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# The Descent of Artificial Intelligence

A Deep History of an Idea Four Hundred Years in the Making

### KEVIN PADRAIC DONNELLY

A Radically Different History of AI Spanning Four Centuries of Research on Human Intelligence and Behavior

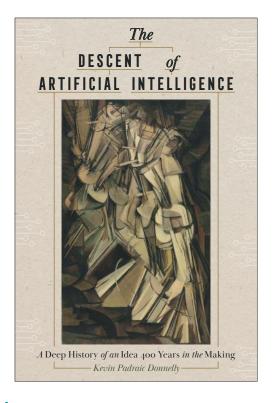
"The Descent of Artificial Intelligence is an eye-opening take on the history of AI. This is a sophisticated piece of scholarship that shows us just how strongly AI innovation is connected to our scientific fascination with people. It is a must-read for all who want to look beyond the AI hype."

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"In *The Descent of Artificial Intelligence*, Kevin Padraic Donnelly recovers a deep history of AI, going beyond the usual emphasis on computers to focus on the ways our shifting perceptions of intelligence have, over several centuries, led some people to believe it can be modeled in ways that technology can handle. The result is an ambitious and highly readable account that puts the ongoing debates about AI in a new light."

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he idea that a new technology could challenge human intelligence is as old as the warning from Socrates and Plato that written language eroded memory. With the emergence of generative artificial intelligence programs, we find ourselves once again debating how a new technology might influence human thought and behavior. Researchers, software developers, and "visionary" tech writers even imagine an AI that will equal or surpass human intelligence, adding to a sense of technological determinism where humanity is inexorably shaped by powerful new machines. But among the hundreds of essays, books, and movies that approach the question of AI, few have asked how exactly scientists and philosophers have codified human thought and behavior. Rather than focusing on technical contributions in machine building, The Descent of Artificial Intelligence explores a more diverse cast of thinkers who helped to imagine the very kind of human being that might be challenged by a machine. Kevin Padraic Donnelly argues that what we often think of as the "goal" of AI has in fact been shaped by forgotten and discredited theories about people and human nature as much as it has been by scientific discoveries, mathematical advances, and novel technologies. By looking at the development of artificial intelligence through the lens of social thought, Donnelly deflates the image of artificial intelligence as a technological monolith and reminds readers that we can control the narratives about ourselves.



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# EXCERPT FROM THE INTRODUCTION TO THE DESCENT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

lthough human thought, behavior, communication have been the goal for AI since Turing, little has been accomplished in the subsequent seventy years that might suggest computer scientists have looked to the history of the social sciences as a guide to understanding their ultimate goal. In fact, to look at the state of artificial intelligence today is to see that questions about the nature of human thought, behavior, and communication have remained unasked, unanswered, or ignored, in large part because AI history has been so narrowly focused on machines and their makers as to bracket out discussions of what kind of person AI is supposed to replicate. For example, in interviews with fifty leading AI experts published in 2018, the futurist and writer Martin Ford asked each subject to provide a year when "human-level AI might be achieved." While the predictions ranged from a few decades to a century, neither Ford nor any of those interviewed defined "human level" or considered how such a standard could be determined scientifically. Though no scientific account was offered of what it actually means for a person to act and think, all fifty engineers and computer scientists were confident that AI would one day reach this undefined goal.

In perhaps the most vivid illustration of how often the "human level" is ignored in discussions of AI, in both Turing's legendary "imitation game" and its many subsequent iterations, there is no account of what kind of people might participate alongside the machine. For example, in 2002 the futurist Ray Kurzweil and businessman Mitch Kapor made a bet about the possibility that a machine might one day pass the Turing Test. Although the "rules" of the test ran close to two thousand words, the only mention of the human players was the stipulation that three human "foils" were needed, without any mention of, say, the age, gender, religious background, or personality of the people selected to participate." Even putting a barrier like culture aside, it could be argued that machines would have varying levels of success at the Turing Test with eccentrics, artists, mystics, or children, and it is perhaps unsurprising that the first computer to "pass" the test did so through mimicking the random interruptions, non sequiturs, and "bullshit" of a teenager. iii In fact, one could imagine in all seriousness that the easiest way for a machine to pass the Turing Test would be to have either a very boring human competitor or a dumb interlocutor.

