Love's Long Line

Sophfronia Scott

“Sophfronia Scott’s beautiful collection of essays is wise and ruminative, a pleasure to read. Whether she’s writing of the deeply personal or the culture at large, she makes us care and gives us a good long look at what this loud and calamitous world would have us ignore: hope.”
—Bret Lott, New York Times best selling author of Jewel

“Sophfronia Scott has written a book of truth and grace. Clear-sighted in every way, Love’s Long Line has much to teach us about family, about the challenges the world gives us, about the journeys we make toward forgiveness. This is a book for the mind and the soul.” —Lee Martin, author of Pulitzer Prize finalist The Bright Forever

Sophfronia Scott turns an unflinching eye on her life to deliver a poignant collection of essays ruminating on faith, motherhood, race, and the search for meaningful connection in an increasingly disconnected world.

In Love’s Long Line, Scott contemplates what her son taught her about grief after the shootings at his school, Sandy Hook Elementary; how a walk with Lena Horne became a remembrance of love for Scott’s illiterate and difficult steelworker father; the unexpected heartache of being a substitute school bus driver; and the satisfying fantasy of paying off a mortgage. Scott’s road is also a spiritual journey ignited by an exploration of her first name, the wonder of her physical being, and coming to understand why her soul must dance like Saturday Night Fever’s Tony Manero.

Inspired by Annie Dillard’s observation in Holy the Firm that we all “reel out love’s long line alone . . . like a live wire loosed in space to longing and grief everlasting,” Scott’s essays acknowledge the loneliness, longing, and grief exacted by a fearless engagement with the everyday world. But she shows that by holding the line, there is an abundance of joy and forgiveness and grace to be had as well.
From award-winning author Barrie Jean Borich comes *Apocalypse, Darling*, a narrative, lyrical exploration of the clash between old and new. Set in the steel mill regions of Chicago and in Northwest Indiana, the story centers on Borich’s return to a decimated landscape for a misbegotten wedding in which her spouse’s father marries his high school sweetheart. The book is a lilting journey into an ill-fated moment, where families attempt to find communion in tense gathering spaces and across their most formative disappointments. Borich tells the story of the industrial heartland that produced the steel that made American cities—while also being one of the most toxic environmental sites in the world.

As concise as a poem and as sweeping as an epic novel, *Apocalypse, Darling* explores the intersection of American traditional and self-invented social identities and the destruction and regreening of industrial cityscapes. Borich asks: Can toxic landscapes actually be remediated, and can patriarchal fathers ever really be forgiven? In a political climate where Borich is forced to daily reenter the toxic wastelands she thought she’d long left behind, *Apocalypse, Darling* is an urgent collision of broken spaces, dysfunctional affections, and the reach toward familial and environmental repair.
The Real Life of the Parthenon

PATRICIA VIGDERMAN

“A passionate travelogue that holds in balance long history and our present political moment. One of those rare books that takes a single subject and refracts it into a world.”
—Patricia Hampl

“Written with equal sensitivity to political debates and aesthetic beauty, The Real Life of the Parthenon deepens our understanding of how the imagination shapes and transforms the past—and how the deep past informs and shapes the imagination of the present.”
—Eva Hoffman, author of Lost in Translation and Time

Ownership battles over the marbles removed from the Parthenon by Lord Elgin have been rumbling into invective, pleading, and counterclaims for two centuries. The emotional temperature around them is high, and steering across the vast past to safe anchor in a brilliant heritage is tricky. The stories around antiquities become distorted by the pull of ownership, and it is these stories that urge Patricia Vigderman into her own exploration of their inspiring legacy in her compelling extended essay, The Real Life of the Parthenon.

Vigderman’s own journey began at the Parthenon, but curiosity edged her further onto the sea between antiquity and the present. She set out to seek the broken temples and amphorae, the mysterious smiles of archaic sculpture, and the finely hammered gold of a funeral wreath among the jumbled streets of modern Athens, the fertile fields of Sicily, the mozzarella buffalo of Paestum. Guided along the way toward the enduring landscapes and fractured history by archeologists, classicists, historians, and artists—and by the desire they inspire—she was caught by ongoing, contemporary local life among the ruins. Gathering present meaning and resonance for the once and future remains of vanished glory, The Real Life of the Parthenon illuminates an important but shadowy element of our common cultural life: the living dynamic between loss and delight.

Patricia Vigderman is the author of Possibility: Essays Against Despair and The Memory Palace of Isabella Stewart Gardner.

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“With Angelitos, the artistry burns through the pain of the subject matter and reveals the redeeming truth and value of beauty. That is our debt to the author and artist of this stunning book.”
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Ilan Stavans is a public intellectual, translator, essayist, lexicographer, and editor. He is the Lewis-Sebring Professor of Humanities and Latin American and Latino Culture at Amherst College and the author of more than two dozen books, including A Critic’s Journey and Quixote. The recipient of numerous international awards and prizes, his work has been translated into fifteen languages and adapted into film, radio, and television. Santiago Cohen is an illustrator, animator, designer, and author. He has illustrated nearly twenty children’s books, including The Yiddish Fish and Before You Were Here, Mi Amor.

