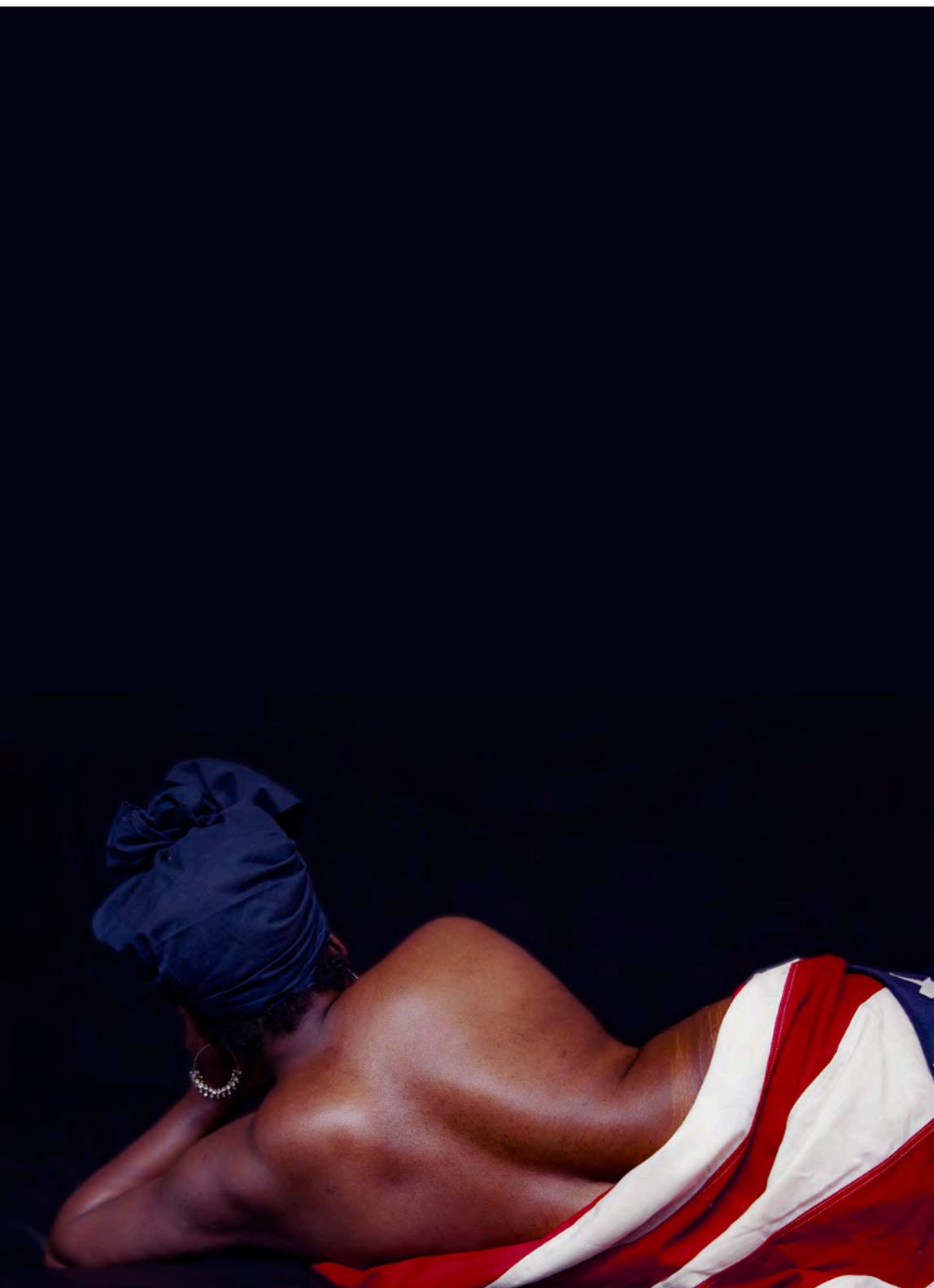


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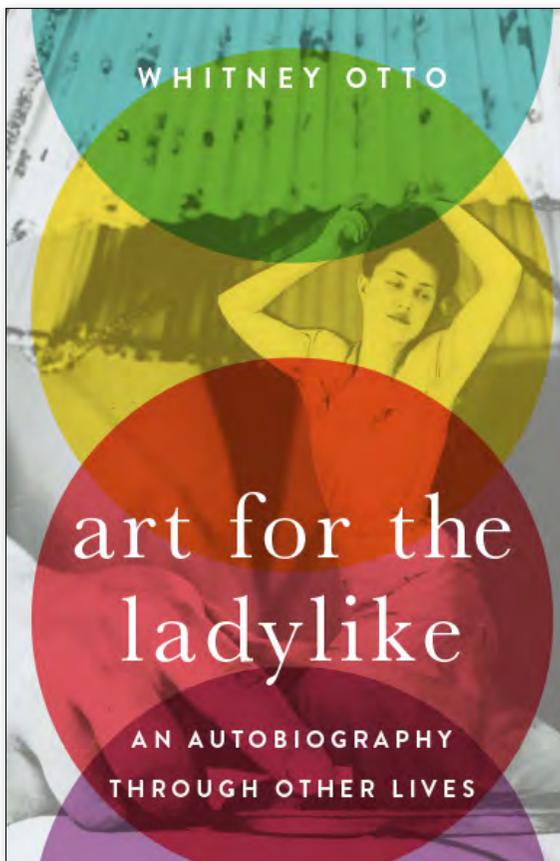
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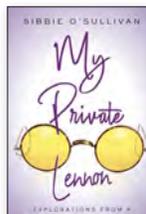
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Susanne Paola Antonetta is the author of *Make Me a Mother*, *Curious Atoms: A History with Physics*, *Body Toxic: An Environmental Memoir*, *A Mind Apart: Travels in a Neurodiverse World*, a novella, and four books of poetry. Her writing has appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Orion*, the *New Republic*, and elsewhere. She lives in Bellingham, Washington.

