of Adventure: one person writes a story, another gives it away and a boy who finds it in the bottom of a box reads it aloud, walking home in his corduroy coat, the first snow falling like the passage of stars—like photos from the spacecraft on the news that year, a probe that rushed past Pluto, clutching a phonograph of humpbacks, human songs, infant heartbeats and our planet’s fragile, shifting weather—so wind and whales and Chuck Berry would be found by beings unfathomably far away, long after we had vanished, or grown into something unimaginable.
Take Me to Stavanger

ANZHELINA POLONSKAYA
Translated by ANDREW WACHTEL

A Bilingual Collection of Poems for a Dispirited Society

“A gripping lyric examination of exile, Anzhelina Polonskaya’s Take Me to Stavanger devastes in its imagistic exactitude. In a world riven by war, no matter which country is ‘yours,’ Polonskaya writes, ‘You’re guilty wherever you go.’ Yet, somehow—within her spare, razor-sharp glimpses of joy and beauty—we lived as we could.’ Polonskaya’s poetry speaks across borders despite the risks of doing so; translator Andrew Wachtel brings it, in its full power and sight, to English readers.”
—Rachel Mennies, author of The Naomi Letters

“These poems go for broke and break the sound barrier between languages and cultures. They lament, they leap, they keep pushing beyond, looking for common ground. Everywhere we turn in them, we find life as it coldly stares through death. As much as we ever have, and more so now, we need to hear from the voice of conscience in Russia. In your hands is living testimony.”
—Joshua Weiner, author of Berlin Notebook: Where Are the Refugees?

A mid the din of Russia’s patriotic sentiments and Instagram instants, is there any room left for the voice of a poet? Despite the many entertainments and distractions of modern life, Anzhelina Polonskaya’s spare but cutting poems in Take Me to Stavanger declare a wholehearted “Yes.” This bilingual Russian-English volume makes a refuge for the poet and her readers, plumbing the depths of contemporary melancholy and ennui. Beautifully crafted idiosyncratic dissections of a strong individual who refuses to go along with the currents of popular culture or political jingoism invite readers to slow down and pay attention.

TAKE ME TO STAVANGER

Take me to Stavanger.
With limpid northern eyes
I’ll live amidst the ice.
Perhaps after all the losses
and partings,
the ice will warm me.
My soul, you’re hanging on strings.
I’ll unhook you tenderly.
A clump of grass by the lazy lagoon.
Who knows?
Perhaps a house,
without a trace of heat.

Anzhelina Polonskaya is a Russian writer and artist from Malakhovka, a small town near Moscow. She is the author of A Voice, To the Ashes, and Paul Klee’s Boat, all of which were translated into English by Andrew Wachtel. Her poetry has also been translated into German, Dutch, Slovenian, Latvian, and Spanish.

Andrew Wachtel is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He translates from Russian, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, and Slovene. His translation of Anzhelina Polonskaya’s Paul Klee’s Boat was shortlisted for the PEN Award for Poetry in Translation.
The Rock That Is Not a Rabbit

COREY MARKS

Meditative Poems That Ask, What If “We Change and Change / But Don’t Change Back?”

“The otherness of the natural world shimmers into view, into consciousness, and so does the city that encroaches upon it, in Corey Marks’s bold, Stevensian, textured memories and meditations.”

—Edward Hirsch, author of The Heart of American Poetry

“This is a meditative book, a book in which a kind of concentrated thinking can feel light as snow as it buries you with implication.”

—Katie Peterson, author of Life in a Field

Change arises as something both desired and mourned in poems that reckon with a world where perspectives blur, names drift “billowing, unattached,” and language yields a broken music. A statue of Lenin topples in a Georgian square only to be raised again in a Dallas backyard. Antlers sprout from Actaeon’s head, rendering him unrecognizable to the dogs he loves. Ungainly piano notes pour from a window and wake unexpected wonder in a lost walker. A forest grows inside a box that once held a father’s new pair of shoes. Skylab slips from its watchful orbit and careens toward Earth. A familiar chair once owned by a now absent family appears in a field of wild parsnips. Meditative and richly imaginative, these poems cast and recast the self and its relation to other selves, and to memory, history, power, and the natural world.

