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# A Place in the World

BILL GAYTHWAITE

Winner of the 2025 Drue Heinz Literature Prize

“These are captivating stories that reveal how intertwined we really are with our past selves. A fantastic collection about facing up to the ghosts of our mistakes and our fears, and how our secrets refuse to let us forget who we were and what we’ve done.”

—Manuel Muñoz, author of *What You See in the Dark* and *The Consequences* and judge of the 2025 Drue Heinz Literature Prize

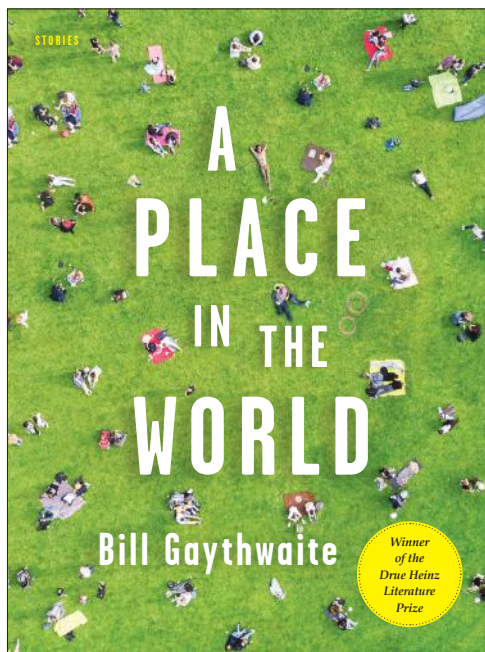
“Bill Gaythwaite’s revelatory collection, *A Place in the World*, made me fall in love with reading again. So immersive are these sharp, quick-witted, and intricately observed stories that they made me forget I was reading at all. A moving, incisive collection of big-hearted stories that reverberate well past their reading.”

—Caroline Kim, author of *The Prince of Mournful Thoughts and Other Stories*

“In the tradition of Chekhov, Bill Gaythwaite writes stories about outwardly unremarkable people with remarkable inner lives. Funny, smart, intermittently heartbreaking, the stories in *A Place in the World* eschew literary pyrotechnics and privilege the art of storytelling. A fine collection.”

—David Leavitt

The eleven stories in *A Place in the World* are character-driven portrayals of various lives transformed by random events or twists of fate. A young woman living on the coast of Maine confronts her painful past when her little brother comes to visit after being released from rehab, a hopeless gay hustler, in for the long con, instead finds himself falling in love while vacationing in Denmark, a failed New York City actor afraid of commitment goes on a comic rant and embraces an epiphany while cat-sitting for a friend. In separate, first-person narratives, a struggling husband and wife take turns describing the impact of a scandalous crisis in their marriage, and a settled suburban dad arrives at a beach house for the weekend, only to realize he robbed one of the other houseguests thirty-four years earlier. In this poignant, engaging collection, Gaythwaite offers compassion and surprising optimism while celebrating astonishing resilience in the face of life’s persistent challenges.



## FICTION / SHORT STORIES

October 7, 2025  
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5.25 x 7 • 224 pp.  
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## DRUE HEINZ LITERATURE PRIZE



Photo by Thomas Westburg

Bill Gaythwaite is the 45th Drue Heinz Literature Prize winner. His short fiction has appeared in *Subtropics*, *Chicago Quarterly Review*, *Willow Springs*, *South Carolina Review*, *Puerto del Sol*, and many other publications. Gaythwaite’s debut novel, *Underburn*, was published by Delphinium Books in 2023. Three of his stories have been nominated for the Pushcart Prize. Gaythwaite is currently assistant director for special populations at Columbia Law School. He lives in New Jersey with his partner.

## MARKETING PLANS

- Comprehensive galley mailing and digital distribution
- National and regional print and online reviews and features
- National print and online advertising
- Select author appearances
- Online and social media promotion
- Feature at AWP 2026

## EXCERPT FROM "THE DISASTER BOOK"

Glen doesn't even think about going after her. For one thing, they have ordered food and someone needs to be here to pay for it. Besides, this is not the first time Eileen has stormed out of the apartment after a ludicrous argument. Glen doesn't think she has much faith in him. Though this is cause for alarm, he also finds it a little exciting. He's never had to work so hard with anyone or at anything. People have always looked up to Glen—in school, in sports, on the job. He knows he is endowed with something called "leadership quality." He has courted this reputation, built it carefully, like a log cabin, but occasionally the obligation overwhelms him, and he feels up to his neck with it. It's rather tiring to always be so dependable. He grew up under comfortable circumstances in the Midwest. His father was a wealthy meatpacking executive. Eileen resents the lack of adversity in Glen's life, the tone-deaf privilege of it. She often mentions the dissimilarity of their backgrounds—as she did earlier this evening with that crazy stuff about the *Titanic*. When she'd gotten home from work, Glen had been reading a book about shipwrecks. Books about disasters are Glen's guilty pleasure. He had told her about how roped enclosures had been set up on the ships that had rescued the survivors of the *Titanic*, and how the survivors had been split up on the decks by class, separated into first class and steerage and so forth.

"Even after all they'd been through?" Eileen had said. "Outrageous!"

After a moment she had continued.

"You do realize that you and I wouldn't have been behind the same ropes."

Glen had laughed, which was his first mistake. Trying to jolly Eileen out of whatever point she was trying to make had only made her angrier. Everything he said after that made it worse, until she had grown so irritated with him she had charged right out. This was happening more and more. Glen believes Eileen is intentionally instigating these skirmishes, doing her best to push him away. She refuses to trust his reflexive optimism and his breezy certainty. It's as if she is trying to get out in front of any future disappointment by planting land mines in a well-traveled road.

Eileen has brought up the difference in their backgrounds on numerous occasions during the six months they have lived together. She has told him that she grew up in a poor area of Pennsylvania, in a tiny house plagued by mechanical malfunction and

structural problems. With its worn stucco exterior, leaky roof, and peeling gray trim, the place reminded Eileen of an old man at the end of an indifferent life. The family (it was just Eileen and her parents) didn't live far from a river, but closer still to the gelatin factory that had polluted it. The house smelled of mildew. There were cobwebs on the ceiling. She had shared many unpleasant memories of growing up there. She told Glen how the hot water heater had been broken for years and years, so as a child and teenager, she had to heat pots of water on a stove in order to take a bath—which she did every evening because she was fastidious about her own cleanliness. Her father was good-natured, but unreliable and chronically unemployed. Her mother worked as a cleaning woman for some wealthy people in Harrisburg. Eileen had few friends. Some of the kids in school (who were only slightly better off) would pass her in the hallways and say cruel things about her parents and her tumbledown home, displaying a stupid and cartoonish villainy.

Her mother was not interested in bringing her cleaning skills home with her from work, and Eileen couldn't keep up with the mess. Her parents accepted their environment without complaint and seemed to ignore it all as some might turn from a crime in the street. They tolerated the house the way that it was—with its cracked plaster, taped-up windows, and mismatched furniture. The unsorted junk mail balanced perilously on the windowsills was a source of mild amusement to them. The clutter in the house had reached reality show levels by the time Eileen had left for art school. She'd fled there, she said, as if she were deserting a battlefield.

Now it is ten years later, and she rarely sees her parents, though she tells Glen they are not unkind people and have always followed their daughter's progress in the world with warm, if somewhat distracted, support. As a result, Eileen has often felt ashamed of her flight. Glen wants to meet her mother and father. He sees himself marrying Eileen one day. There will be a visit to Iowa too, where he will show her his old playing fields and the schools he attended. His parents (he imagines) will be astonished by this moody and complicated woman with whom he has decided to share his life.



NOW IN PAPERBACK

# Obligations to the Wounded

MUBANGA KALIMAMUKWENTO

Winner of the 2024 Drue Heinz Literature Prize

“Kalimamukwento writes with empathic knowing, deftly treading between resignation and hope. Her enigmatic storytelling underscores that silence is not an option, that bearing witness is obligatory.”

—*Shelf Awareness*

“Timely and at times wrenching stories about contemporary Zambian women fighting to establish their identities.”

—*Kirkus*

“These stories! They are opulent, clever, and ingenious.”

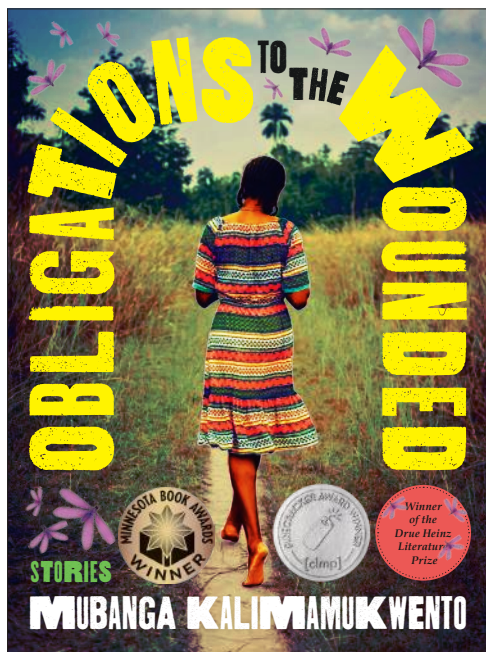
—*Debutiful*

“*Obligations to the Wounded* is a marvel of a collection. Kalimamukwento joins the likes of Deesha Philyaw, Edwidge Danticat and others whose short stories signaled breaking boundaries of the form and creation of space for a wide range of Black women’s experiences committed to making noises louder, sights sharper, and feelings linger with us.”

—*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

In formally adventurous stories rooted in Zambian literary tradition, *Obligations to the Wounded* explores the expectations and burdens of womanhood in Zambia and for Zambian women living abroad. The collection converses with global social problems through the depiction of games, social media feuds, letters, and folklore to illustrate how girls and women manage religious expectation, migration, loss of language, death, intimate partner violence, and racial discrimination. Although the women and girls inhabiting these pages are separated geographically and by life stage, their shared burdens, culture, and homeland inextricably link them together in struggle and triumph.