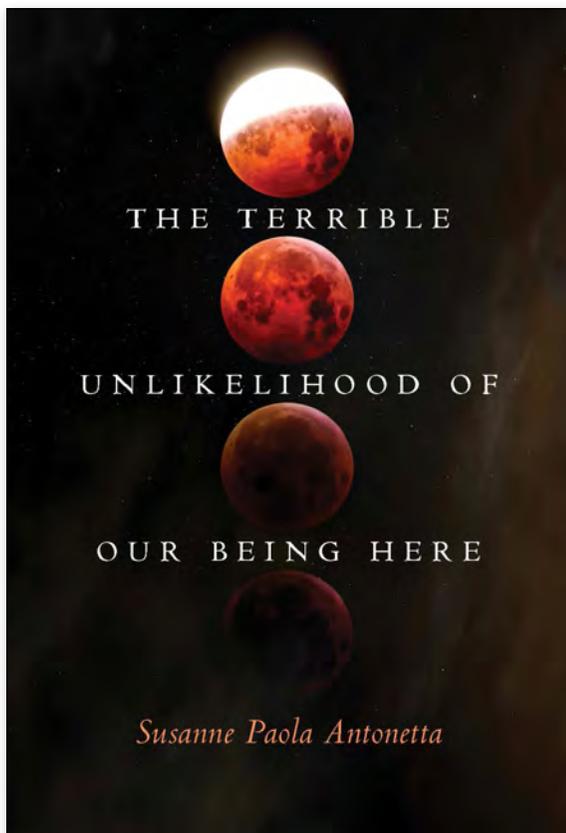
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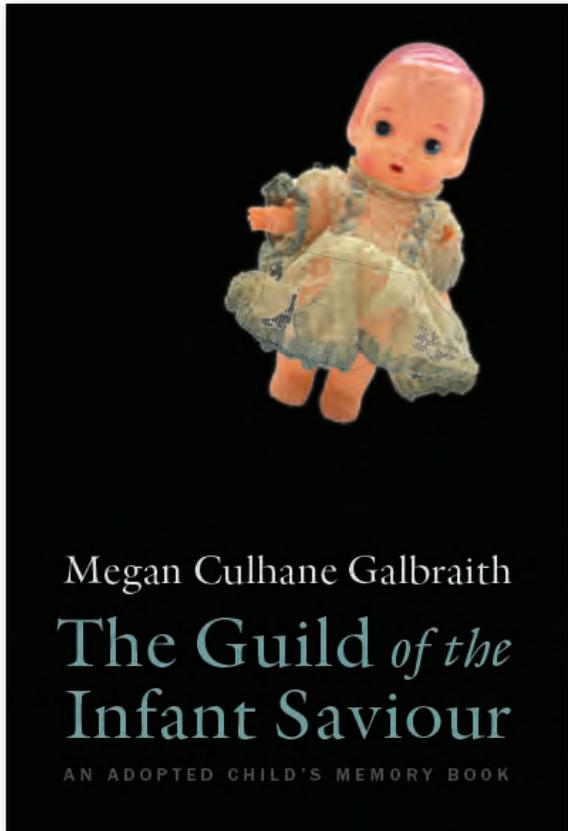
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Megan Culhane Galbraith is a writer and visual artist. Her work was a Notable Mention in *Best American Essays 2017*, has been nominated for two Pushcart Prizes, and has been published in *Tupelo Quarterly*, *Redivider*, *Catapult*, *Hobart*, *Longreads*, and *Hotel Amerika*, among others. She is Associate Director of the Bennington Writing Seminars and the founding director of the Governor's Institutes of Vermont Young Writers Institute.

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Shortly before *Roe v. Wade* legalized abortion, adoptee Megan Culhane Galbraith was born in a Catholic charity hospital in New York City to a teenaged resident of the Guild of the Infant Saviour, a home for unwed mothers. Decades later, on the eve of becoming a mother herself, she would travel to the former guild site; to her birth mother's home in Scotland; and to Cornell University, where she discovered the startling history of its Domestic Economics program. There, from 1919 to 1969, coeds applied scientific principles to domesticity as they collectively mothered a rotating cast of babies awaiting adoption. The babies shared the last name Domecon and provided the inspiration for Galbraith's art project, *The Dollhouse*.

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a more perfect Union

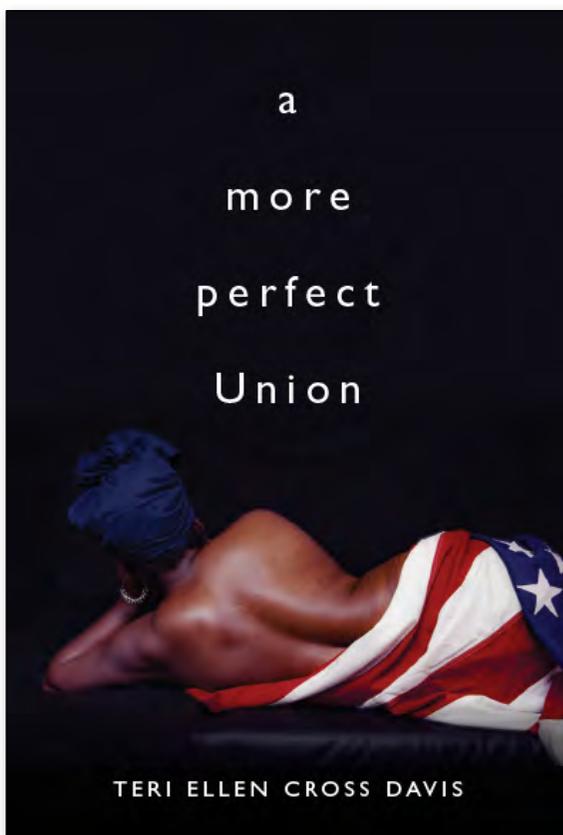
TERI ELLEN CROSS DAVIS

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Teri Ellen Cross Davis is the author of *Haint: poems*, winner of the 2017 Ohioana Book Award for Poetry. She is a Cave Canem Fellow and works as the Poetry Coordinator for the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, DC.