THE ROCK THAT IS NOT A RABBIT

The rock that is not a rabbit suns itself in the field, its brown coat that isn’t fur furred with light. The rock that isn’t a rabbit would be warm to a palm but wouldn’t quicken or strain from touch. It doesn’t ache with hunger or pine with rabbit-lust, doesn’t breathe the world in, translating scent into some rabbit understanding. The world is beyond its understanding. And yet the rock that is not a rabbit will outlast the hawk banking above, the fox sloughing free of its den, the wheel nicking off the road to disturb the gravel berm, the mower coughing up the neighbor’s yard. Even so, its ears fold back against its body as if to make itself small, a secret, though when a breeze disorders the grass, the rock’s stillness appears like wild motion.

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QUAN BARRY

Poems about the Freedom That Arises When We Finally Let Go

Praise for Loose Strife:

“Barry risks the lurid, and the knowing, but comes out more like a prophet, overwhelmed—sometimes sublimely so—by the first- and second-hand truths she must convey.”
—Publishers Weekly starred review

“Barry offers a difficult, sophisticated look at violence in personal, historical, and textual forms.”
—Booklist

“An intriguing aesthetic choice in this book is Barry’s use of the self-referential. . . . Some of this initially comes across as unnecessary exposition, but turns out to be a declaration of a calling to follow a most disquieting muse, a sustained exploration of a moment of despair expressed in Aeschylus’ Oresteia: ‘Where will it end? / Where will it sink to sleep and rest, this murderous hate, this Fury?’ Loose Strife, which ultimately stitches together the dark history of humanity into a single volume of verse, is Barry’s most compelling response yet to that question: hate doesn’t end, hate doesn’t stop.”
—Los Angeles Review of Books

In Auction, her first poetry collection in eight years, the poet, novelist, and playwright Quan Barry travels the globe in her signature quest into the existential nature of experience. These poems explore the inner landscapes of both the human and animal realms, revealing them to be points along the same spectrum. At the heart of the book lies an extended study of toxic storytelling as an element of warcraft, but Barry also contemplates the death of a Buddhist master, the plight of migrants both at home and abroad, the ethics of travel and consumption, and the larger question of how and why we construct a self in order to navigate the world.

Quan Barry is the Lorraine Hansberry Professor of English at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Born in Saigon and raised on Boston’s north shore, Barry is the author of seven books of fiction and poetry, including the novel When I’m Gone, Look for Me in the East. She is one of a select group of writers to receive National Endowment for the Arts fellowships in both poetry and fiction. In 2021 her novel We Ride Upon Sticks was awarded the American Library Association’s Alex Award. Barry’s first play production, The Mytilenean Debate, premiered in spring 2022. She is currently Forward Theater’s first ever writer-in-residence.

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AUCTION

What was I wearing?
...

I don’t recall.
...

I remember walking down a series of switchbacks away from the Italianate mansion where all of her children died.
...

Night was entering, inching over the world horizontally from right to left, the moon’s structured whiteness an objet d’art.
...

Then we arrived at the beautiful space filled with beautiful gold-flecked people.
...

Everywhere strings of light, illuminated filigree, a world webbed with stars, the feeling of bodily effervescing.
...

No, I hadn’t been to the track.
...

I’d heard that was where squalor lived, a barely contained seediness that was allowed.
...

I am one who has been reared to prefer the cultivated, even the men trailing with push brooms in tuxedoes as they sweep up the bready droppings that break apart so easily, loosing their fragrance of grass and earth.
...

Why should this veneer fail me now?
...

Watching the crowd lean forward, smelling their hunger, the sound of the gavel falling like a cudgel on a head, and the good people rushing forward to shake the hand of the victorious.
...

I saw our history in it, roped right there in the ring.
...

The muscled beauty of excellence, the monocular acuity, how the breadth of the eye evolved for speed.
...

It stood on the dais as the groom lovingly turned its best side to the light, its best side being every side, coat gleaming like blackest water.
...

The whole room instantly aroused—the men’s pants tenting, the women with their sudden secretions as happens when you are in the presence of the holiest of forms.
...

It was looking at us with an awareness beyond time, casting its fifty-foot parabolic gaze broadly over the earth.
...

Admittedly, as my mind filled with images of heated brands and whips, I thought of Christ last, the petals of blood licking His face.
...

It was every being who has ever stood centerstage in chains—all of us implicated simply by being there regardless of sympathy or intent.
...

Ecce homo.
...

Then I heard a voice shout “2.2” and another go higher.
...

The most pragmatic teaching Jesus ever gave: render unto Caesar what is Caesar’s, render unto God what is God’s.
...

The gavel finally falling on 2.8 million.
...

But what if we don’t know the difference?
...

No, it wasn’t just my presence that made me a participant to spectacle, which explains why I’ve carried this haunting ever since.
...

He said the poor will be with us always, and I ran with it—I let it let me off the hook.
...