Longlist, 2025 Carol Shields Prize for Fiction | Winner, Minnesota Book Awards of 2025 | Winner, 2025 Community of Literary Magazines and Presses Firecracker Award | Finalist, 2024 *Foreword* Indies Award | Cowinner, *Boston Globe*’s Best 75 Books of 2024 | Winner, *Minnesota Star Tribune* Best Book of 2024 | Cowinner, *Brittle Paper* 100 Notable African Books of 2024 | Cowinner, *The Continent*’s Top 5 African Books of 2024



## FICTION / SHORT STORIES

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## DRUE HEINZ LITERATURE PRIZE



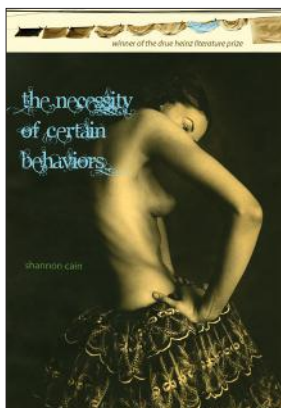
Mubanga Kalimamukwento is a Zambian attorney and writer. She is the winner of the 2022 *Tusculum Review* Poetry Chapbook Contest, the 2019 Dinaane Debut Fiction Award, and the 2019 Kalembo Short Story Prize. Her first novel, *The Mourning Bird*, was listed among the top fifteen debut books of 2019 by *Brittle Paper*. Her work has also appeared in *adda*, *Aster(ix)*, *Overland*, *Red Rock Review*, *Menelique*, on Netflix, and elsewhere. When she’s not writing, Mubanga serves as fiction editor for *Doek!* and as mentor at the Minnesota Prison Writing Workshop.

## MARKETING PLANS

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### The Necessity of Certain Behaviors

SHANNON CAIN

**WINNER OF THE 2011 DRUE HEINZ LITERATURE PRIZE**

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“Cain’s debut collection of nine short stories adroitly navigates the tenuous waters of human relationships. Her quietly august characters struggle to come to terms with the unpredictable nuance of tradition, sexuality, and happiness. Cain’s confident and steady prose balances out the emotional tumult of stories just bizarre enough to be believable. . . . Utilizing painful misunderstandings to maximum effect, Cain’s characters arrive at epiphanies without relying on convenient tricks and plot devices. Dark moments that give way to enlightened reflection reveal characters whose selfishness is deftly managed. Cain highlights their humanity rather than calling it into question. She is especially adept at drawing forth vulnerabilities from her female protagonists. This is a work of finely calibrated emotional registers that will set the bar high for Cain’s next book.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

The Drue Heinz Literature Prize recognizes and supports writers of short fiction and makes their work available to readers around the world. The award is open to authors who have published a book-length collection of fiction or at least three short stories or novellas in commercial magazines or literary journals.

Manuscripts are judged anonymously by nationally known writers. Past judges have included Robert Penn Warren, Joyce Carol Oates, Raymond Carver, Margaret Atwood, Russell Banks, Rick Moody, and Joan Didion.

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# Galileo's Fame

Science, Credibility, and Memory in the Seventeenth Century

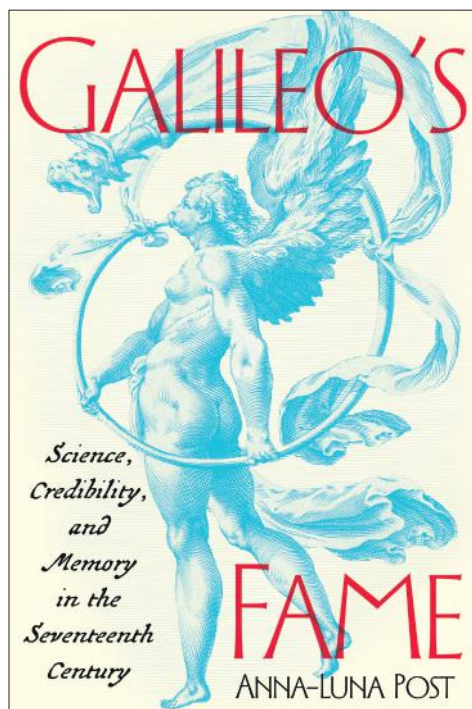
ANNA-LUNA POST

## Constructing Fame in Early Modern Europe

"There is a story that fame was created in the Enlightenment. But long before that, Galileo Galilei became the famous father of the theory of planetary movements. His defense of his radical ideas and the international debates over science made him one of Europe's first famous people. In Anna-Luna Post's brilliantly crafted work, we see not only the origins of modern fame but just how important it was to the legitimacy and the maintenance of scientific authority. Post's historical lessons seem very pertinent in our own turbulent times. This is a must read for anyone interested in the history of science and media."

—Jacob Soll, University of Southern California

From the beginning of Galileo's career, well before the publication of the *Sidereus Nuncius*, his contemporaries took pains to shape his reputation and fame. They were fully aware that their efforts would shape the course of his career; they also knew that they would profit from helping him. With this book, Anna-Luna Post offers a welcome new perspective on the volatile dynamic between early modern fame and science in Italy, shifting the focus from the recipient of fame to its brokers. Galileo's contemporaries knew his rise to fame was not a matter of course. Not only were his discoveries highly contested, he also was not the first to observe Jupiter's four largest moons. Yet, of the three men who did so between the summer of 1609 and the winter of 1610, Galileo is the only one who achieved both widespread fame and posthumous glory. Post convincingly argues that fame is, rather than the direct result of merit or extraordinary achievements, shaped through human intervention.



## HISTORY OF SCIENCE

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Anna-Luna Post is a historian of knowledge, culture, and the environment at Utrecht University. She is interested in all facets of the world of scholarship and learning in the early modern period. Trained as a cultural historian and Italianist, she is also fascinated by the intersections between early capitalism and environmental history, especially in the seventeenth-century Dutch Republic.

## MARKETING PLANS

- Scholarly reviews
- Regional and national print and online reviews and features
- Online promotion
- Cover blow-ups
- Social media outreach
- Feature at HSS 2026



NOW IN PAPERBACK

# Reading the World

British Practices of Natural History, 1760–1820

EDWIN D. ROSE

**How Natural History Connected Diverse Individuals and Information from Across the Globe**

“Edwin Rose’s fascinating study shows how the great natural history collections of the early British empire were transformed into printed information. With exciting new insights into paper technologies, *Reading the World* links book production with ideas about plant and animal classification and reveals the ways notable natural history publications fostered imperial agendas, built global networks of naturalists, and defined English gentlemen. Highly recommended.”

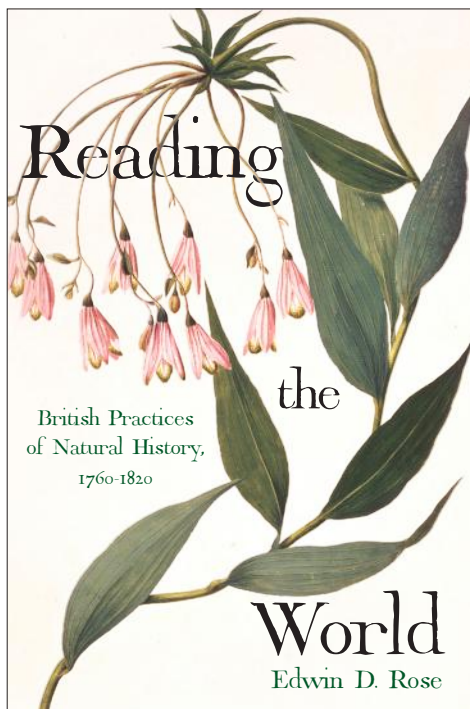
—Janet Browne, Harvard University

“*Reading the World* is a richly detailed exploration of the interplay between natural history and book culture in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.”

—Gordon McQuat, University of King’s College

In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries—a period that marked the emergence of a global modernity—educated landowners, or “gentlemen,” dominated the development of British natural history, utilizing networks of trade and empire to inventory nature and understand events across the world. Specimens, ranging from a Welsh bittern to the plants of Botany Bay, were collected, recorded, and classified, while books were produced in London and copies distributed and used across Britain, Continental Europe, the Pacific, Asia, and the Americas. Natural history connected a diverse range of individuals, from European landowners to Polynesian priests, incorporating, distributing, synthesizing, and appropriating information collected on a global scale.

In *Reading the World*, Edwin D. Rose positions books, natural history specimens, and people in a close cycle of literary production and consumption. His book reveals new aspects of scientific practice and the specific roles of individuals employed to collect, synthesize, and distribute knowledge—reevaluating Joseph Banks’s and Daniel Solander’s investigations during James Cook’s *Endeavour* voyage to the Pacific. Uncovering the range of skills involved in knowledge production, Rose expands our understanding of natural history as a cyclical process, from the initial collection and identification of specimens to the formal publication of descriptions to the eventual printing of sources.



## HISTORY OF SCIENCE

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6 × 9 • 408 pp.  
62 b&w illustrations  
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## SCIENCE AND CULTURE IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY



Edwin D. Rose is a Leverhulme Trust early career research fellow in the School of Philosophy, Religion, and History of Science at the University of Leeds.