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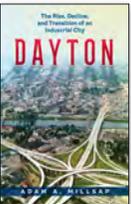
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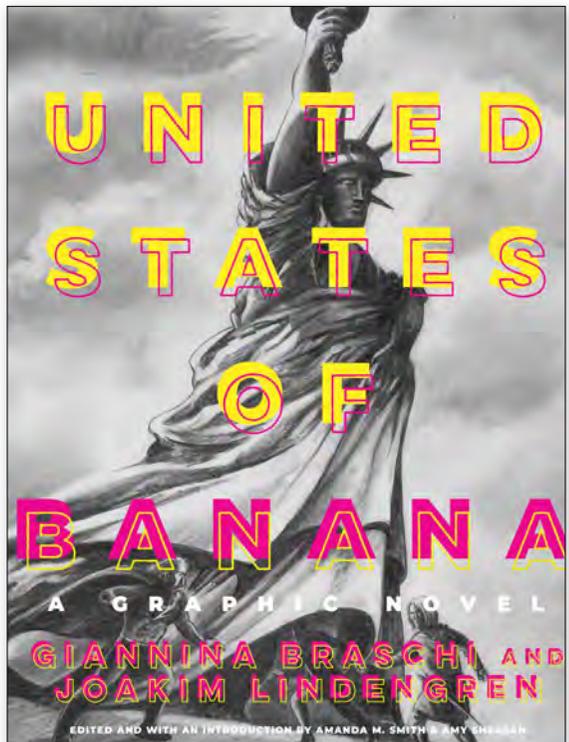
Giannina Braschi is a Puerto Rican writer based in New York City. Her works encompass poetry, fiction, manifesto, and drama and include the poetry trilogy *Empire of Dreams* and the experimental *Spanglish novel Yo-Yo Boing!*

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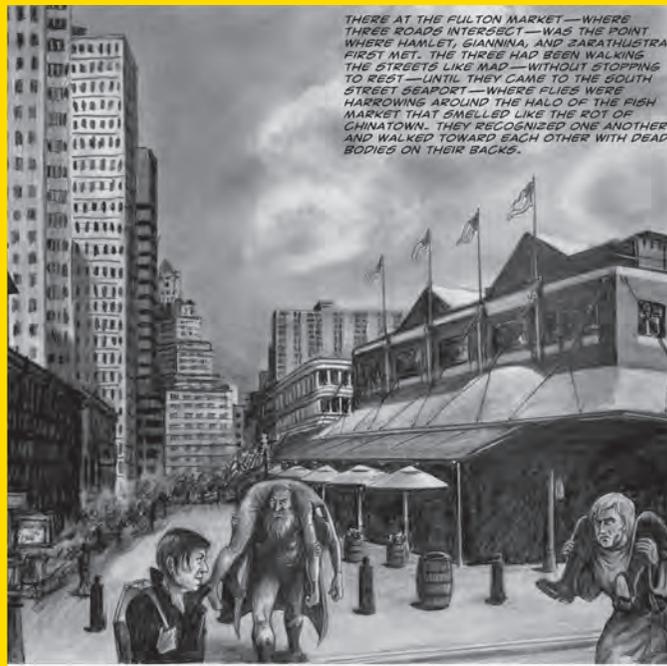
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THREE ROADS INTERSECT—WAS THE POINT
WHERE HAMLET, GIANNINA, AND ZARATHUSTRA
FIRST MET. THE THREE HAD BEEN WALKING
THE STREETS LIKE MAD—WITHOUT STOPPING
TO REST—UNTIL THEY CAME TO THE SOUTH
STREET SEAPORT—WHERE FLIES WERE
HARRASSING AROUND THE HALO OF THE FISH
MARKET THAT SMELLED LIKE THE ROT OF
CHINATOWN. THEY RECOGNIZED ONE ANOTHER
AND WALKED TOWARD EACH OTHER WITH DEAD
BODIES ON THEIR BACKS.

I'M BUYING THE SARDINE—THE
DEAD BODY I CARRY ON MY BACK.

LOOK, IT'S MOVING.
IT'S STILL ALIVE.

A LITTLE FISH—IN A LITTLE
CORFIN. AND FOR THIS—THIS
LITTLE STINKY THING—WE
CAME FROM SO FAR.

IT'S SO SALTY
AND UGLY IT
ITCHES AND
BITES.



IT'S
THE
SARDINE
IT BIT
D



QUIRRETS I HATE
SARDINES

WELL YOU KNOW WHAT
SOCRATES SAYS AFTER
ARISTOPHANES SPEAKS IN
THE SYMPOSIUM.

WHO CARES?
I AM HURTING.
GET HER OUT!

OPHELIA?

I CAN'T
STAND
HER. GET
HER
OUT.

SOCRATES SAYS NO
MATTER HOW
INCOMPLETE WE
ARE—IF A PART IS
HURTING YOU—SAY—
A TOOTH—YANK IT
OUT.

YANK
HER
OUT!

YOU ARE MINE, MINE AS THE SEA
AND THE WIND WHEN BOTH
CONTENT WHICH IS THE MIGHTIER.

HOW CAN I
GET RID OF
YOUR
WEAKNESS—
ONLY IF
MAKE YOU
STRONG—
AND I WOULD
MAKE YOU
STRONG IF
I COULD—

THE
DAMAGE
CONTROL
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CONTROL.