Then the groom, tuxedo dark as ink, himself descended from such brutality, turned and led it out.
OCTOBERS

SAHAR MURADI

Winner of the 2022 Donald Hall Prize for Poetry

“OCTOBERS is a richly gripping poem-journey through lives and languages, migrations/transitions, with profound openness to curious complexity. Sahar Muradi, born in Afghanistan, resident of New York City, employs subtly understated images, reeling us in to woven mysteries of time and story. It’s as if Muradi is speaking up from a difficult, often silent space for those who are forced to flee, recalibrate, make new homes, somewhere, anywhere, right here: ‘this one morning with its distinct wink’—brilliant. I feel I have never read anything quite like this voice before—it’s rare and so important.”
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OCTOBERS traces the four great tumults of the author’s life, all of which originated in that jagged month of different years: The US invasion and occupation of her native Afghanistan, the death of her father, the sudden end of a love, and the birth of her daughter. The poems chart heartbreak along a helix, progressively and recursively, where “echoes are inevitable.” Ultimately, the collection is concerned with language—as witness and buoy in the white waters of loss, as a tool for violences small and state-crafted, as an asymptote both approaching ideas of “home” and estranged from it, and, beyond it all and still, as a source of wild wonder.

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she was washee i told her you are
like your motherland a wilderness
needs a belt laid down two white
hotel towels took her into the tub to
wudu the boys out of her mouth pointed
her nipples toward qibla wiped clean
her intention to perform ruk’u as if
carrying a glass of chai on her back
fold at the knees palms to the ground
tucked her soles under her astaghfirullah
used country

in my used country I felt his teeth
circle as a mosquito the black mystery
he placed my right hand over my wrong
stain said he was bringing me home
offered me a suite with a lock a key in
the shape of a brother perhaps twenty-
two years old my body pure as a glass
table he spilled was she my boss on my
back at night came easy as a fly
to post-conflict faithfully
used my country

GRASPING

1
Time, I am leaning into you
pushing all my chips to your corners.
Here in the grief of my hands,
in the elegies of grasping,
remind me how useful it was,
the arrow.

2
Lessons of infancy:
When he leaves the room,
he does not exist.
If I am hungry,
I am permitted to wail.
And above my head, the mobile.
What finer constellations outside myself.

3
Echoes are inevitable.
The long space behind my body,
the tall stem of day hissing through the clock,
avoiding the gaps.
What does it mean to live in the gaps,
in the places where it is groundless,
to be so open
to this one morning with its distinct wink?

4
Something about surrender.
At dawn, a pledge of white flags.
Turning over what I cannot hold:
a library of nouns.
What courage it takes to admit one’s size,
to polish the day over and over
grasping nothing.
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EXCERPT FROM “WOUNDED ELOCUTION”

I’m learning to speak in the accents of adieu,
A language I once thought foreign,
Like the aftercry of animals in the predatory dark.

The new tones slide from deep in the windpipe,
In the lowest notes of woe—
And all wrong, wrong to my resentful ears.

I can’t keep listening to that desolate silence
Between the dry syllables,
The way it aches at the root of every word.

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In From the Steel City to the White City, Zachary Brodt explores Western Pennsylvania’s representation at Chicago’s Columbian Exposition, the first major step in demonstrating that Pittsburgh was more than simply America’s crucible—it was also a region of developing culture and innovation. The 1893 Columbian Exposition presented a chance for the United States to prove to the world that it was an industrial giant ready to become a global superpower. At the same time, Pittsburgh, a commercial center that formerly served as a starting point for western expansion, found itself serving as a major transportation, and increasingly industrial, hub during this period of extensive growth. Natural resources like petroleum and coal allowed Western Pennsylvania to become one of the largest iron- and steel-producing regions in the world. The Chicago fairgrounds provided a lucrative opportunity for area companies not only to provide construction materials but to display the region’s many products. While Pittsburgh’s most famous contributions to the 1893 World’s Fair—alternating current electricity and the Ferris wheel—had a lasting impact on the United States and the world, other exhibits provided a snapshot of the area’s industries, natural resources, and inventions. The success of these exhibits, Brodt reveals, launched local companies into the twentieth century, ensuring a steady flow of work, money, and prestige.