## MARKETING PLANS

- New in paperback mentions
- Online promotion
- Social media outreach

NOW IN PAPERBACK

# William Bartram's Visual Wonders

The Drawings of an American Naturalist

ELIZABETH A. ATHENS

**Positions Bartram's Illustrations as Central to His Understanding of the Natural World**

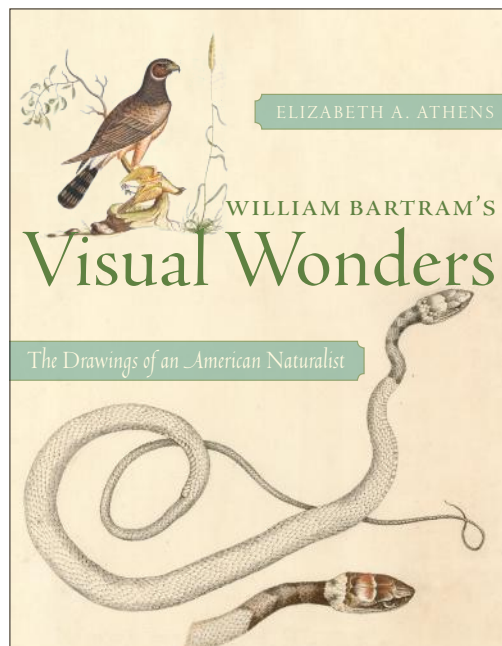
"Beautifully written and deeply researched, *William Bartram's Visual Wonders* presents a close reading of Bartram's natural history illustrations and place in the transatlantic world of botanical exchange and knowledge formation."

—Romita Ray, Syracuse University

"Through exquisite formal analyses of Bartram's drawings, coupled with rich historical considerations of his place in the tradition of botanical illustration and Enlightenment visual culture more broadly, this fascinating book connects Bartram's innovative drawing practice to the development of his unique and startlingly modern perspective on the natural world."

—Christopher Iannini, Rutgers University

Pennsylvania naturalist William Bartram (1739–1823) is best known as the author of a travelogue describing his botanizing journey through the American South in the late eighteenth century. Writing was not, however, Bartram's only or even preferred method of recording the natural world around him. His deeply unconventional drawings, depicting sentient plants and hybrid organic forms, lie at the heart of his understanding of nature. With this book, Elizabeth Athens considers the strangeness of Bartram's graphic enterprise, exploring the essential role his renderings played in his natural history. For Bartram, the making and interpretation of figures on a surface was a dynamic and collaborative relationship between nature, the observing artist-naturalist, and the audience. This book offers the first in-depth investigation of Bartram's drawing practice as central to his understanding of nature. Through an examination of Bartram's approach to botanical and zoological representation, Athens highlights the struggle between different modes of seeing nature in eighteenth-century Enlightenment science.



## HISTORY OF SCIENCE / NATURE

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49 b&w & 8 color illustrations

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Photo by Mark Wilson

Elizabeth Athens is an art historian and curator based at the University of Connecticut. She has written extensively on the overlap of the arts and sciences in British North America and the United States, with a special focus on the visual and material culture of natural history. She has also been recognized nationally and internationally for her reinterpretation of the portrait galleries at the Worcester Art Museum in Massachusetts, which holds one of the most important collections of early American portraiture.

## MARKETING PLANS

- New in paperback mentions
- Online promotion
- Social media outreach

NOW IN PAPERBACK

# Andy Warhol's Mother

The Woman Behind the Artist

ELAINE RUSINKO

**The First Comprehensive Biography of Julia Warhola**

"A persuasive look at a famous artist's maternal muse. The book's consideration of Warhola as a true folk artist with roots in Carpatho-Rusyn culture is its greatest contribution. Rusinko, a scholar of Carpatho-Rusyn literature whose grandparents were from the same region, is an ideal guide to this terrain."

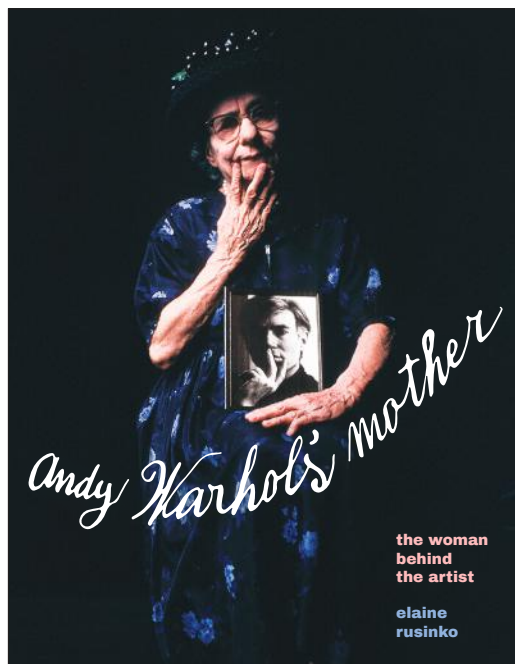
—*Kirkus*

"Behind many a great artist, there's some master who taught them and then fell into their shadow. Leonardo had Verrocchio, Jackson Pollock had Thomas Hart Benton—and Andy Warhol had Julia Warhola. In her important new biography of Warhol's mother, Elaine Rusinko lays out an amazingly complete picture of Warhola—of her life, in more detail by far than anyone else has come up with, but also of her very special artistic persona and the vast effect it had on her famous son."

—**Blake Gopnik, author of *Warhol***

While biographers of Andy Warhol have long recognized his mother as a significant influence on his life and art, Julia Warhola's story has not yet been told. As an American immigrant who was born in a small Carpatho-Rusyn village in Austria-Hungary in 1891, Julia never had the opportunity to develop her own considerable artistic talents. Instead, she worked and sacrificed so her son could follow his dreams, helping to shape Andy's art and persona. Julia famously followed him to New York City and lived with him there for almost twenty years, where she remained engaged in his personal and artistic life. She was well known as "Andy Warhol's mother," even developing a distinctive signature with the title that she used on her own drawings.

Exploring previously unpublished material, including Rusyn-language correspondence and videos, *Andy Warhol's Mother* provides the first in-depth look at Julia's hardscrabble life, her creative imagination, and her spirited personality. Elaine Rusinko follows Julia's life from the folkways of the Old Country to the smog of industrial Pittsburgh and the tumult of avant-garde New York. Rusinko explores the impact of Julia's Carpatho-Rusyn culture, Byzantine Catholic faith, and traditional worldview on her ultra-modern son, the quintessential American artist. This close examination of the Warhola family's lifeworld allows a more acute perception of both Andy and Julia while also illuminating the broader social and cultural issues that confronted and conditioned them.



## BIOGRAPHY / ART HISTORY

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63 b&w illustrations and a color gallery  
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eBook available



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Elaine Rusinko is associate professor emerita of Russian language and literature at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. She is the author of *Straddling Borders: Literature and Identity in Subcarpathian Rus'*, which offers a comprehensive literary history of the region. She has also published translations of contemporary literature in "God is a Rusyn": *An Anthology of Contemporary Carpatho-Rusyn Literature*. Rusinko's interest in Andy Warhol and his mother arises from their shared Carpatho-Rusyn heritage.

## MARKETING PLANS

- New in paperback mentions
- Online promotion
- Social media outreach

NOW IN PAPERBACK

# The Art of Freedom

Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay and the Making of Modern India

NICO SLATE

**A Revealing New Biography of a Pathbreaking Female Figure in Modern Indian History**

“A propulsive and searching biography of Indian anticolonial activist and women’s advocate Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

“Slate has thoroughly compiled Chattopadhyay’s extensive achievements.”

—*Choice Reviews*

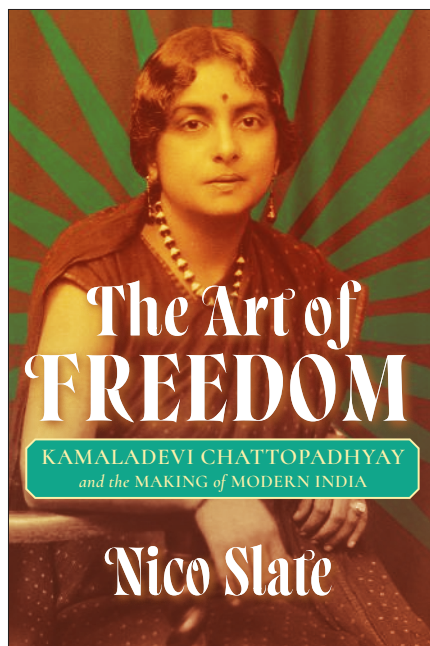
“A groundbreaking exploration of the life and contributions of Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay.”

—*India West Journal*

“A chiaroscuro of a life has been painted with stunning precision in Slate’s work. His scholarship and insight bring to vivid immediacy the light and shade of a gifted woman’s struggle for self-expression that coalesced with those of her country.”

—*Gopalkrishna Gandhi, Ashoka University*

Kamaladevi 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.



## BIOGRAPHY

November 3, 2025  
Paper \$26.00t • £19.00  
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18 b&w illustrations  
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eBook available



Nico Slate is professor in the Department of History at Carnegie Mellon University. His research examines struggles against racism and imperialism in the United States and India. His most recent book is *Brothers: A Memoir of Love, Loss, and Race*.

## MARKETING PLANS

- New in paperback mentions
- Online promotion
- Social media outreach



NOW IN PAPERBACK

# The Making of Dissidents

Hungary's Democratic Opposition and Its Western Friends, 1973–1998

VICTORIA HARMS

**New Perspectives on Opposition to Communism and the Cold War Order**

“In her important book, Victoria Harms gives us the most detailed history yet of the dissident movement in Central Europe from the 1960s through the 1990s.”