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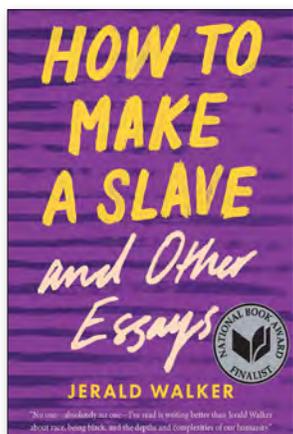
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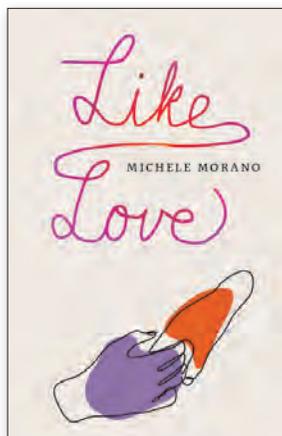
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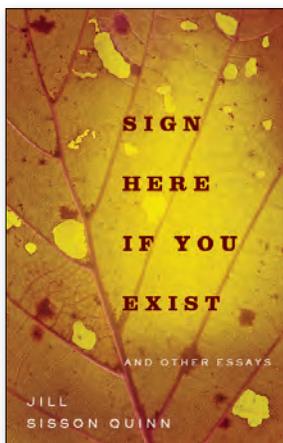


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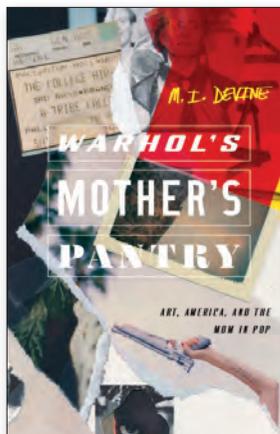
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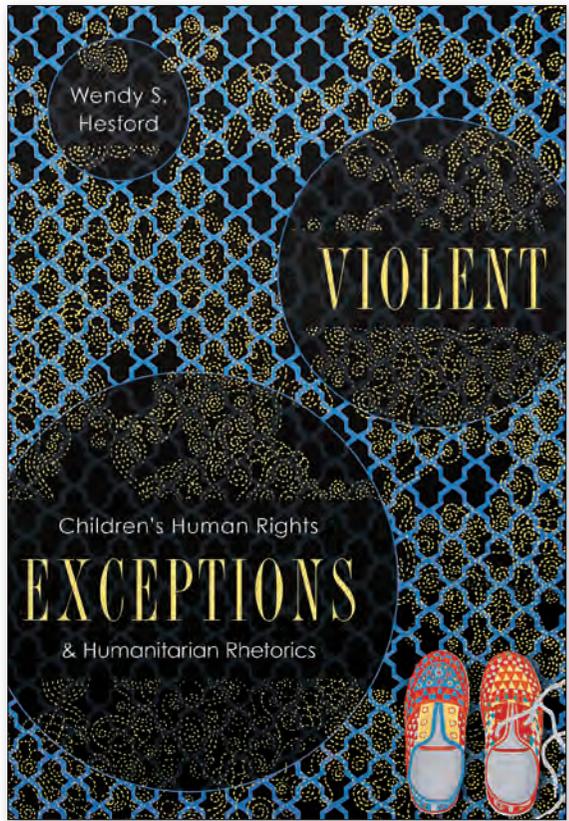
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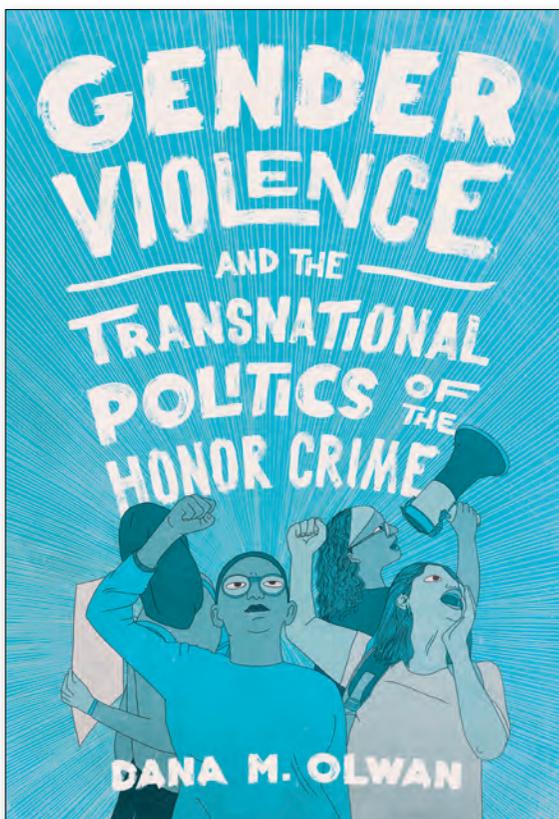


Violent Exceptions turns to the humanitarian figure of the child-in-peril in twenty-first-century political discourse to better understand how this figure is appropriated by political constituencies for purposes rarely to do with the needs of children at risk. Wendy S. Hesford shows how the figure of the child-in-peril is predicated on racial division, which, she argues, is central to both conservative and liberal logics, especially at times of crisis when politicians leverage humanitarian storytelling as a political weapon. Through iconic images and stories of child migrants, child refugees, undocumented children, child soldiers, and children who are victims of war, terrorism, and state violence, *Violent Exceptions* illustrates how humanitarian rhetoric turns public attention away from systemic violations against children's human rights and reframes this violence as exceptional—erasing more gradual forms of violence and minimizing human rights potential to counteract these violations and the precarious conditions from which they arise.