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A mericans love sports, from neighborhood pickup basketball to the National Football League, and everything in between. While no city better demonstrates the connection between athletic games and community than Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the common association of the city’s professional sports teams with its blue-collar industrial past illustrates a white nostalgic perspective that excludes the voices of many who labored in the mines and mills and played on local fields. In this original and lyrical history, Robert T. Hayashi addresses this gap by uncovering and sharing overlooked tales of the region’s less famous athletes: Chinese baseball players, Black women hunters, Jewish summer campers, and coal miner soccer stars. These athletes created separate spaces of play while demanding equal access to the region’s opportunities on and off the field. Weaving together personal narrative with accounts from media, popular culture, legal cases, and archival sources, Fields of Play details how powerful individuals and organizations used recreation to promote their interests and shape public memory. Combining this rigorous archival research with a poet’s voice, Hayashi vividly portrays how coal towns, settlement houses, municipal swimming pools, state game lands, stadia, and the city’s landmark rivers were all sites of struggle over inclusion and the meaning of play in the Steel City.

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When I see someone in a Steelers T-shirt or cap, I have to say something. “Hey, nice shirt! Go, Steelers!” Gas station, shopping mall, airport terminal, it does not matter. I have joined group cheers in public spaces at the least encouragement. I guess what I most hope to hear in reply is, “Where’d yinz live at?” And I feel a little betrayed, even annoyed otherwise. Please, don’t ever tell me you just liked the look of the shirt! Professional teams provide fans with a collective set of symbols around which we unite and signify community: “In rallying around the home team, people identify more closely with a broader civic framework in the spatially, socially, and politically fragmented metropolis.” NFL broadcasters typically note the presence of Steelers fans at contests across the country, “How well Steelers fans travel.” I have been to games in Green Bay and Atlanta where thousands and thousands of men and women dressed in black and gold have filled the seats. Cities across the US and even overseas—Zurich, Bangkok, Rio—have bars where Steeler fans gather to watch the games, cheer, suffer, and reminisce. What the TV talking heads fail to acknowledge is how many of these fans at away games are part of that exodus of workers and families who left the city when industry crashed. The Steeler Nation is a diaspora.

The early years of pro football and of the Steelers certainly did not suggest that the team would function as any collective symbol. Professional football was a relatively minor sport in the first part of the twentieth century, college football being much more popular; and it was not until the mid-twentieth century that pro football began to attract mass audiences, especially with the rise of television, its sports-specific programming, and the clever marketing of the NFL. The dramatic NFL Films, accompanied by a propulsive soundtrack, slow motion shots, and John Facenda’s godlike narration made a simple screen pass appear a distillation of epic tragedy. As noted earlier, the Steelers were perennial losers for decades. Their role in conveying local identity was due to more than their turnaround on the field—dramatic as it was—or to the growth of professional football and the mass media that has catalyzed its explosive growth. A combination of social, cultural, and economic forces during the 1970s coincided with the Steelers’ rise to become the most dominant team in the history of the NFL and provided Pittsburghers with a powerful impulse to paint their faces black and gold.

It is impossible to discuss the Steelers organization without analyzing the influence of the team’s majority owners, the Rooney family of Pittsburgh. As Dave Anderson observed, writing in the New York Times, “In any sport, a team’s character usually reflects, for better or for worse, the franchise’s dominant personality.” Although many NFL teams have experienced a slew of owners, the Steelers have remained a family business, controlled and defined by the Rooneys.

The patriarch, Art Rooney, who died in 1988, was the son of Irish Catholic immigrants and grew up on the city’s North Side district, where he lived all his life. The neighborhood had once been an independent town, Allegheny City, which Pittsburgh annexed and reconfigured.

The local sports historian Rob Ruck summarizes well the legendary status and influence of Art Rooney: “In the somewhat mythic but still essentially accurate saga Pittsburghers have woven out of the strands of Art Rooney’s life, sport is a product of hardworking people and tight-knit communities.” Art’s son Dan continued this legacy, even moving into his father’s former home on the North Side. Like his dad, Dan Rooney’s community was also the touchstone of his character, as he described, “I know this sounds impossible but in those days growing up on the North Side, we didn’t think about your skin color, or your accent, or what church you went to. What mattered was that you lived up to your word, pulled your own weight, and looked out for your friends.”