The idea that new technologies might inhibit human agency and intellect is as old as Plato's warnings that

written language harmed human memory, and the perceived threats of various machines have been debated many times over. iv Rather than adopt a simplistic technological determinism that blames machines themselves for a simplification of human thought and behavior, this book argues that the "human level" that AI researchers are trying to reach would be unimaginable without the long history of scientific attempts to understand human thought, action, and behavior. People have of course come up with many other methods for trying to understand one another throughout history outside of the social sciences—from divine explanation to art and literature to intuition—but these approaches are particularly unsuited as forerunners of today's AI, as they tend to make people's "singular identity" paramount. An AI system based on individual human beings as divine creations possessing willing souls, complex literary figures rent by deeply personal family histories, or completely absurd and random beings would not make it very far. To give but one small example, the AI that produces automatic responses to email messages works well for scheduling meetings, but less so in response to a dream journal sent from a friend. Conversely, many things that AI does do well would seem completely absurd or pointless to a vast number of people in different times and places who have not relied on scientific explanations for human behavior. To a medieval European peasant, Māori oral historian, Tang dynasty chronicler, or Roman centurion, for example, there would be very little utility or intelligence in today's machines, or anything "human level" in AI success in playing games, scheduling meetings, summarizing legal texts, or having superficial chats on random topics. What this book attempts to show, therefore, is that the multifaceted phenomenon we know today as AI has been made possible because of a significant effort over the past four hundred years to reduce the "works and customs of mankind" to a point where scientific methodologies could be used to understand them. For the harshest critics of reductive social science traced in this story, then, it was theories about dumb people, rather than smart machines, which proved the stuff of nightmares.

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Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay and the Making of Modern India

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# —Ramachandra Guha, author of Gandhi: The Years That Changed the World

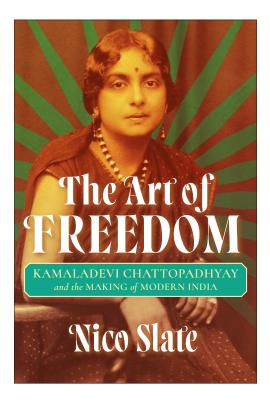
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### —Ellen Carol DuBois, University of California, Los Angeles

"This deeply researched book restores Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay to her rightful place in India's history as a freedom fighter and nation builder."

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amaladevi Chattopadhyay (1903–1988) was a prominent socialist, anticolonial and antiracist activist, champion of women's rights, and advocate for the arts and crafts. Defying the borders of gender, nation, and race, her efforts spanned social movements and played a leading role in the creation of modern India and the development of the Global South. In The Art of Freedom, Nico Slate showcases new archival materials to document Kamaladevi's campaign to become the first woman elected to provincial office; her confrontation with Gandhi that helped open the salt protests of 1930 to women; her leadership of the All India Women's Conference and the Congress Socialist Party; her pioneering work with refugees during the Partition of India in 1947; the major impact she had on the arts in postcolonial India; and her own career on the stage and screen. Slate also draws upon underexplored details from her personal life, providing new context for her experiences as a child widow, her remarriage to the mercurial actor/poet Harin Chattopadhyay, and her divorce (among the first civil divorces in modern India). Taken as a whole, Kamaladevi's life offers a uniquely revealing vantage point on the making of modern India-a vantage point that centers the interconnections between struggles often seen as distinct, and that reminds us of the full promise of Indian democracy.



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### EXCERPT FROM THE INTRODUCTION TO THE ART OF FREEDOM

In the autumn of 1947, a forty-four-year-old woman visited a cavernous building in New Delhi known as the P-Block. The British Raj had just fallen. Two nations—India and Pakistan—had emerged from the wreckage of colonial rule. For generations, imperial authorities had stoked distrust between India's largest religious communities. As the colonial state retreated, that distrust turned violent on a staggering scale. More than half a million people would die and more than ten million would flee their homes in one of the largest and bloodiest mass migrations in human history.

Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay arrived at the P-Block, the headquarters of the new Relief and Rehabilitation Secretariat, with a plan to resettle thousands of the refugees who had arrived in Delhi. Known throughout the subcontinent by her first name, Kamaladevi had acquired a considerable reputation for her work in the socialist and women's movements and for having spent years in prison for her opposition to the British Raj. She worked closely with Mahatma Gandhi and with India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. Yet the officials of the Relief and Rehabilitation Secretariat did not respond to her request that land be allocated to the refugees. Undeterred by the bureaucracy's indifference, she identified a patch of open terrain about twelve miles from the city and informed the authorities that if an appropriate alternative was not provided in the next three days, she would personally escort a group of refugees to claim the land. She hired trucks and worked with the refugees to gather all that was needed to build a temporary settlement. The night before they were to move, a letter arrived providing the land. Kamaladevi helped to organize a new city for refugees just outside of Delhi. Often described as a "model" community, the new town of Faridabad would house 30,000 people on some 1,500 acres. "From an unsightly settlement of ragged tents and squalid huts only a year and a half ago," the New York Times declared in October 1951, "Faridabad has become a model of combined suburban and rural development with homes, jobs, schools and public health service for all." With its own electric powerhouse, a 150-bed hospital, and a range of small, collaboratively run businesses-from a dairy farm to a button factory—Faridabad testified to the hope and hard work of thousands of uprooted people, the dedication of dozens of social workers, and the vision and determination of one indomitable woman.