—*Times Literary Supplement*

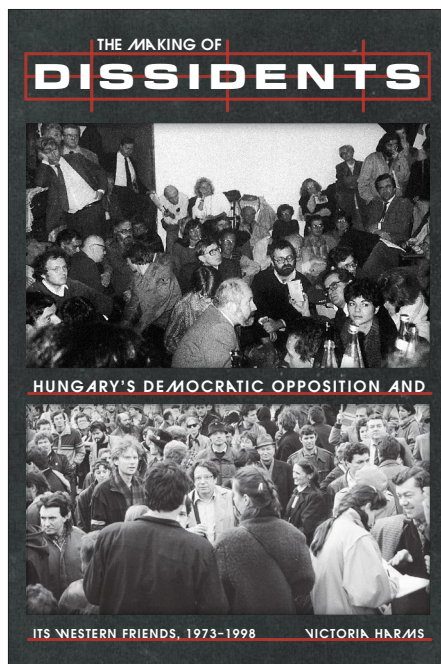
“Harms draws on a tremendous number of sources, including oral histories, archival material, newspapers, journals, samizdat, tamizdat, and other essential primary source materials spanning seven different countries.”

—*Choice Reviews*

“Revelatory . . . *The Making of Dissidents* is not only a major contribution to the transnational history of East Central European dissent, but also to the study of Cold War liberalism on both sides of the Iron Curtain.”

—*Journal of Social History*

Before Hungary's transition from communism to democracy, local dissidents and like-minded intellectuals, activists, and academics from the West influenced each other and inspired the fight for human rights and civil liberties in Eastern Europe. Hungarian dissidents provided Westerners with a new purpose and legitimized their public interventions in a bipolar world order. *The Making of Dissidents* demonstrates how Hungary's Western friends shaped public perceptions and institutionalized their advocacy long before the peaceful revolutions of 1989. But liberalism failed to take root in Hungary, and Victoria Harms explores how many former dissidents retreated and Westerners shifted their attention elsewhere during the 1990s, paving the way for nationalism and democratic backsliding.



## EASTERN EUROPEAN HISTORY

November 4, 2025  
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## RUSSIAN AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES



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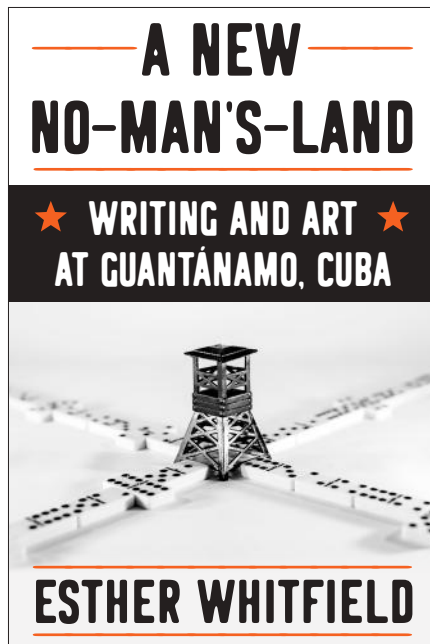
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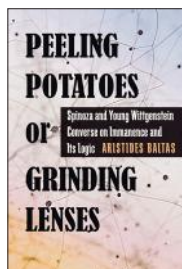
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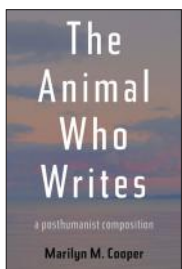
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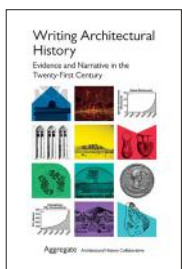
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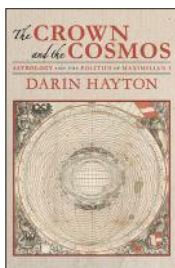
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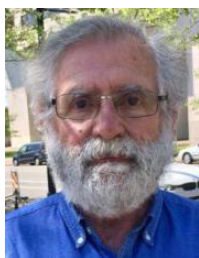
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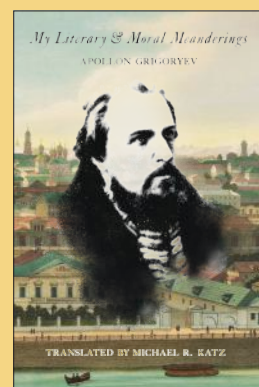
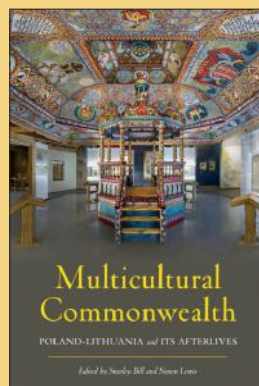
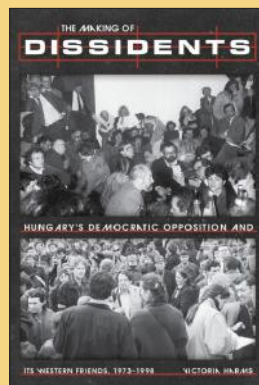
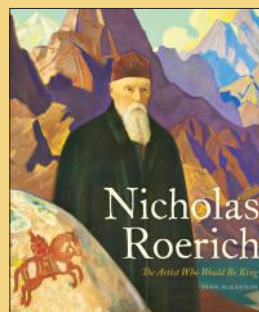


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### ABOUT THE SERIES EDITORS



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

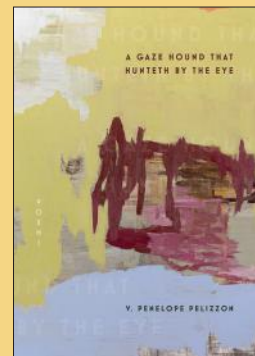
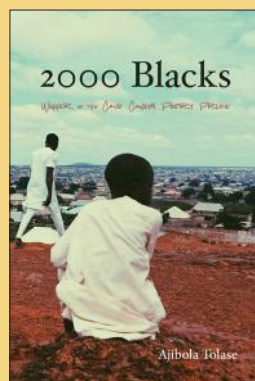
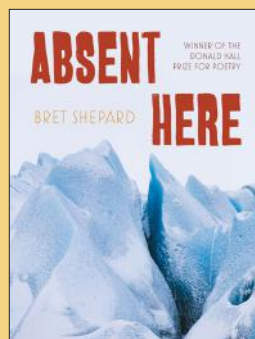
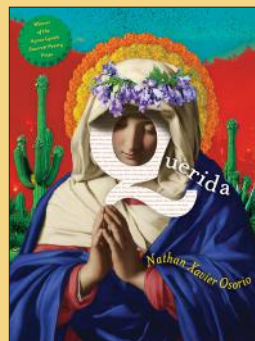


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### ABOUT THE MANAGING EDITOR



Alex Wolfe is an award-winning designer and experienced editor, and he works closely with the series editors, poets, and his colleagues to produce distinguished books.



# The Same Man

BOBBY ELLIOTT

Winner of the 2025 Agnes Lynch Starrett Poetry Prize

“Bobby Elliott’s *The Same Man* confronts the subject of fatherhood with an honesty and tenderness rarely accorded to the typical secondary parent. In these poems, we see a pair of imperfect men reach toward each other and, indeed, toward the work of both fathering and being fathered. These are the kinds of poems that truly ring of a journey toward healing and forgiveness—but not the saccharine healing we see in media that demands succinct, neat endings. These poems sing of real human healing, which is a messed-up and often incomplete process, but is perhaps the holiest one we can submit to in our lives. Elliott is a bard of the familial experience. These are poems to hold tight.”

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“A tender meditation on love, memory, and the ghosts that shape us.”

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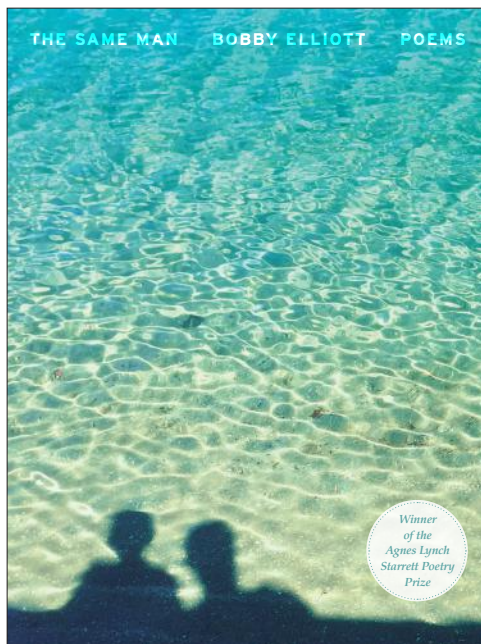
“*The Same Man* is a slim miracle, a book that transcends its classical subject—a son reckoning with his father, the son becoming a father himself—through what I can only call a kind of genius.”

—Edgar Kunz, author of *Fixer*

“How to survive and then spin such daunting material into lyric narratives delicate as a silk thread, yet tensile and strong as a vibrating steel string bestowing a haunted, haunting music? How to map such landscapes of hope, despair, love, and risk? Somehow Bobby Elliott has done just that with rare grace in this lovely debut.”

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Bobby Elliott’s writing has appeared in or is forthcoming from *BOMB*, *The Cortland Review*, *ONLY POEMS*, *Poet Lore*, *Poetry Northwest*, *RHINO*, and elsewhere. Raised in New York City, he earned his BA from Sarah Lawrence College and his MFA from the University of Virginia, where he was a Poe/Faulkner Fellow. He lives in Portland, Oregon, with his wife and sons.

## MARKETING PLANS

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## WHAT WE SEE TOGETHER

Always the trees, always the crows  
 on the power lines dripping  
 like an old shower head. Cats  
 on occasion—one-eared,  
 tagless—roses  
 and toddlers breaking out  
 into a sprint. The minister  
 and his wife arriving  
 hand in hand, the church  
 perennially in need  
 of a new coat. Yards abandoned  
 and yards resplendent—  
 both of us drawn like a bath  
 to the statue of St. Francis.  
 Palms of rain, palms of ash,  
 palms the squirrels  
 leap to and leave trembling  
 like a glass. The light  
 at the base of the maple. The painter  
 in her studio unknown  
 and painting. The plane  
 making you crane your neck  
 in the stroller. The sunflower,  
 the mailman. The house  
 with its fading picture  
 of a missing child  
 in the window. The final block home:  
 our overgrown plum trees  
 always with more fruit,  
 our front door and the woman  
 who brought you into this world  
 hour by seasick hour  
 on the other side of it, always  
 waiting, always what makes you  
 smile before the door even opens.