One of Dan Rooney’s most important decisions upon assuming operational control of the organization was the hiring of a new head coach, a young assistant coach of the Miami Dolphins and former high school star from a working-class Cleveland family. Chuck Noll immediately instilled an attitude of professionalism and commitment that echoed across the roster. The longtime kicker Gary Anderson recalls, “I really responded to a guy like that. . . . If you showed up for work in the morning, he assumed you were professional enough to get the job done.” The Steelers also displayed the toughness embodied in Art Rooney, who is famously quoted as saying, “Don’t ever let anyone mistake kindness for weakness.” The former Steeler middle linebacker Jack Lambert, a Steeler legend for his violent play and missing front teeth, which commonly elicited comparisons to Dracula, defined the Steelers’ style as a “culture of hard-hitting, hard-drinking, blue collar masculinity.” And it sold as well as Big Irons—the sixteen-ounce version of the local brew, Iron City. Opponents may have expected to win against Pittsburgh, but victory would come with its lumps. The former NFL quarterback Len Dawson recalled, “They intimidated. It began with their defense.” With Noll at the helm and a new group of exceptionally talented players, the team reached legendary prominence, just as the town’s defining economic base collapsed. Yet the Steelers, through their name, their symbols, and physical style of play, keep the memory of those hulking mills, smokestacks, and once thriving towns like Braddock alive on Sundays.
Turbulent rapids and wild shorelines of the Youghiogheny River highlight natural wonders of the Appalachian Mountains, and midway on the stream’s revealing path, Ohiopyle State Park is a showcase of beauty and has become a recreational hotspot where the river thunders over its iconic falls and cascades through the wooded gorges of Pennsylvania. With deep reflection, a compelling sense of adventure, and family ties to the waterway going back many generations, author Tim Palmer wrote *Youghiogheny: Appalachian River* in 1984 as the essential biography of this river and region. Now, in this revised and expanded edition of his classic narrative on this special landscape and its people, he revisits the river, addresses the changes that have occurred since the book was first published, and poses the question: What will happen to this historic and cherished place?
EXCERPT FROM YOUGHIOGHENY, PREFACE

Rushring from emerald summits of the Appalachian Mountains and foaming through whitewater rapids, the Youghiogheny River has been discovered and re-discovered, again and again, through the years, decades, and centuries. At a thundering waterfall midway along the 132-mile-long course, the townsite of Ohiopyle has been occupied by local tribes, beloved by generations that have come and gone, and transformed from a sleepy Appalachian backwater to a recreational hotspot of the twenty-first century. Millions of people come here to hike, bike, paddle, and appreciate a riverfront dedicated to public enjoyment and reconnection with nature. Intrigued by all this, and with my own personal history plus multigenerational ties back to the 1700s at this extraordinary part of the earth, I wrote the first edition of Youghiogheny: Appalachian River in 1984.

A colorful, personable, and compelling cast of characters filled the stage that I found four decades ago. The drama that unfolded touched on history, on the early days of whitewater paddling, on innovations to manage a popular park, and on the goal of restoring forests, waters, and landscapes that showcase in new ways the best of America’s oldest mountains. I wrote this account in an era that became pivotal in efforts to care for a river while recreational use soared beyond all expectations. Many of the people who lived along the Youghiogheny in the 1980s are gone, but many others remain in 2023, and children in some of the same families now carry on. Modern goals and aspirations of individuals, organizations, and bureaucracies have been built upon foundations cobbled together a half-century ago. Names have changed but the outlooks and desires, the triumphs and the tragedies continue in familiar patterns. In a sense, the story that I told when I wrote this book remains timeless.

For these reasons, my publisher and I believe that the Youghiogheny book deserves a new life. Wrapped in a fresh cover, my narrative comes with hopes that it entertains, informs, and maybe even inspires readers today. Most of the book remains as originally published, the photos as originally taken. But this preface and the epilogue are new, and for them I’ve journeyed back to revisit the exhilarating whitewater as well as the deep reflective pools. I’ve returned in order to see, once again, this exquisite stream’s wonders, to update my story, and to introduce this remarkable place to another generation. I’d like to welcome all new readers of this book, and to encourage those who have read the original edition to update yourselves—as I did—with the epilogue.

Perhaps the only truth more notable than how much has changed since 1984 is the fact that much remains the same. That’s good for those who cherish an earlier era and want the natural world not to be diminished by yet greater incursions of the unwelcome variety.

However, looking to the essence of what is, in fact, different since I wrote the book, the new epilogue seeks to shine light on how one era flows into another. I examined how the Youghiogheny and its shores have changed, and I considered how local culture has drifted in new directions. I inquired about the evolving types and amounts of recreational use now teeming in this outsized playground for mid-Atlantic America, and I found some startling surprises. I questioned the evolving management of Pennsylvania’s largest state park in land area, and I admired the ongoing restoration of a river once depleted, polluted, and neglected but now prized by many.
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“Journalists Marylynne Pitz and Laura Malt Schneiderman chronicle the proud voyage and eventual capsizing of this emblematic downtown dreadnought in Kaufmann’s: The Family That Built Pittsburgh’s Famed Department Store. The result is a revealing case study of the type of retail institution that once played such a prominent role in American life—as well as a portrait of the glittering Kaufmann family.”