Kamaladevi's support for refugees was an act of empathy across many divides. Unlike most of the people she strove to empower, she had been born into wealth and

status. Kamaladevi Dhareshwar entered the world on April 3, 1903, in Mangalore, a small city on the Arabian Sea in the present-day state of Karnataka. Her family belonged to one of the most affluent and educated communities in colonial India, the Chitrapur Saraswat Brahmins. Her life turned toward adversity when her father died without leaving a will. Most of the family's wealth was inherited by a male relative, leaving Kamaladevi, her sisters, and her mother in a precarious position. At the age of eleven, Kamaladevi was married to an older boy from one of Mangalore's wealthiest families. Only a year later, the boy died, leaving Kamaladevi a child widow at a time when widows were often expected to live austere and secluded lives. With support from her mother, Kamaladevi broke social custom by pursuing her own education and, at the age of sixteen, falling in love and remarrying across lines of language, region, and caste.

With her new husband, she sang and acted in plays and films at a time when "respectable" women rarely performed on stage or for a camera, and she traveled to England to pursue a degree in sociology at a time when few Indian women studied abroad. After returning to India to support Gandhi's noncooperation movement, Kamaladevi became one of the first women to contest a legislative election in colonial India. She played a key role in the creation of the All India Women's Conference (AIWC) and helped lead that organization as its first secretary. In 1930, when Gandhi launched a civil disobedience campaign while limiting the participation of women, Kamaladevi confronted him, helped to change his mind, and then herself became one of the first women arrested. She spent several years in prison, much of the time in solitary confinement.

Kamaladevi emerged from prison to find that her husband had fathered a child with another woman. She broke yet another taboo by divorcing him. In 1934, she helped found a socialist group within the Indian National Congress and emerged as one of the most influential leaders of the left wing of the freedom struggle. She was also among the most traveled. During the Second World War, she journeyed across the United States, Japan, and wartorn China before returning to India, where she was arrested yet again. After her release, she joined the Congress Working Committee—the party's highest body—at one of the most crucial junctures in the history of the freedom struggle. Along with her socialist colleagues, she opposed the partition of India, a stance that brought her close to Gandhi toward the end of his life.

# Mal Goode Reporting

The Life and Work of a Black Broadcast Trailblazer

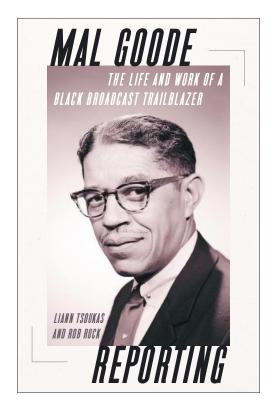
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American Goode (1908–1995) became network news's first African American correspondent when ABC News hired him in 1962. Raised in Homestead and Pittsburgh, he worked in the mills, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, and went on to become a journalist for the *Pittsburgh Courier* and later for local radio. With his basso profundo voice resonating on the airwaves, Goode challenged the police, politicians, and segregation, while providing Black listeners a voice that captured their experience. Race prevented him from breaking into television until Jackie Robinson dared ABC to give him a chance. Goode was uncompromising in his belief that network news needed Black voices and perspectives if it were to authentically reflect the nation's complexities. His success at ABC initiated the slow integration of network news. Goode's life and work are remarkable in their own right, but his struggles and achievements also speak to larger issues of American life and the African American experience.



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### EXCERPT FROM THE INTRODUCTION TO MAL GOODE REPORTING

n October 28, 1962, Americans were stunned when broadcasters interrupted scheduled programing to report the unthinkable. The world was careening toward a nuclear confrontation. Just six days before, President John F. Kennedy had addressed the nation, warning that aerial surveillance of Cuba, the Caribbean island just ninety miles from Florida, confirmed the presence of a Soviet nuclear strike capability. The United States, he announced, had issued an ultimatum to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to remove those missiles. After days of back-channel talks, UN Security Council sessions, and Cuban anti-aircraft downing a U-2 aircraft, the Cold War confrontation was about to climax.