# No Rhododendron

SAMYAK SHERTOK

Winner of the 2024 Donald Hall Prize for Poetry

"If poetry is, as has been defined, a species of magic, Samyak Shertok has conjured an elegant and sophisticated collection that is full of hybridity in form and subject. This debut collection is an absolute marvel."

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"*No Rhododendron* is a gorgeous, formally innovative collection that explores the loss of a father to cancer, the loss of a homeland to war and exile, and the anticipated loss of a mother whose identity contains the final memory of home. A fantastic first collection."

—Paisley Rekdal, author of *West: A Translation* and winner of the Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award

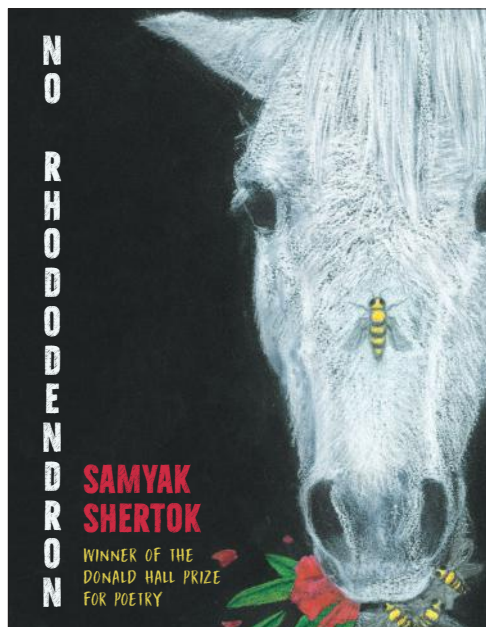
"Here's a debut that rises out of ash and walks toward us like a 'walking door of ash,' shattered but gleaming."

—Valzhyna Mort, author of *Music for the Dead and Resurrected* and winner of the International Griffin Poetry Prize

"*No Rhododendron* offers elegy and outrage, lyricism and edginess, poems in complex received and invented forms—including a moving sequence of sonnets whose lines must be read from bottom to top—and poems in prose. We have first-person accounts of Nepal's brutal recent history alongside magical tales and creatures and characters from Nepali folklore. The real and the imaginary often work in tandem. A remarkable debut by a remarkable poet."

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Part elegy, part poetry of witness, and part poetry of exile, *No Rhododendron* is a lament to the poet-speaker's father and fatherland and a grief-wrought love letter to his mother and mother tongue. The collection is haunted by an existential question about Shertok's oral mother tongue, Tamang: How do you write about a language that has no script? Exploring the erasure, ambiguity, multiplicity, violence, and unknowability signified by "X," the poems dwell on the lip of a new ghost language, which ultimately fails itself. The polyphonal witnessing of the decade-long Maoist conflict in his native Nepal from the perspective of schoolchildren reveals how a war can fracture the psyche of an entire generation. The final thread of the book, a "reverse-elegy" for his mother, meditates on the impending loss of a loved one as a potential site of mourning, impermanence, gratitude, memory-making, and mythopoeticism.



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Samyak Shertok's poems appear in *The Cincinnati Review*, *The Gettysburg Review*, *The Iowa Review*, *The Kenyon Review*, *Poetry*, *Shenandoah*, *Best New Poets*, and elsewhere. His honors include the Robert and Adele Schiff Award for Poetry, the Gulf Coast Prize in Poetry, and the Auburn Witness Poetry Prize. He has received fellowships from Aspen Words, the Helene Wurlitzer Foundation, and the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown. Originally from Nepal, he was the inaugural Hughes Fellow in Poetry at Southern Methodist University and teaches creative writing at Hendrix College.

## MARKETING PLANS

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## HOW TO SKY-BURY YOUR FATHERLAND: A GHAZANELLET

Apa hands him a bodhi seed. *Never look back. Forget this country.*  
He swallows it. For every boy, he thinks, there is a sky falling.

Skyborne. Below: the silo emptied for his feathers: prophecy  
Of the One-winged Danphe. A voice half-red, half-crown keeps failing

A revolution of, but not, for his sisters in the mouth of the Kali.  
Is the river ravenous, he wonders, or are the golden jackals falling?

In the eye of the cyclone, Arjun-eyed, but today he can only  
Look back: see the wheat sheaves heave in the wind, Apa's hands filling

With shelled kernels. What new moon recompenses an uprooted story?  
Farther he flies, cleaner he hears the seed-music. Not every falling

Boy is a myth. Some gods live just to feed boys to the sea.  
In the exiled light, he sees a newborn republic fleeing

Itself like an effigy into the fire. He will have to sky-bury  
The boy, Apa plucking a bone, the vultures flaying

A Sher for his fatherland: *For every sky, there is a boy falling . . .*



# Flop Era

LARA EGGER

## Poetry at the Crossroads of the Ecstatic and the Profane

“These are poems of surprise that demand a reader feel the presence of a vivid and thinking mind. Egger offers us not just elegance but an emotional connection to a speaker who is ‘something winged awash in a glass.’”

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—Chris Banks, author of *Deepfake Serenade*

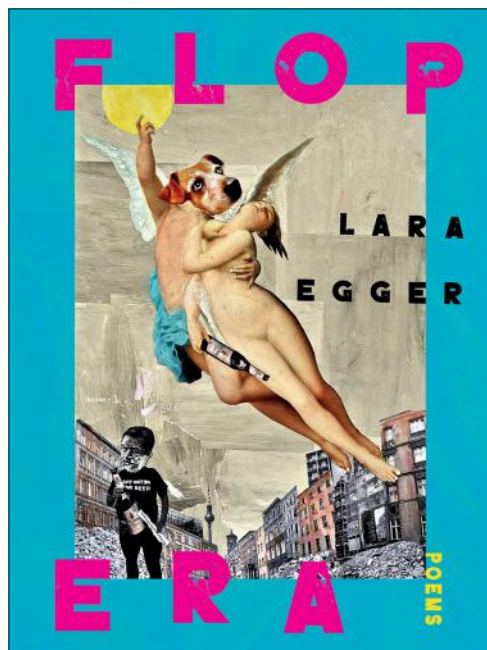
“*Flop Era* is filled with poems of stunning impact. These are fast-talking, wise-cracking, and, at the same time, heartfelt works in which Lara Egger’s inventive use of language is evident in almost every line. A terrific collection!”

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“Egger’s poems are full of volatility and hunger, invention and wisdom, humor and wit, evasion and honesty.”

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*Flop Era* reckons with the complications of being human, and therefore, with the consequences of being fundamentally flawed. It contends with failed potential and the certain uncertainty of the future, while interrogating the past for clues that might explain why, as the speaker bemoans, “there are never enough nails in the coffin of poor choices.” While Egger throws confetti on the quotidian, she disarms the reader with earnestness and vulnerability. Rich in metaphor, affable and self-deprecating, the poems in *Flop Era* shine a spotlight on regret, infidelity, the feminine ideal, fear of death, and fear of insignificance.



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Lara Egger is the author of *How to Love Everyone and Almost Get Away with It*, which received the Juniper Prize for Poetry and the John C. Zacharis First Book Award. Her poems have appeared in *Ploughshares*, *Bennington Review*, *Conduit*, *The Southern Review*, and elsewhere. Egger is the recipient of a fellowship from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and her poems won the *Arts & Letters* Rumi Prize for Poetry. Egger lives in Watertown, Massachusetts.

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## FLOP ERA

It's business as usual  
 at the pain factory.  
 I'm experiencing  
 a lack of taffeta,  
 a dearth of dance floors.  
 Please enjoy these pigs  
 in a blanket. Is it possible  
 to get worse with practice?  
 I'm waiting for you to speak to me.  
 I'm waiting for the dead to speak to me.  
 The day dissolves like an Alka-Seltzer  
 yet the hangover remains.  
 Cheap dharma. A flimsy spatula.  
 Consumer reports confirm  
 I'm a manufacturer of disaster.  
 Why does the moon appear full  
 when in fact it is merely  
 approaching fullness?  
 I opened a window,  
 and papers flew all over the floor.  
 I closed the window,  
 and the room felt stuffy.

# No Longer at This Address

ANDREW HEMMERT

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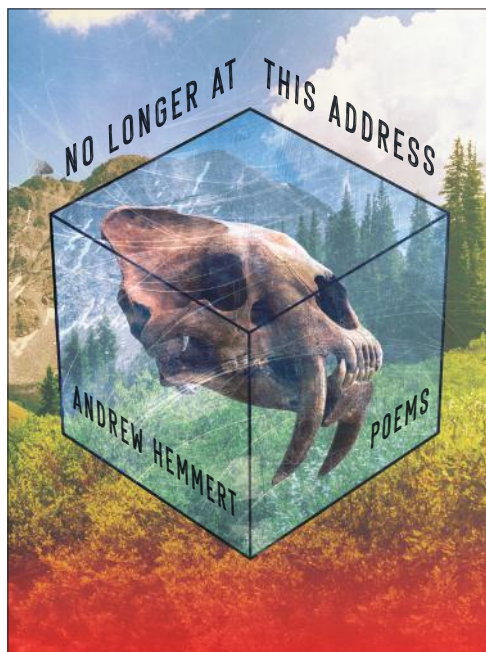
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## A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

Like an outdated telephone  
 I am always waiting  
 for someone to lift me  
 from my cradle and wrap themselves  
 in any correspondence. I no longer  
 have a cord, though once it was  
 the only way I ate. Little spaceman,  
 little stone. I am still incapable  
 of comparing myself to a gem,  
 but I loved amethyst as a kid,  
 and once bought some from the rock shop  
 in Breckenridge. They had also for sale,  
 in a thick glass display case,  
 the skull of a saber tooth tiger.  
 It yawned like a shipwreck  
 and devoured my attention  
 like so many cavemen  
 and whatever foundational paintings  
 they never got to make. You  
 who have gone before us, today  
 I feel less musical than these crows  
 resting on their violins of electricity  
 running parallel to the roads.  
 I have never used a phone booth,  
 though like iron maidens  
 they still wait outside some gas stations  
 with the emptiest of arms.