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In 1868 Jacob Kaufmann, the nineteen-year-old son of a German farmer, stepped off a ship onto the shores of New York. His brother Isaac soon followed, and together they joined an immigrant community of German Jews selling sewing items to the coal miners and mill workers of western Pennsylvania. After opening merchant tailor shops in Pittsburgh’s North and South Sides, the Kaufmann brothers caught the wave of a new type of merchandising—the department store—and launched what would become their retail dynasty with a downtown storefront at Fifth Avenue and Smithfield Street. In just two decades, Jacob and his family had ascended Pittsburgh’s economic and social ladder, rising from hardscrabble salesmen into Gilded Age multimillionaires.

Generous and powerful philanthropists, the Kaufmanns left an indelible mark on the city and western Pennsylvania. From Edgar and Liliane’s famous residence, the Frank Lloyd Wright masterpiece called Fallingwater, to the Kaufmann’s clock, a historic landmark that inspired the expression “meet me under the clock,” to countless fond memories for residents and shoppers, the Kaufmann family made important contributions to art, architecture, and culture. Far less well known are the personal tragedies and fateful ambitions that shaped this family, their business, and the place they called home. Kaufmann’s recounts the story of one of Pittsburgh’s most beloved department stores, pulling back the curtain to reveal the hardships, triumphs, and complicated legacy of the prominent family behind its success.

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The River Ran Red

Homestead 1892

Edited by DAVID P. DEMAREST

A Richly Illustrated Account of a Crucial Moment in US Labor History

“Demarest’s excellent selection of primary material brings Homestead graphically to life.”
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On July 6, 1892, violence erupted at the Carnegie Steel mill in Homestead, Pennsylvania, when striking employees and Pinkerton detectives hired to break the strike exchanged gunfire along the shore of the Monongahela River. The skirmish left some dozen dead, led to a congressional investigation, sparked a nearly successful assassination attempt on Carnegie Steel executive Henry Clay Frick, and altered the course of the American labor movement. The River Ran Red recreates the events of that summer using firsthand accounts and archival material, including excerpts from newspapers and magazines, reproductions of pen-and-ink sketches and photographs made on the scene, passages from the congressional investigation, and poems, songs, and sermons from across the country. Contributions by outstanding scholars provide the background for understanding the social and cultural aspects of the strike, as well as its violence and repercussions. Written to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the strike, The River Ran Red records and contextualizes public and personal reactions to one of the most important events in labor history, the reverberations of which are still felt today.

David P. Demarest (1931–2011) was professor emeritus of English at Carnegie Mellon University and a pioneering scholar of labor history and working-class literature of western Pennsylvania. His research led to the republication of Thomas Bell’s seminal novel of the American steel industry, Out of This Furnace. He was a founding member of the Battle of Homestead Foundation and a staunch advocate for the preservation of important local historical and cultural landmarks such as the Braddock Carnegie Library in Braddock, Pennsylvania, and the Maxo Vanka murals in Saint Nicholas Croatian Catholic Church in Millvale, Pennsylvania.

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Guide to the Mammals of Pennsylvania

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JOSEPH F. MERRITT

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Marcia Bonta is a freelance nature writer and the author of, in addition to her Appalachian seasons books, Outbound Journeys in Pennsylvania, More Outbound Journeys in Pennsylvania, Women in the Field, and Escape to the Mountain, and the editor of American Women Afield. She has written more than three hundred magazine articles for publications such as Birder’s World, Bird Watcher’s Digest, Living Bird, and Hawk Mountain News. Her work has appeared in several anthologies, and she is a popular lecturer on nature and nature writing.
Making the Frontier Man
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For western colonists in the early American backcountry, disputes often ended in bloodshed and death. Making the Frontier Man examines early life and the origins of lawless behavior in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio from 1750 to 1815. It provides a key to understanding why the trans-Appalachian West was prone to violent struggles, especially between white men. Traumatic experiences of the Revolution and the Forty Years War legitimized killing as a means of self-defense—of property, reputation, and rights—transferring power from the county courts to the ordinary citizen. Backcountry men waged war against American Indians in state-sponsored militias as they worked to establish farms and seize property in the West. And white neighbors declared war on each other, often taking extreme measures to resolve petty disputes that ended with infamous family feuds.