As US warships raced to intercept Soviet vessels heading for Cuban waters, Americans perched on couches and kitchen chairs, watching the crisis unfold on television and listening to radio updates. Schoolchildren practiced "duck and cover" drills and the nation's armed forces mobilized. When ABC broke into programming with updates on the standoff, there was a new face on the screen and a new voice on the radio. A tall, distinguished-looking African American called Mal Goode calmly delivered one report after another with the United Nations building looming behind him. Never before had the world come so close to nuclear warfare, and never before had a Black man conveyed breaking news for a national network. The threat of war soon faded, but Mal Goode wasn't going anywhere.

Goode made history that day, and the television and radio spots he delivered during the Cuban Missile Crisis were a prologue to his television career, not a one-off. A fixture on ABC News for the next decade, he chipped away at one of media's most stubbornly segregated formats by interpreting the news for a national audience. Goode's sense of mission was clear: to explain the racial currents of a nation in turmoil, inject an African American perspective into the conversation, serve his profession, and address all TV viewers.

But Goode's dramatic career launch was inadvertent. ABC's decision in the summer of 1962 was simply to hire a Black correspondent. Network executives had not thought through what a barrier-breaking national correspondent would do on ABC, much less how and why his presence would matter. The hire was no guarantee that Goode would be on air. His assignment to the United Nations, where most correspondents remained tucked away on what was considered one of least interesting beats for the TV audience, meant that viewers might not catch a glimpse of the historic hire. However, the

United Nations was central during the confrontation over Cuba for thirteen harrowing days in October 1962. With tensions rising, ABC news director Jim Hagerty was unable to reach the network's vacationing chief UN correspondent John McVane. Hagerty did not anticipate that Mal Goode, on the job for less than two months, would easily slide into the role played by McVane, a legendary foreign correspondent. But Goode did deliver seventeen on-air reports. He charted the contours of the crisis and the relief of resolution to a weary audience with a calm cool-headed delivery.

ABC, then lagging behind CBS and NBC in the ratings, had gambled that Goode, the grandson of enslaved people, could attract an African American audience without alienating white viewers. His success was all the more extraordinary given his personal saga. Before Mal Goode's parents met, they came north separately from two different parts of Virginia during the Great Migration. Mal was born in Virginia and the family frequently traveled between there and Pittsburgh, but he had lived in Pittsburgh from the age of eight and worked there until 1962. From a radio studio on the city's Hill District, which Claude McKay had dubbed the crossroads of the world, Goode's basso profundo voice resonated throughout western Pennsylvania. Challenging segregation wherever he saw it and contradicting police accounts of Black men who died in custody, Goode became Black Pittsburgh's paladin. He celebrated the victories of those who broke through by roaring "And the walls came tumbling down!" But Goode chafed at his own inability to break into television until his friend Jackie Robinson dared ABC to give him a chance.

Goode's career, first in Pittsburgh and then with a national network, put him center stage as the civil rights campaign to dismantle segregation reached a tipping point during the 1950s and 1960s. His coverage was tough but fair. Willing to confront the likes of Alabama governor George Wallace and leaders of the American Nazi Party, Goode broke ground in broadcast journalism. He was on the street during the urban rebellions of the 1960s, after Malcolm X's assassination, and during Martin Luther King Jr.'s final campaign. Whether covering African independence struggles, national political conventions, or Atlanta, Georgia, which he profiled in a 1969 documentary as a city "too busy to hate," he brought his take on the struggle for equality to a national audience.

## Egoism without Permission

The Moral Psychology of Ayn Rand's Ethics

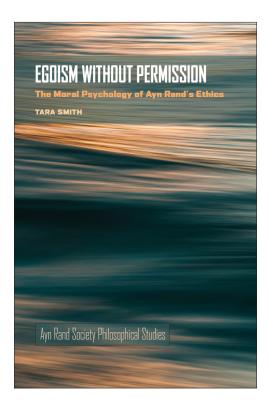
### TARA SMITH

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yn Rand controversially defended rational egoism, the idea that  ${f A}$  people should regard their own happiness as their highest goal. Given that numerous scholars in philosophy and psychology alike are examining the nature of human flourishing and an ethics of wellbeing, the time is ripe for a close examination of Rand's theory. Egoism without Permission illuminates Rand's thinking about how to practice egoism by exploring some of its crucial psychological dimensions. Tara Smith examines the dynamics among four partially subconscious factors in an individual's well-being: a person's foundational motivation for being concerned with morality; their attitude toward their desires; their independence; and their self-esteem. A clearer grasp of each, Smith argues, sheds light on the others, and a better understanding of the set, in turn, enriches our understanding of selfinterest and its sensible pursuit. Smith then traces the implications for a broader understanding of what a person's self-interest genuinely is, and, correspondingly, of what its pursuit through rational egoism involves. By highlighting these previously underexplored features of Rand's conceptions of self-interest and egoism, Smith betters our understanding of how vital these psychological levers are to a person's genuine flourishing.