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Barbara Hamby is the author of *Holoholo*, *Bird Odyssey*, and *On the Street of Divine Love: New and Selected Poems*. *Burn* is her eighth book of poems. In 2010 her book of stories about Hawai'i, *Lester Higata's 20th Century*, won the Iowa/John Simmons Prize. She has received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts. Her poems have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *American Poetry Review*, *Paris Review*, *Poetry*, *Ploughshares*, and many other magazines. She teaches at Florida State University, where she is distinguished university scholar, and lives in Tallahassee, Florida.

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## ODE TO THE LOST HOUSE

Why do I leave you deep in sleep and move to another house,  
     one that has a roof with holes, a live-in possum family,  
 a kitchen with a floor of snapping teeth, and a secret door  
     to the underworld that looked like a pantry  
 when the realtor showed us through, but now I dream of you,  
     my former house, where I cooked so many meals,  
 danced to all my 45s, lay under the giant oak with Patsy  
     and purred into the evening, but in another dream  
 I drive by you, and you look so small and disheveled,  
     your yard shaggy, and I don't remember that trailer  
 next door, or the dogs roaming in packs, and ghosts  
     smoldering in windows like transparent film noir  
 extras waiting for their cue to strangle me in the bathtub,  
     so, thank God I don't live there any more,  
 but my new house has soulless lime green linoleum  
     on every floor and running up walls, ready for bleach  
 after the stab fest that I've been dreading for the last fifty years,  
     and the man with the knife, I know him—Jesus,  
 who would have thought he would look so much like my father,  
     who was so kind in real life, and why can't I wake up,  
 because now I'm in a car looking for the houses I barely remember,  
     talking to Wayne in Algiers, who lives in the place  
 my mother and father rented when I was born in New Orleans,  
     or driving in France and stopping at the village to find  
 the house we lived in when I was five, or the little pink house  
     on Puhano Street in Wai'anae when the plumerias  
 were blooming. O my lost houses, the little apartments  
     that were torn down to make lawyers' offices,  
 the gardens plowed and covered in asphalt, how can I be sure  
     that you were ever there or that these walls  
 won't crumble to nothing during the night in the hurricane.  
     of thoughts ricocheting around my head.

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## COCAINE & FLOWERS

When the gods came to America with a bag of cocaine and flowers they were beheaded.  
Their death had nothing to do with the president as he burns gods who come to him

with desire and a lie. So when I arrive at the Capitol, do I behead myself or cut out my tongue?  
Forget my question, instead, let me give you a memory. Three people in it: a boy, a president,

a father. My story devours lies as desire spits out familiarity, and still, I stand in the mystery  
of dead gods. No, I cannot drown the flowers. I crave them the way a man craves

the face of another. It would have been easy never to have wanted the flowers, to watch  
the wretched gods leave the bodies of wretched men, to praise the president

for such a heroic exorcism and sweep the floors of the Capitol. Yes, I'm joyous at the death  
of death. But no, they didn't behead all the gods. There's one in ghostly orange,

sitting in a prison cell on this American earth. The cell is dirtier than most, smells of the dog  
the guard fucked for pleasure, and the sound of water echoes in fragments.

I've avoided visiting but knowing desire can soak death like paper and how to lie to a president,  
I'm here. I know my brother has told you so. Find a bridge between America and the sea;

we will walk, I say. The cocaine has blessed the gods with warmth. If I have seen a devil,  
it is not a being but the place I stand. My father circumcised me at the president's house

with a certain thrill in his body. Though not every truth should be told, my father's mouth tells  
a better memory. He drove for days in the blood heat to find the question he had answered.

but did not know. Do others seek this question too? A dark thing that cannot be seen in the piss  
of a fetish priest or found in the many lies we speak to each other. A memory I have lost—no

do not interrupt the guard. Let him fuck his dog. I have a mind for understanding things  
that should not be understood. Even the words of death are spoken in the morning. Is there

cocaine in this place? You see, I plan on remaining here as the most foolish god in the world. I fear  
questions that should be feared, and I hold my tongue in the presence of men. I have been

circumcised once; twice will be deadly. But I have searched in places, in dirty places, clean places,  
better places, American places, for the machete used to behead gods. I dug flowers and buried

bones but the sun is a fool; it will rise for the birth of a god, and it will rise for the beheading of one.

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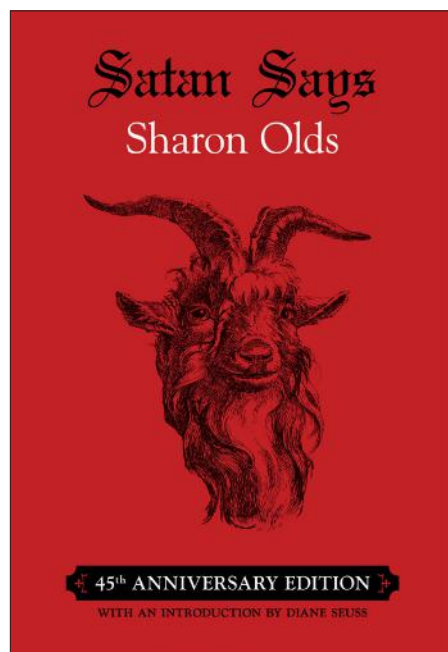
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## MARKETING PLANS

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## FIRST NIGHT

I lay asleep under you,  
 still and dark as uninhabited  
 countryside, my blood slowly  
 drying between us, the break in my flesh  
 beginning to heal, open, a border  
 permanently dissolved.  
 The inhabitants of my body began to  
 get up in the dark, pack, and move.

All night, hordes of people  
 in heavy clothes moved south in me  
 carrying houses on their backs, sacks of  
 seed, children by the hand, under  
 a sky like smoke. Grazing grounds  
 shifted by hundreds of miles. Certain animals,  
 suddenly, were nearly extinct,  
 one or two odd knobby  
 shapes in opposite parts of the land.  
 Other forms multiplied,  
 masses of deep red wings  
 pouring out of nowhere. Rivers changed course,  
 the language turned  
 neatly about  
 and started to go the other way.  
 By dawn the migrations were completed.  
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 and like a newborn animal about to be imprinted  
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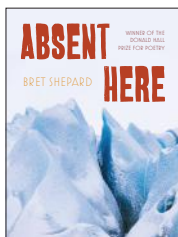
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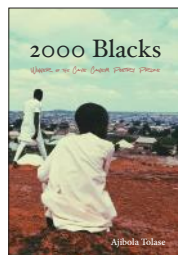


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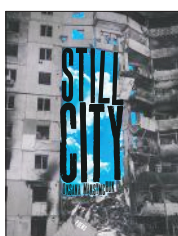
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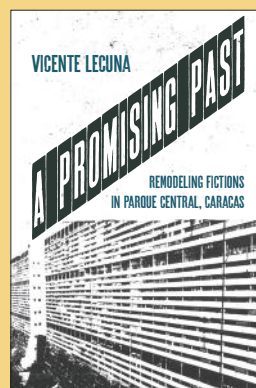
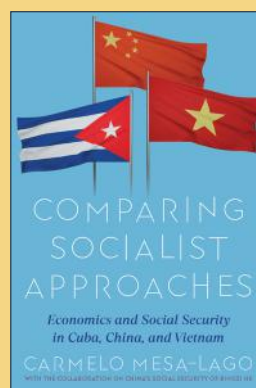
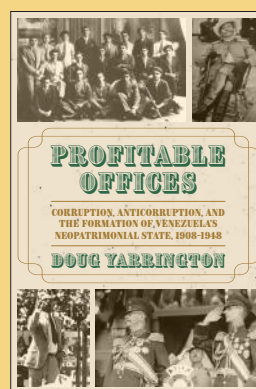
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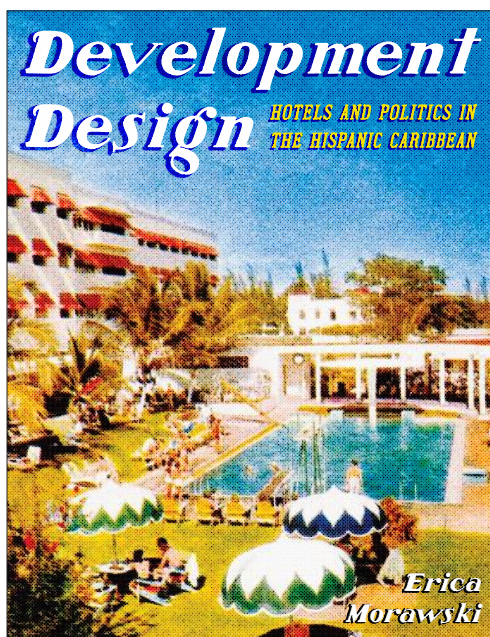
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# Empires and Exploration