Making the Frontier Man focuses on these experiences of western expansion and how they influenced American culture and society, specifically the nature of western manhood, which radically transformed in the North American environment. In search of independence and improvement, the new American man was also destitute, frustrated by the economic and political power of his elite counterparts, and undermined by failure. He was aggressive, misogynistic, racist, and violent, and looked to reclaim his dominance and masculinity by any means necessary.
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The Secret Police and the Soviet System
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MICHAEL DAVID-FOX
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“There are many excellent studies of the Soviet political police, but none cover the range of topics, geography, and time span that the essays in this collection do. A number of contributions delve into subjects previously untouched and are based on regional as well as central archives that have long been underutilized.”
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Even more than thirty years after the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the role of the secret police in shaping culture and society in communist USSR has been difficult to study, and defies our complete understanding. In the last decade, the opening of non-Russian KGB archives, notably in Ukraine after 2015, has allowed scholars to explore state security organizations in ways not previously possible. Moving beyond well-known cases of high-profile espionage and repression, this study is the first to showcase research from a wide range of secret police archives in former Soviet republics and the countries of the former Soviet bloc—some of which are rapidly closing or becoming inaccessible once again. Rather than focusing on Soviet leadership, The Secret Police and the Soviet System integrates the secret police into studies of information, technology, economics, art, and ideology. The result is a state-of-the-art portrait of one of the world’s most notorious institutions, the legacies of which are directly relevant for understanding Vladimir Putin’s Russia today.
Multicultural Commonwealth
Poland-Lithuania and Its Afterlives

Edited by STANLEY BILL and SIMON LEWIS

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—Antony Polonsky, professor emeritus, Brandeis University, and chief historian, Global Education Outreach Project, Museum of Polish Jews in Warsaw

The Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth (1569–1795) was once the largest country in Europe—a multicultural republic that was home to Belarusians, Germans, Jews, Lithuanians, Poles, Ruthenians, Tatars, Ukrainians, and other ethnic and religious groups. Although long since dissolved, the Commonwealth remains a rich resource for mythmaking in its descendent modern-day states, but also a source of contention between those with different understandings of its history. Multicultural Commonwealth brings together the expertise of world-renowned scholars in a range of disciplines to present perspectives on both the Commonwealth’s historical diversity and the memory of this diversity. With cutting-edge research on the intermeshed histories and memories of different ethnic and religious groups of the Commonwealth, this volume asks how various contemporary conceptions of multiculturalism can be applied to the region through a critical lens that also seeks to understand the past on its own terms.

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Gendering Antifascism
Women’s Activism in Argentina and the World, 1918–1947

SANDRA MCGEE DEUTSCH

A History of the Women’s Antifascism Movement in Argentina That Contains Lessons for Opposing Fascism Today

“A superb book on the only major Argentine antifascist association composed entirely of women. Attracting disenfranchised women, the Junta de la Victoria fostered a democratic alternative to fascism and politicized women in the Southern Cone. The contemporary resurgence of right-wing populist and neofascist groups in the Americas makes this meticulously researched study, of a relatively unknown organization of the 1940s, of particular relevance. Highly recommended.”
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“In this deeply researched book, Sandra McGee Deutsch provides a compelling narrative of the struggles of Argentine women, often operating in an extremely hostile environment, to combat the rise of fascism at home and abroad. It is a major contribution to our understanding of Argentine history and has significant implications for the present day.”
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Argentine women’s long resistance to extreme rightists, tyranny, and militarism culminated in the Junta de la Victoria, or Victory Board, a group that organized in the aftermath of the German invasion of the Soviet Union in defiance of the neutralist and Axis-leaning government in Argentina. A sewing and knitting group that provided garments and supplies for the Allied armies in World War II, the Junta de la Victoria was a politically minded association that mobilized women in the fight against fascism. Without explicitly characterizing itself as feminist, the organization promoted women’s political rights and visibility and attracted forty-five thousand members. The Junta ushered diverse constituencies of Argentine women into political involvement in an unprecedented experiment in pluralism, coalition-building, and political struggle. Sandra McGee Deutsch uses this internationally minded but local group to examine larger questions surrounding the global conflict between democracy and fascism.