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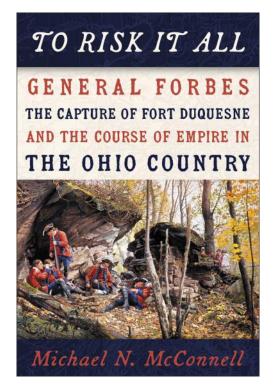
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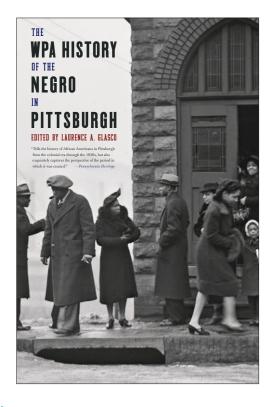
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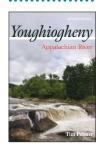
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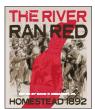
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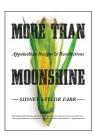
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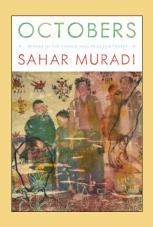


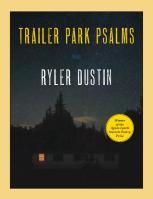
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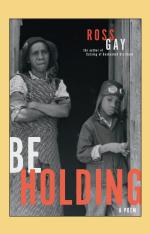


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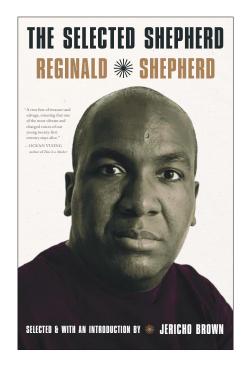
"In an age when poets often vanish from larger cultural memory shortly after their last breath, this selected compendium, published fifteen years after Shepherd's passing, is a true feat of treasure and salvage, ensuring that one of the most vibrant and charged voices of our young twenty-first century stays alive."

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Reginald Shepherd (1963–2008) was a Black, gay poet who grew up in the Bronx and went on to receive two MFAs, one from Brown University and one from the Iowa Writers Workshop. He authored two collections of poetry criticism and six poetry collections, all published by the University of Pittsburgh Press. Shepherd received many awards and honors over his career, including grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Guggenheim Foundation, among others.

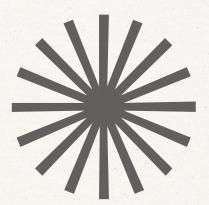
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### MY BROTHER THE RAIN

Some sleep away the years until the headlands thaw. Some build their sails for April's flood. The ships put out on wheels of salt and leave their foaming spokes behind to shatter on black gravel. One by one they founder and they fail; the sunken-hearted crews breathe water like any other drowners. So you set out in your dinghy to row by that light, the river your note from a mutual friend: you'll introduce yourself to the sea in stages. Storms come to stir the swell, wind comes churning a course toward the rocks that could calm you like those sailors.

The rapids open onto ocean, you cannot steer except toward true north. So you drift without a rudder except your hand that burns to let you know you're freezing. (If you had no history you could wash ashore.) You might call that current night, if night weren't hung behind you, the backdrop to your magic lantern of survivors clinging to a raft in Arctic weather, if the light weren't frayed and torn around the frame. (If you had no name you could float like some floe.)
You lay yourself to sleep with sheets of snow, wake to regret the morning, drifts like waves.





### SEIZE THE DAY

The light in this city is summer slouched in classic attitudes. It slaps the face, hunting down a home in every brick and pore of the it-won't-stay-for-long, a year of ghosts forced into fiction. Air's violent poetry is saturated with salvation and heavy rains, silt fills the mouth instead of words, settling into red clay gullies erosion scrawls down mobile slopes; black plastic fences try to hold the roadside in. Presume you, presume me, forget: the buried rhyme of poverty and pollution has killed off so many pollinators, this green butterfly or moth has followed us from one house to another, tracing the vanishing margin of safety: a berm of purple flowers lines the driveway. The holly bush makes its complaints known through thorns on every pointed leaf, the prevailing local toxins lie in welcome, make you look through these lush and poisoned landscapes for an exit. The texture of evidence pinched between two fingers or scratching the passing cheek, the living grit that scars, illuminates the war against appearances. You pause to hear the picture postcard yards and lawns, listening at six and then eleven. (News is a desperate mystery, isn't it, the paradox of dead light staining morning air, drenched in unasked questions.) You learned early how to tell lies as if you were human.