Richard Francis Burton's Travels in Brazil

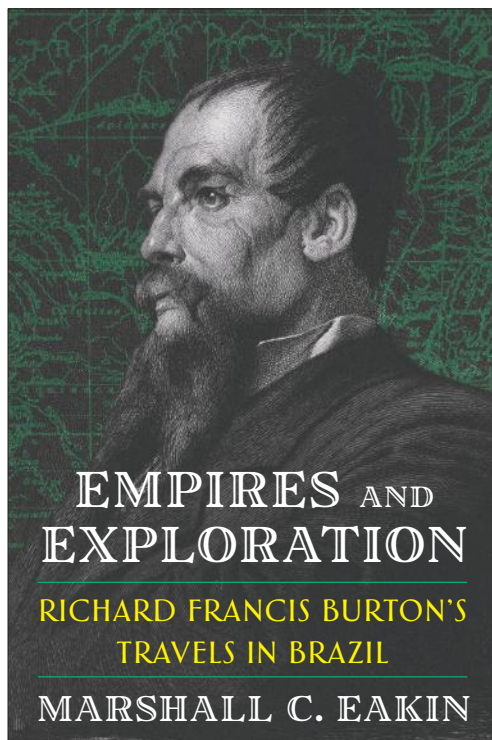
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**What Burton's Explorations Tell Us About the Complex Origins of the Brazilian Nation-State**

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# In the Darkness of the Cinema

Gender and Moviegoing in Early Twentieth-Century Urban Brazil

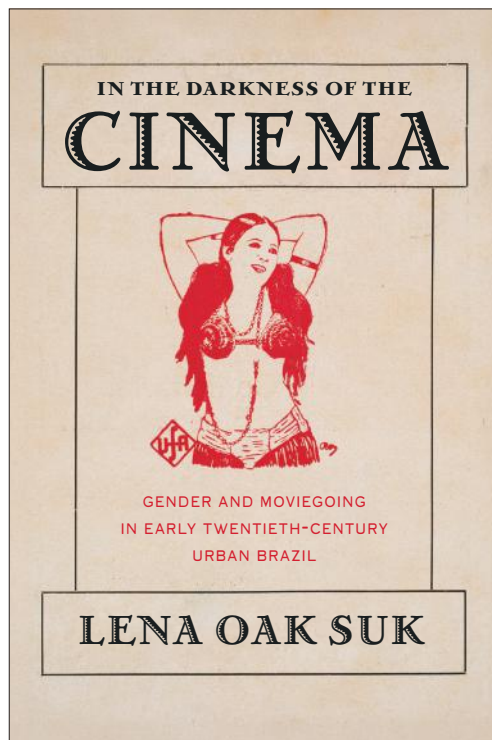
LENA OAK SUK

**How Cinema Culture Contributed to Social Change in the Urban Centers of Early Twentieth-Century Brazil**

*"In the Darkness of the Cinema excavates revealing traces of the gender, racial, and class ideologies that found expression in film and literature and shaped moviegoing habits and theater architecture in twentieth-century Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo. Suk offers an engaging account of how the movies transformed urban space and women's participation in public life in Brazil."*

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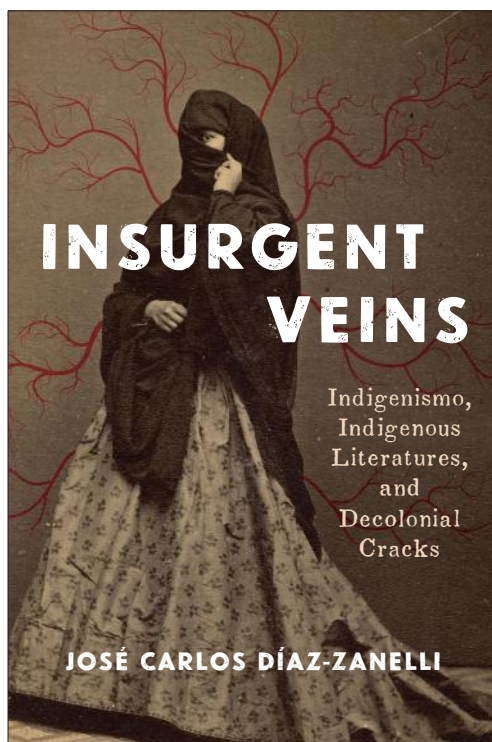
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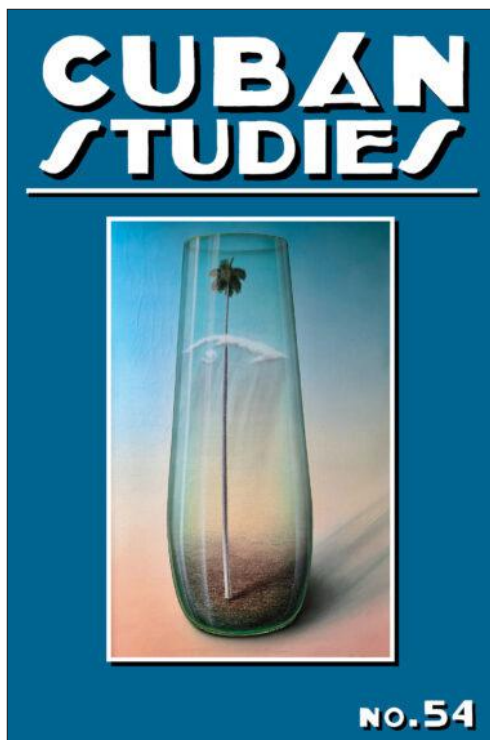
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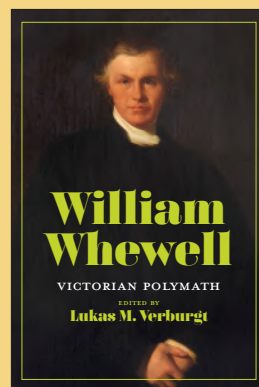
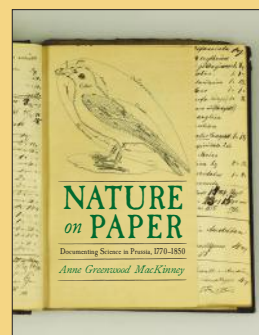
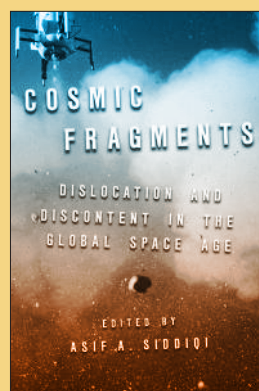
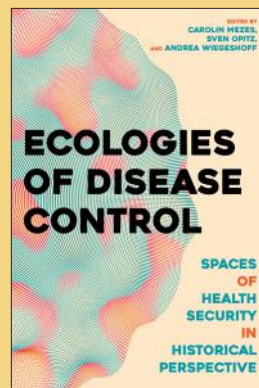
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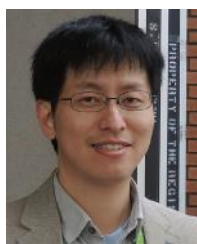