Sandra McGee Deutsch is professor emerita of history at the University of Texas at El Paso. She is the author of *Counterrevolution in Argentina, 1900–1932: The Argentine Patriotic League; Las derechas: The Extreme Right in Argentina, Brazil, and Chile, 1890–1939;* and *Crossing Borders, Claiming a Nation: A History of Argentine Jewish Women, 1880–1955,* which won a Latin American Jewish Studies Association Book Award. She is also coeditor of *Women of the Right: Comparisons and Interplay across Borders* and *The Argentine Right: Its History and Intellectual Origins, 1910 to the Present.*

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Conjuring the State
Public Health Encounters in Highland Ecuador, 1908–1945
A. KIM CLARK

The First English-Language Book on the History of Public Health in Ecuador during the Early and Mid-Twentieth Century

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A. Kim Clark is professor of anthropology at the University of Western Ontario, Canada. She is the author of The Redemptive Work: Railway and Nation in Ecuador, 1895–1930 and Gender, State and Medicine in Highland Ecuador: Modernizing Women, Modernizing the State and editor, with Marc Becker, of Highland Indians and the State in Modern Ecuador.

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Inka Bird Idiom
Amazonian Feathers in the Andes

CLAUDIA BROSSEDER

How Indigenous People Used Feathers as a Significant Way of Symbolic Communication in the Andes

“What are we to make of stuffed ducks that Atahualpa sent to Pizzaro before they met? How is the Virgin Mary associated with parrots? Why are bundles of feathers offered to the sacred? Birds and their feathers in all their various roles in Andean, and especially Inka, society before and after the conquest are examined herein. Their materiality and meanings are the heart of Brosseder’s exquisite study. What unfolds here is the Andean perspective and use of this incredibly vibrant resource that is so rich and powerful and beyond the Western imagination.”
—Thomas Cummins, Harvard University

“In this amply illustrated and beautifully written book, Brosseder scours archaeological and ethnohistorical records to reveal the meanings of birds and their feathers to the Inkas. While fine Andean featherwork has long been admired as craft, Brosseder’s study sheds new light on why birds were so integral to the visual cultures of Andean peoples across both time and space.”
—Carolyn Dean, University of California at Santa Cruz

From majestic Amazonian macaws and highland Andean hawks to tiny colorful tanagers and tall flamingos, birds and their feathers played an important role in the Inka empire. Claudia Brosseder uncovers the many meanings that Inkas attached to the diverse fowl of the Amazon, the eastern Andean foothills, and the highlands. She shows how birds and feathers shaped Inka politics, launched wars, and initiated peace. Feathers provided protection against unpredictable enemies, made possible communication with deities, and brought an imagined Inka past into a political present. Richly textured contexts of feathered objects recovered from Late Horizon archaeological records and from sixteenth- and seventeenth-century accounts written by Spanish interlocutors enable new insights into Inka visions of interspecies relationships, an Inka ontology, and Inka views of the place of the human in their ecology. Inka Bird Idiom invites reconsideration of the deep intellectual ties that connected the Amazon and the mountain forests with the Andean highlands and the Pacific coast.
Connecting China, Latin America, and the Caribbean

Infrastructure and Everyday Life

Edited by ENRIQUE DUSSEL PETERS, JAMES A. COOK, and JOSEPH S. ALTER

An Interdisciplinary Approach to the Political, Economic, and Cultural Consequences of China’s Influence in Latin America and the Caribbean

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—Adrian Hearn, University of Melbourne

Along history of migration, trade, and shared interests links China to Latin America and the Caribbean. Over the past twenty years, China has increased direct investment and restructured trade relations in the region. In addition, Chinese public sector enterprises, private companies, and various branches of the central government have planned, developed, and built a large number of infrastructure projects in Latin America and the Caribbean, such as dams, roads, railways, energy grids, security systems, telecommunication networks, hospitals, and schools. These projects have had a profound impact on local environments and economies and help shape the lived experiences of individuals. Each chapter in this volume examines how the impact of these infrastructure projects varies in different countries, focusing on how they produce new forms of global connectivity between various sectors of the economy and the resulting economic and cultural links that permeate everyday life.
Business Power and the State in the Central Andes
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The BBC Latin American Service was created in 1938, funded by the British Ministry of Information, to counter fascist propaganda broadcast to Latin America. Now considered one of the major Latin American novelists of the twentieth century, Brazilian writer António Callado (1917–1997) got his start writing radio drama scripts for the BBC LAS during and after World War II. Largely forgotten until Daniel Mandur Thomaz collected them in a 2018 volume published in Brazil, these radio scripts were propaganda in their own right and were part of a concerted effort to win sympathy for Britain and the Allies in Latin America. They reveal how Callado’s experiences during the war influenced his writing and had a critical impact on themes he would revisit consistently throughout his literary career. Transatlantic Radio Dramas analyzes the scripts themselves, but also examines the institutions, material practices, and beliefs that allowed modernist transatlantic networks like the BBC LAS to flourish.
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