### Creature

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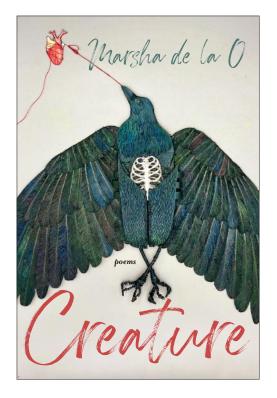
Written during the last five years of the poet's father's life, Creature is a book about love, destruction, and the self, all standing in relation to family and the natural world. The poems themselves try to move toward what can't be said by finding connection with other life forms: hawks, hummingbirds, pelicans, lizards, horses, ravens, squid. By moving past linguistic walls into otherness, words become proximate to mystery and inhabit territory where expanses open and embodiment is always on the verge of transformation.

### **EXCERPT FROM "SUDDEN LIGHT"**

become moonlight on water, I might be darkness an eye could train itself to navigate. A heron takes to air in the end. Brokenness is made of breath,

... If I could

blue wash of twilight, a glimmering spread of wings, like that evening my mother flew out of herself after they shut off the machine, slipped the last needle . . .



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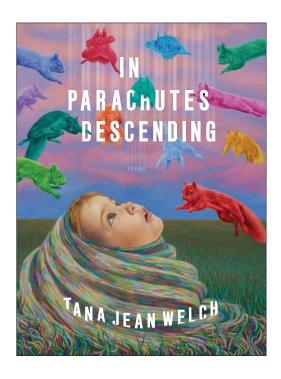
### **EXCERPT FROM "BOSTON UNDER WATER BY 2100"**

Now and always forgetting we build our cities to house myths, our histories to house cities—

Soon the sea
will claim this reclaimed land,
sending these few fragments forever

to the drink. Leaving the cities, leaving our love

to become something else.



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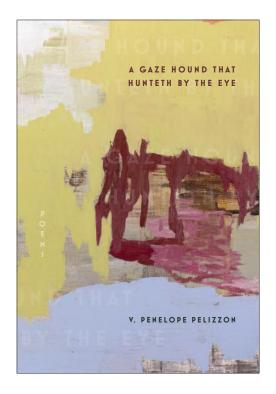
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### **EXCERPT FROM "THE SOOTE SEASON"**

. . .

Here, with the utmost pleasure, I've cupped the tapered chamfer of a greyhound's skull like a chalice in my palms, and bent to smell her fur's bouquet, the same flinted floral breath mown grass exhales in summer. Though I am a gaze hound that hunteth by the eye, her master raises his look limply only as far as my chin before he drops it like a gnawed ball to roll across the greensward of his screen. Incarnate time runs past us toward school.



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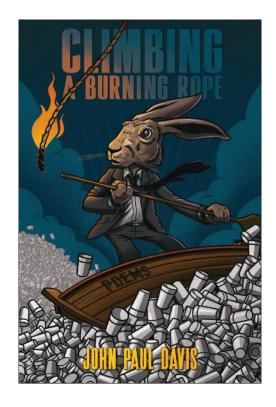
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### **EXCERPT FROM "ZUGZWANG"**

We have to build wealth you replied & I have nothing against money except what worries me about the world we live in, how every dollar is traceable to slavery, the disintegrating glaciers, murders by police, the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, mass extinctions

& I imagine us scrambling up a burning rope trying to keep above the fire. We can't let go & we can't climb forever



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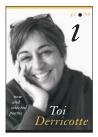


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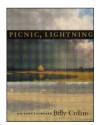
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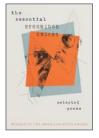


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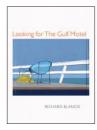


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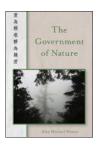
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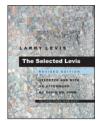
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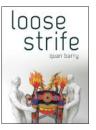
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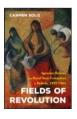
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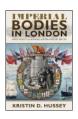


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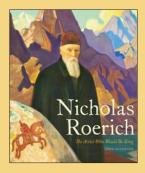


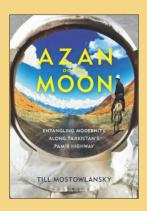
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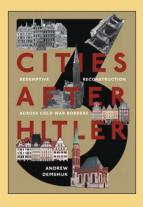
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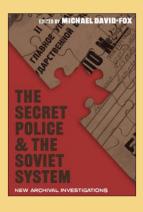


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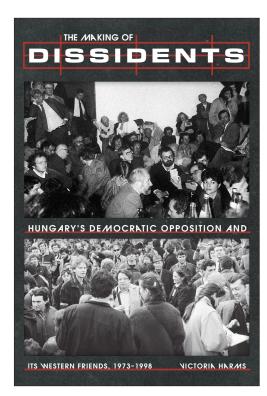
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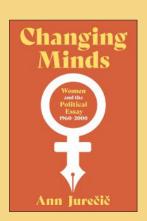