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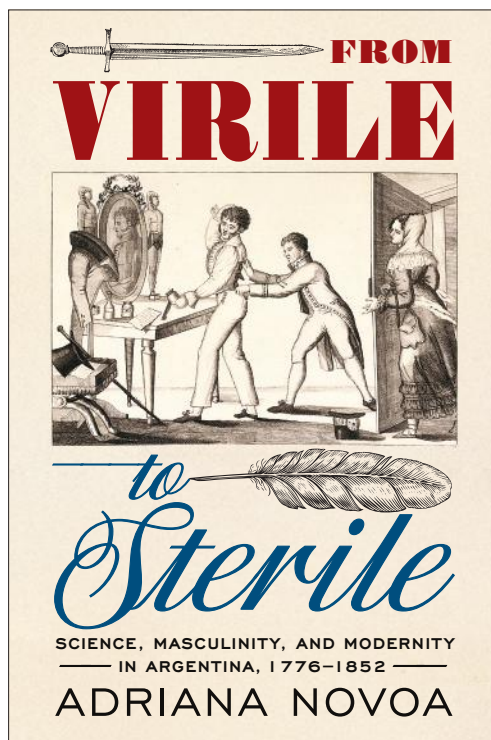
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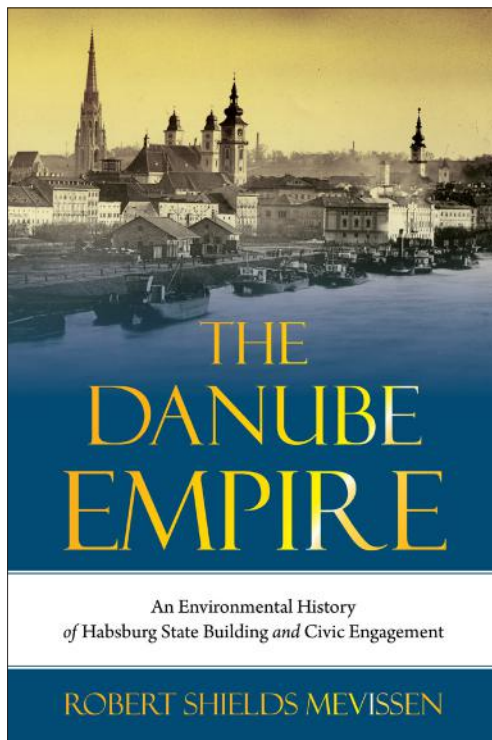
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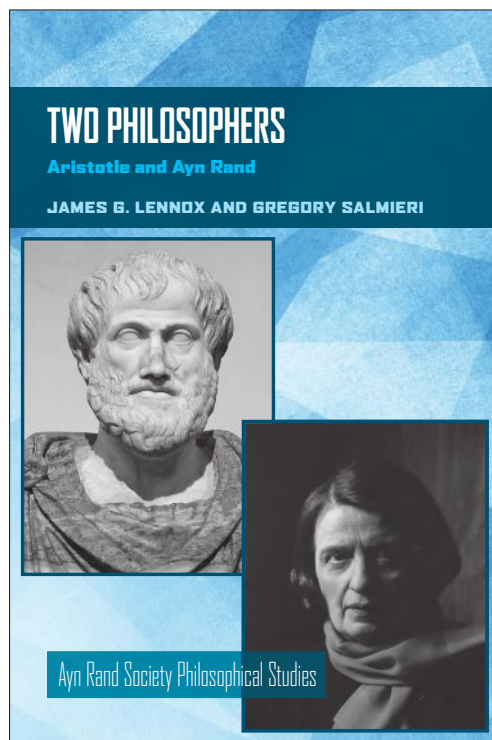
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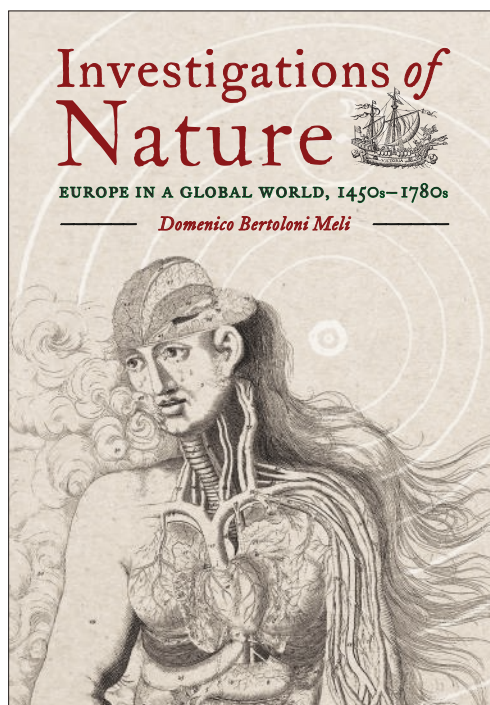
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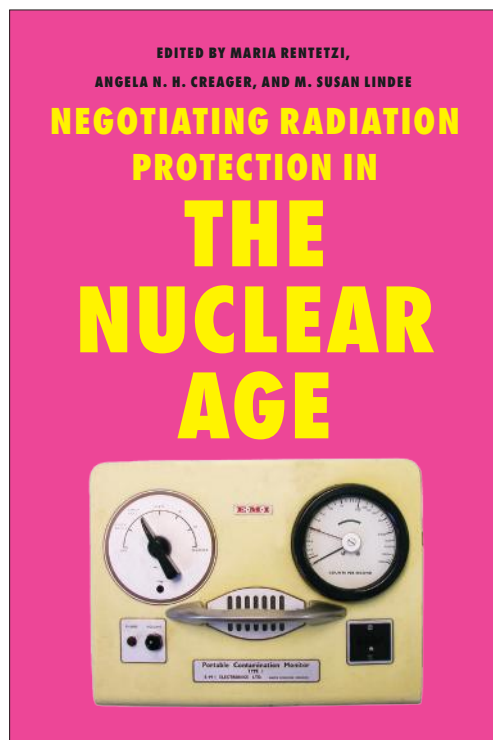
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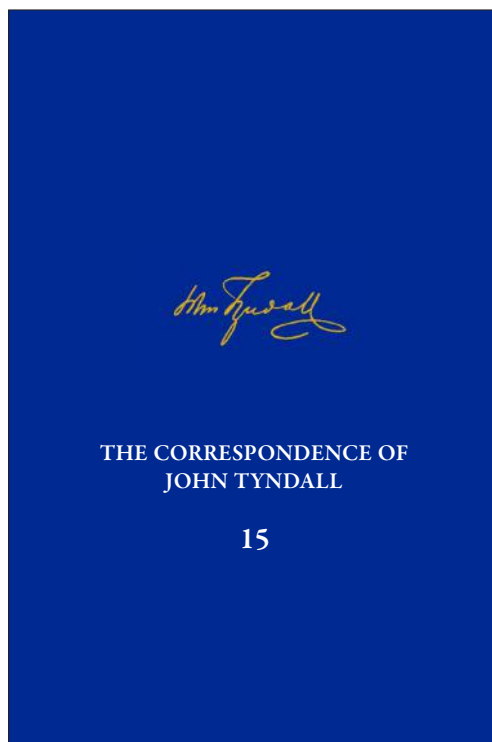
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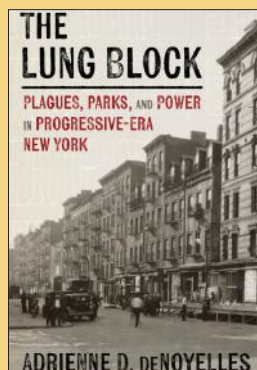
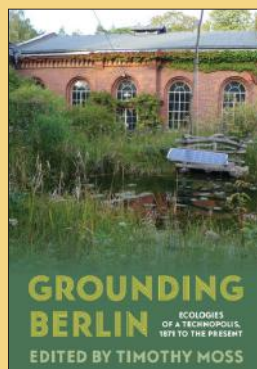
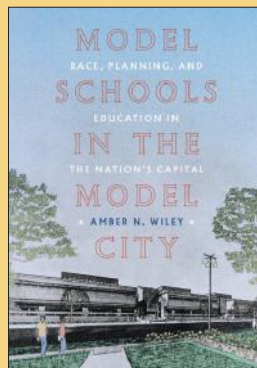
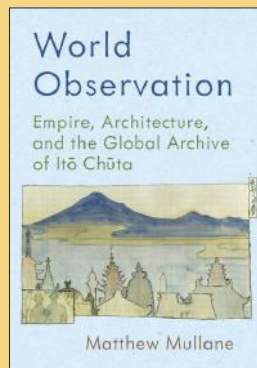
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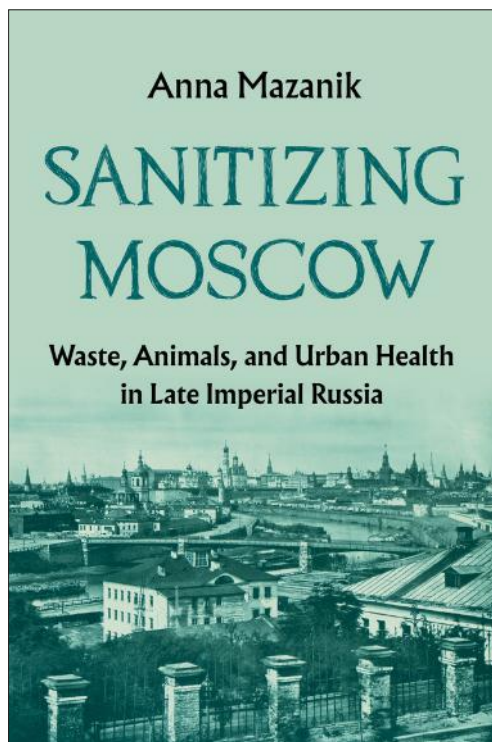
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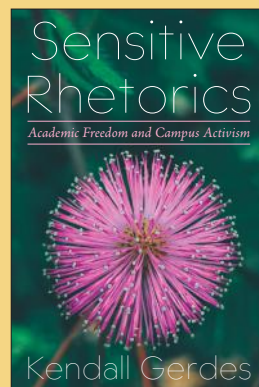
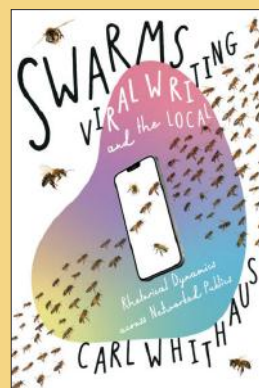
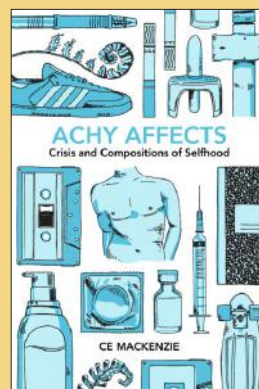
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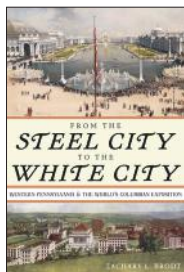
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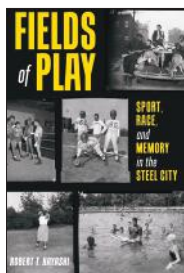
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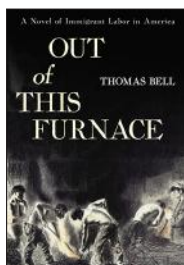
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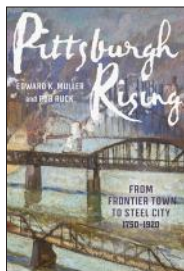
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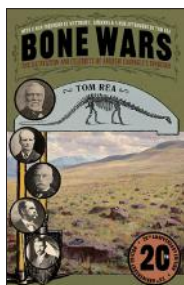
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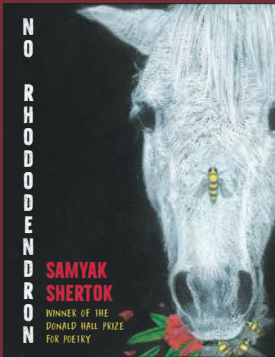
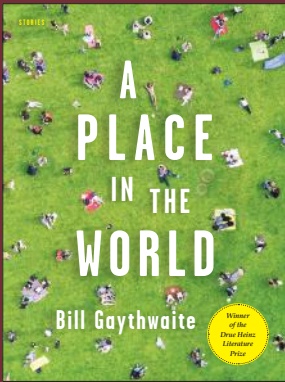
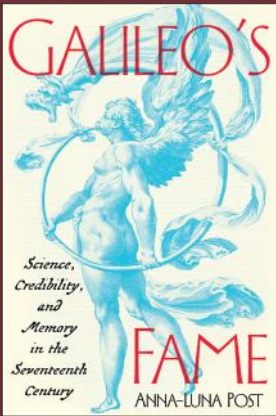
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