Gender Violence and the Transnational Politics of the Honor Crime

DANA M. OLWAN

“Dana M. Olwan’s book is distinct and necessary for the geographic and political scope it offers as well as its precise focus on honor killings. Looking transnationally at this ‘one’ crime, she offers a comprehensive study of this complicated issue and allows readers to appreciate the similarities and differences that unite responses to and discussions of honor-based crimes throughout several nations.” —**Ariana Vigil, author of *Public Negotiations: Gender and Journalism in Contemporary US Latina/o Literature***



In *Gender Violence and the Transnational Politics of the Honor Crime*, Dana M. Olwan examines how certain forms of violence become known, recognized, and contested across multiple geopolitical contexts—looking specifically at a particular form of gender-based violence known as the “honor crime” and tracing how a range of legal, political, and literary texts inform normative and critical understandings of this term. Although a number of studies now acknowledge the complicated mobilizations of honor crime discourses, the ways in which these discourses move across and in between different geographies and contexts remain relatively unexplored. This book fills that void by providing a transnational feminist examination of the disparate—yet interconnected—sites of the US, Canada, Jordan, and Palestine, showing how the concept travels across nations and is deployed to promote hegemonic agendas—becoming intertwined in notions of modernity, citizenship, and belonging.

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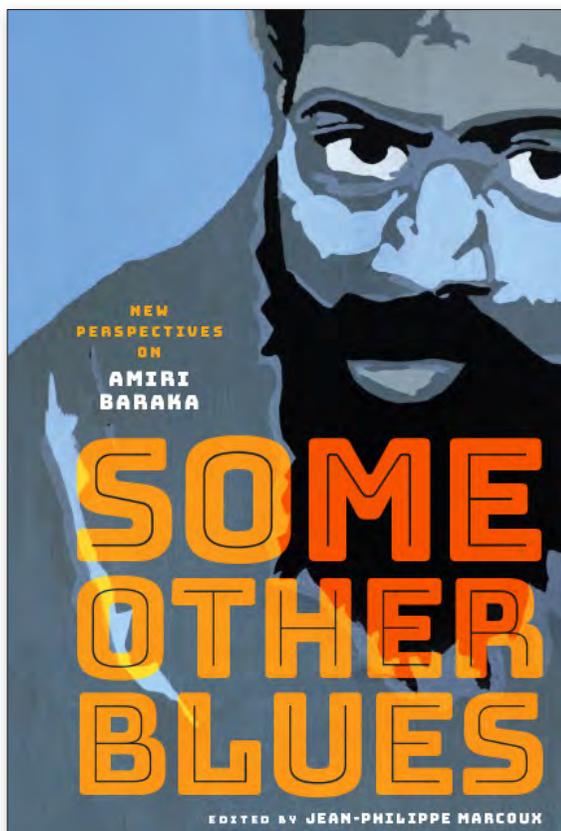
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This collection of original essays brings together some of the most important critics and scholars of Amiri Baraka’s oeuvre. *Some Other Blues* consists of career-spanning conversations on the many trajectories, bifurcations, and intersections in and of Baraka’s black art. Every chapter is grounded in the desire to illuminate Baraka’s multilayered creative output—whether through critical analyses, literary historiographies, or musicological and biographical reassessments of his work. Every contributor attempts, in their own unique ways, to delineate how the contours of poems, short stories, essays, and editorials reveal the poetics and politics of Amiri Baraka. At the same time, every chapter looks outward at what Baraka saw as the fractures and fissures of our society—moments in the history of African America that have needed repair and relief. For the first time in one book, two generations of scholars and friends of the Baraka family converge to assess the legacy and the imprint of the writer, activist, and cultural worker who has reshaped and redefined what it means to be a black public intellectual and poet.