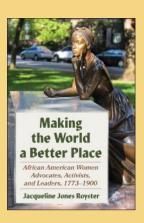
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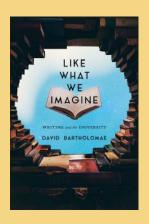


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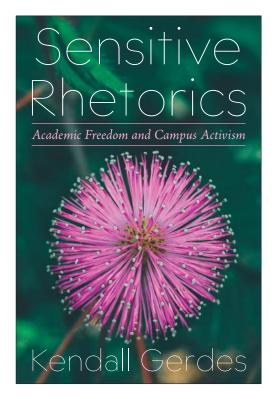
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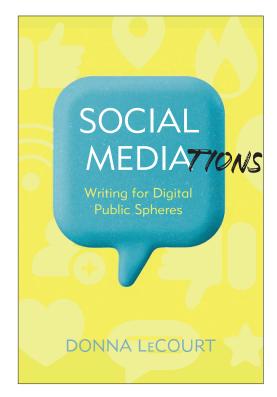
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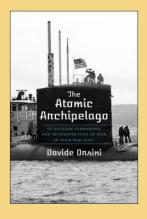
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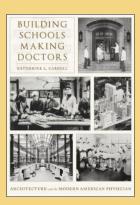
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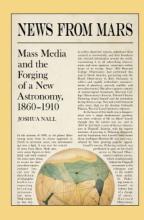


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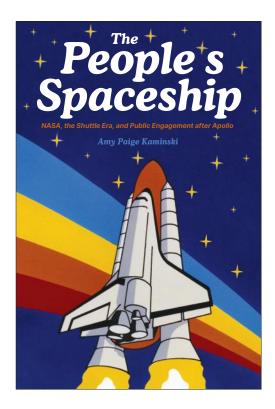
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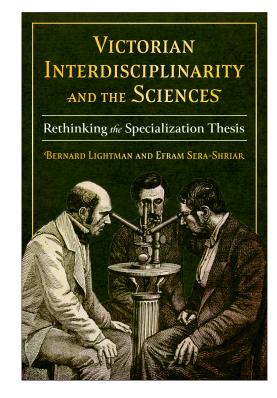
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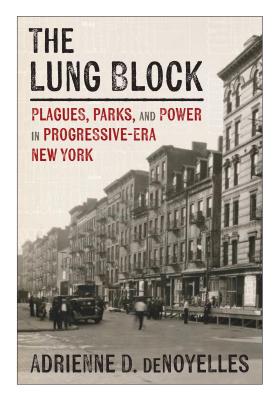
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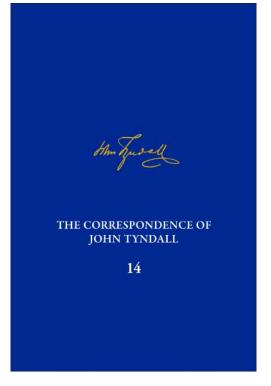
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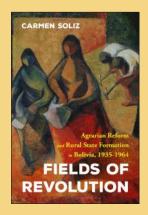
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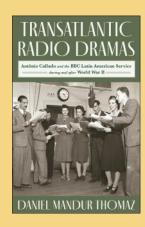
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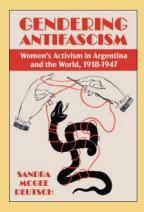
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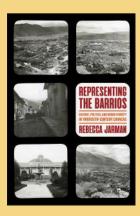


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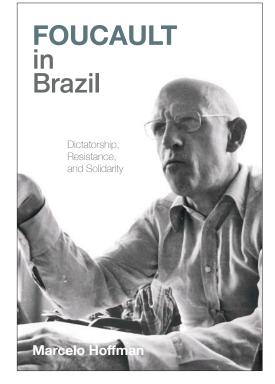
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p hilosopher Michel Foucault's cultural criticism crosses disciplines and is well known as an influence on modern conceptions of knowledge and power. Less well known are the five trips he took to Brazil between 1965 and 1976. Although a coup in 1964 had installed a military dictatorship, Foucault kept his opinion on the Brazilian government largely to himself until October 23, 1975. On that date, he delivered a manifesto at a student assembly in São Paulo expressing his solidarity with students and professors protesting a wave of arrests and torture. This manifesto caught the government's attention and became the focal point of the dictatorship's surveillance of Foucault. Foucault in Brazil explores the production of the public antagonism between the philosopher and the dictatorship through a meticulous consideration of each of his visits to Brazil. Marcelo Hoffman connects history, philosophy, and political theory to open new ways of thinking about Foucault as a person and thinker and about Brazil and authoritarianism.



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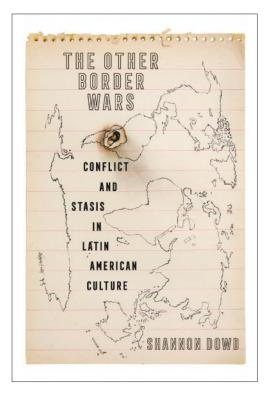
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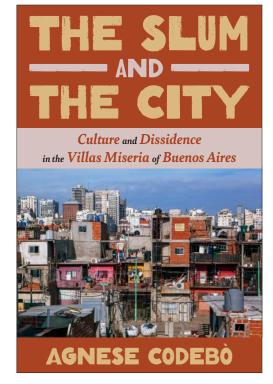
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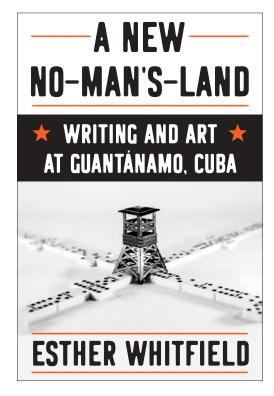
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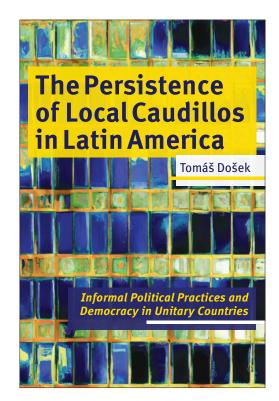
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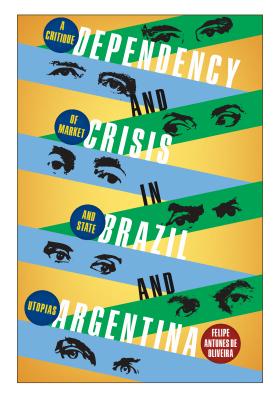
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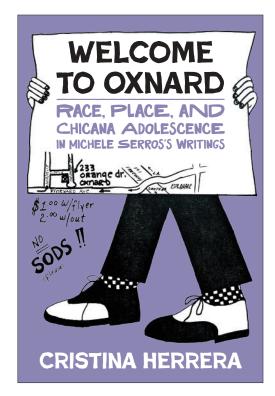
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ichele Serros (1966–2015) is widely known for her groundbreaking book Chicana Falsa and Other Stories of Death, Identity, and Oxnard. Despite her status as a major figure in Chicanx literature, no scholar has written a book-length examination of her body of poetry, fiction, and nonfiction-until now. Cristina Herrera, also from Oxnard, weaves in history, autoethnography, and literary analysis to explore Chicana adolescence and young womanhood with a focus on place-making. Factoring in location, region, and landscape, Herrera asks what it means to grow up Chicana in settings that carry centuries of colonial violence, segregation, and everyday racism against Mexican American communities. She contends that Serros used her hometown to broaden understandings of who and what constitutes Chicanx communities and identities. By reading Serros's work in tandem with her lived experience in the same setting, Herrera uncovers moments of adolescent subjectivity that could only be vocalized and constructed within this particular locale. Herrera pushes against the tendency to separate the author from the text and argues for a spatial understanding of Chicana adolescence, race, class, and young womanhood.



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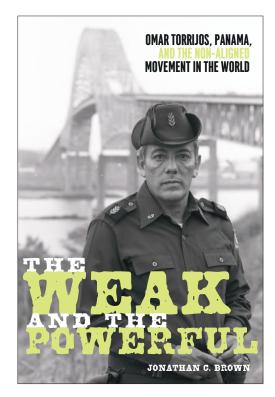
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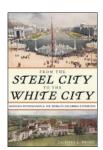


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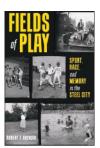
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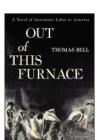
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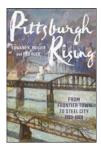
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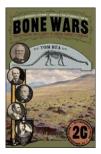
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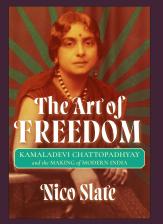


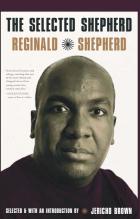
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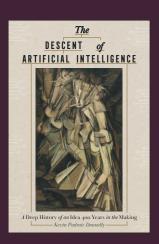


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