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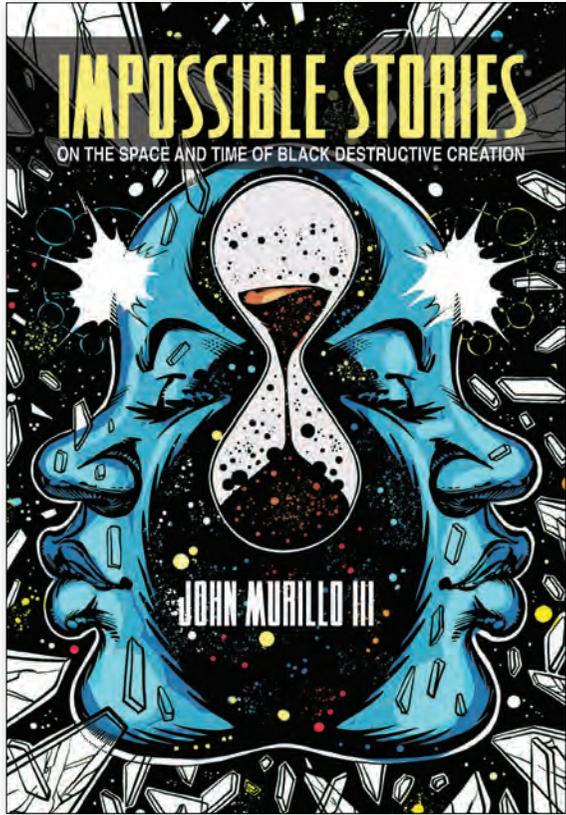
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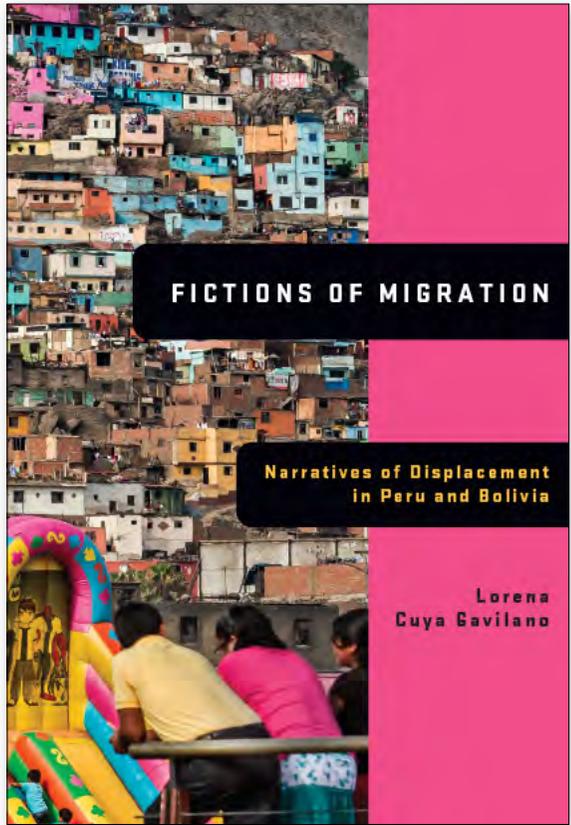
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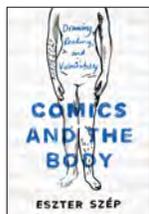
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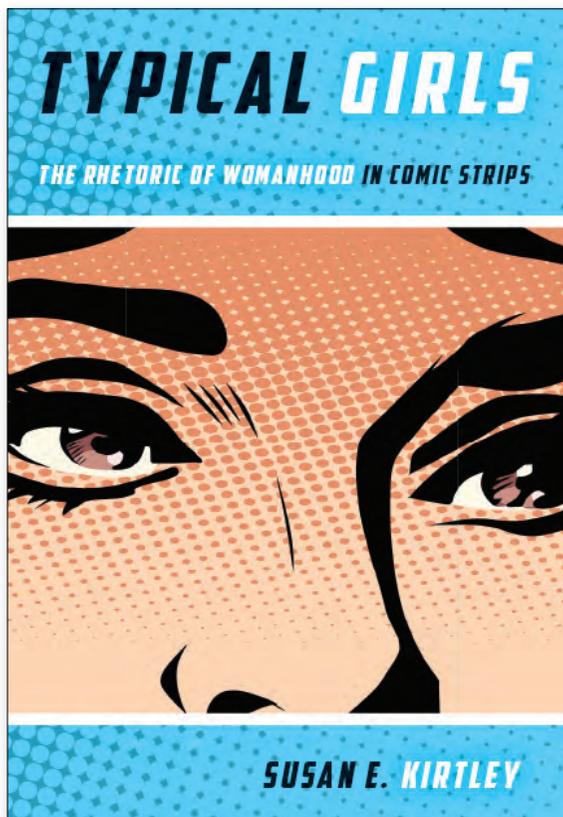
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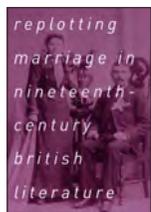
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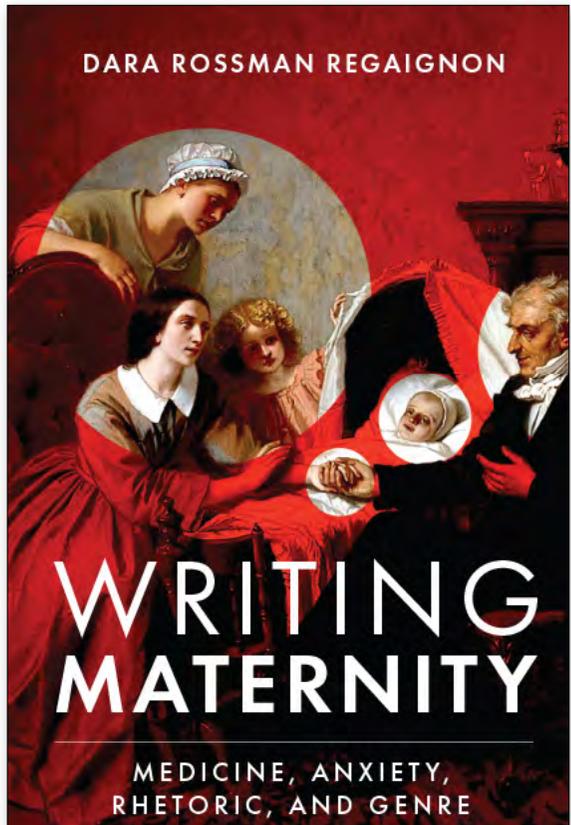
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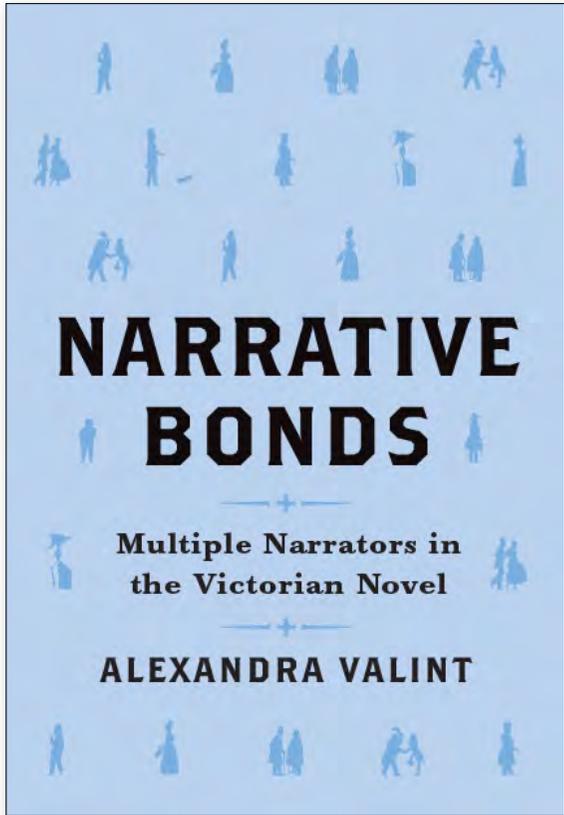
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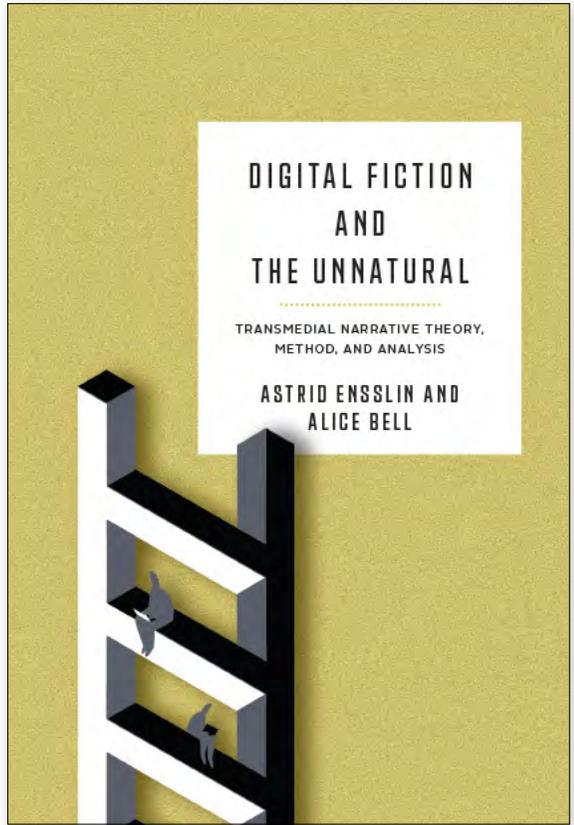
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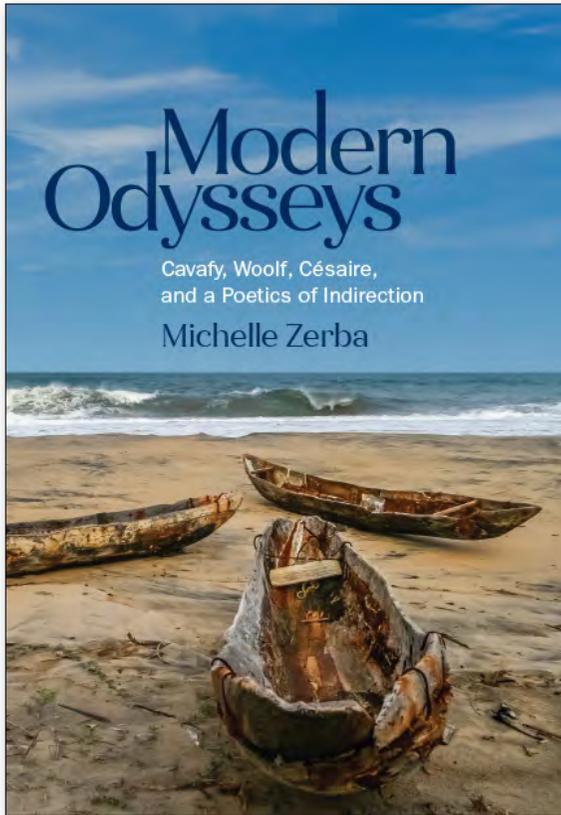
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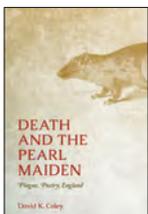
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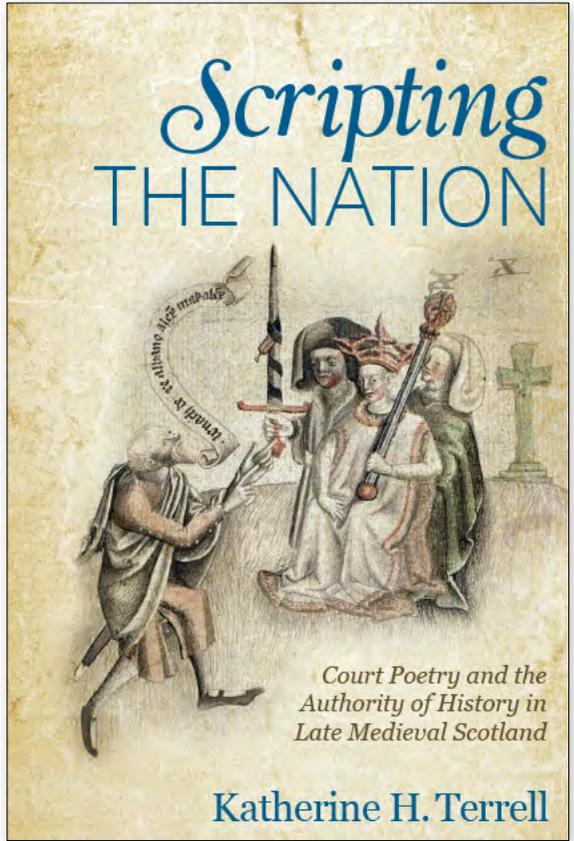
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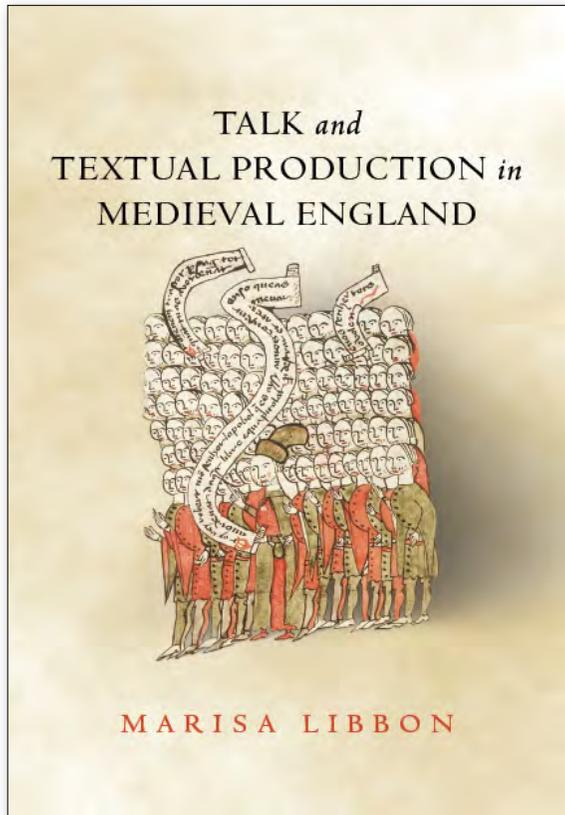
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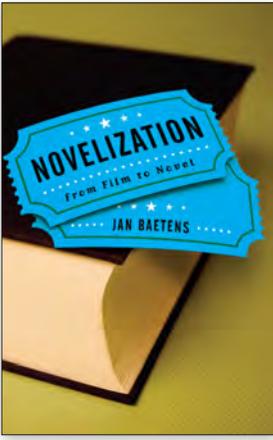
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People in medieval England talked, and yet we seldom talk or write about their talk. People conversed not within literary texts, but in the world in which those texts were composed and copied. The absence of such talk from our record of the medieval past is strange. Its absence from our formulation of medieval literary history is stranger still. In *Talk and Textual Production in Medieval England*, Marisa Libbon argues that talk among medieval England's public, especially talk about history and identity, was essential to the production of texts and was a fundamental part of the transmission and reception of literature. Examining Richard I's life as an exemplary subject of medieval England's class-crossing talk about the past, Libbon advances a theory of how talk circulates history, identity, and cultural memory over time. Gathering together Richard I's textual intersections with figures such as Charlemagne and Roland, Libbon offers a literary history that accounts for the spaces between and around extant manuscripts. These spaces, usually dismissed as silent, tell us about the processes of writing and reading, and illuminate the intangible daily life in which textual production occurred. By revealing the pressures that talk about the past exerted on textual production, this book relocates the power of making culture and collective memory to a wider, collaborative authorship in medieval England.

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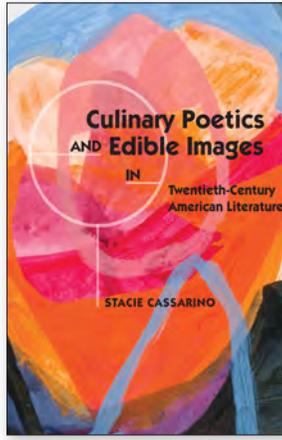
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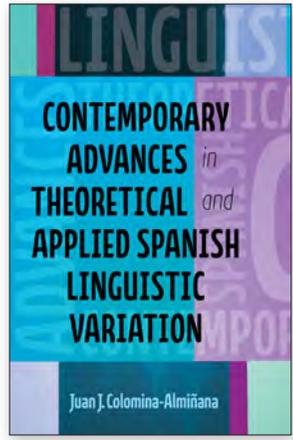
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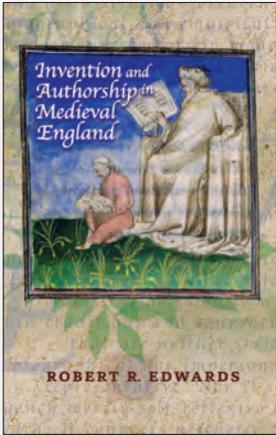
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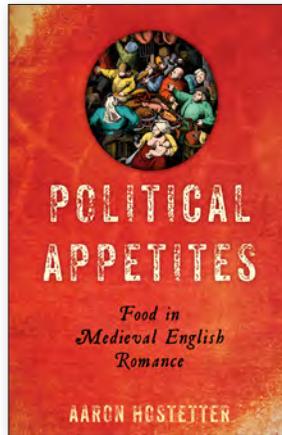
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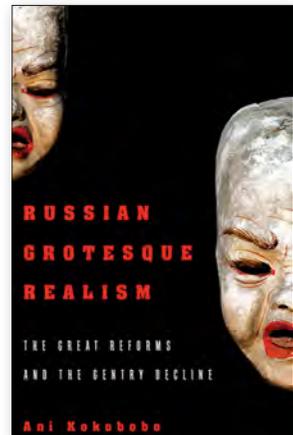
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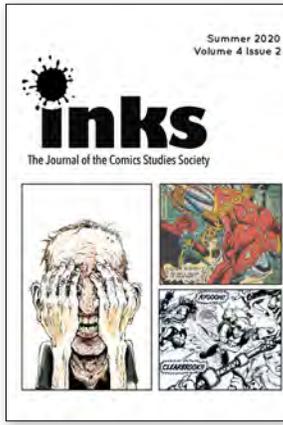


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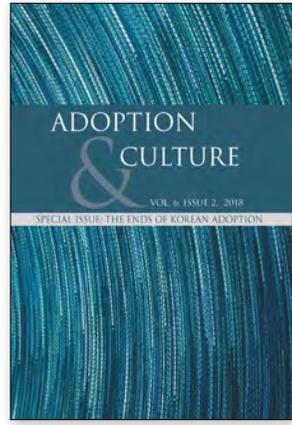
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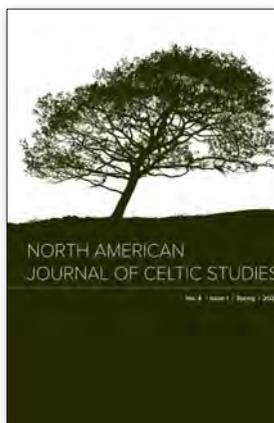
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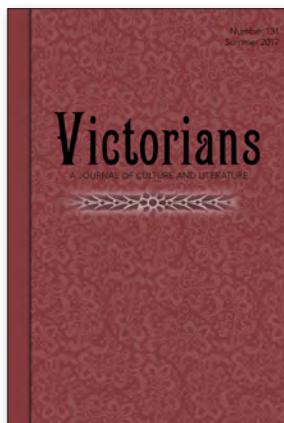


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