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From internationally renowned Ilan Stavans, in collaboration with award-winning illustrator Santiago Cohen, comes Angelitos, an explosive new graphic novel about a college student and his interactions with Padre Chinchachoma, a charismatic Catholic priest who devotes himself to rescuing homeless children in Mexico. Though his work gives hope to the desperate masses of children on the streets of Mexico City, his efforts interfere with and infuriate the police—with dire consequences. Set in a deeply classist society and against the backdrop of the tragic destruction of the 1985 earthquake in Mexico City, the core of the story also revolves around the student’s fear that Padre Chincha might be sexually abusing the children he rescues, at a time and place when such actions went unchecked by the Catholic Church.

Though Angelitos: A Graphic Novel is a fictional retelling of a desperate time, it draws on autobiographical elements to tell the real-life story of Alejandro García Durán de Lara, popularly known as Padre Chinchachoma, a complicated figure revered by some and reviled by others.
Comics Studies

The Goat-Getters

Jack Johnson, the Fight of the Century, and How a Bunch of Raucous Cartoonists Reinvented Comics

Eddie Campbell

The Goat Getters is a rip-roaring narrative of the origin of the comic strip told from a new perspective by one of the leading cartoon storytellers of our time. It features a wild bunch of early twentieth-century cartoonists based on the West Coast, including Jimmy Swinnerton, Tad Dorgan, George Herriman, and Rube Goldberg, whose domain was the sports and lurid crime pages, where they fashioned a bold, tough style, invented their own goofy slang that enriched the popular lexicon (to which the title of the book refers), and created characters such as Silk Hat Harry and the indomitable Krazy Kat.

This exhaustively researched book is also an account, shown through original newspaper cartoons of the era, of the subjects of those cartoons: the landmark 1910 boxing match in Reno, Nevada, between Jim Jeffries, the “Great White Hope,” and Jack Johnson, the first African-American heavyweight champion; the nationwide race riots that followed; the San Francisco graft trials that culminated in the shooting of the federal prosecutor; and the trial of Harry Thaw for the murder of architect Stanford White, a crime of passion that centered on Thaw’s wife, showgirl Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw, whose beauty was celebrated by cartoonist Nell Brinkley.

Campbell also shows how these early cartoons developed the kind of dynamic anatomy and recurring characters that continue to influence comics and graphic novels today.
Thurberville

Bob Hunter

James Thurber's Columbus was not today's Columbus—or even yesterday's. It was a Columbus he both knew and created, a place perched on the fringe of reality and the fringe of his imagination. It is the place Bob Hunter revisits in Thurberville, a book where the author separates truth from fiction and identifies what parts of the famous humorist's hometown of 180,000 exist in the burgeoning metro area of more than two million today.

Thurber's Columbus was a wild and crazy place, a city full of fascinating and sometimes peculiar characters, many in his own family. Because of the widespread popularity of his stories, that was also the Columbus that many of his readers around the world came to know.

Thurberville chronicles those characters and explores that world. But it also examines the real city where Thurber struggled and then blossomed as a college student, worked as a newspaper reporter and a press agent, and achieved international fame as a humorist and cartoonist after he left town, in part by writing about the subjects he left behind.

Much of Thurber's best work was cultivated by experiences he had in Columbus and in his dealings with family, friends, teachers, and acquaintances there. They are worth a revisit and, in some cases, an introduction.

The Ohio State University

An Illustrated History

Raimund E. Goerler

Raimund E. Goerler, acclaimed archivist and historian, has written the definitive guidebook to the history of The Ohio State University, one of the world's largest universities and a prominent land-grant institution. Using a topical strategy—ranging widely through critical events in OSU's history, vignettes of prominent alumni, and stories of well known campus buildings, historic sites, presidents, student life, traditions, and athletics—The Ohio State University: An Illustrated History is the first one-volume history of the University to appear in more than fifty years.

Always entertaining and consistently informative, the book is lavishly illustrated with more than 300 rare photographs from the OSU Archives. The Ohio State University: An Illustrated History is a must-have for all who call themselves Buckeyes.
Polonium in the Playhouse
The Manhattan Project’s Secret Chemistry Work in Dayton, Ohio

LINDA CARRICK THOMAS

At the height of the race to build an atomic bomb, an indoor tennis court in one of the Midwest’s most affluent residential neighborhoods became a secret Manhattan Project laboratory. Polonium in the Playhouse: The Manhattan Project’s Secret Chemistry Work in Dayton, Ohio presents the intriguing story of how this most unlikely site in Ohio became one of the most classified portions of the Manhattan Project.

Seized by the War Department in 1944 for the bomb project, the elegant glass-roofed building of the Runnymede Playhouse was transformed into a polonium-processing facility, providing a critical radioactive ingredient for the bomb initiator: the mechanism that triggered a chain reaction.

The work was directed by industrial chemist Charles Allen Thomas who had been chosen by J. Robert Oppenheimer and General Leslie Groves to coordinate Manhattan Project chemistry and metallurgy. The playhouse belonged to his wife’s family.

Polonium in the Playhouse offers a fascinating look at the vast and complicated program that changed world history and introduces the men and women who raced against time to build the initiator for the bomb.

My Father’s Closet

KAREN A. MCCLINTOCK

Thirty years after her father’s death, Karen McClintock sets out to find the gay father she never really knew. As we follow the unraveling family secret, we find ourselves drawn into her story as she and her family stumble into infidelity, grieve heartbreaking losses, and remain loyal in love.

Set in Columbus, Ohio, My Father’s Closet tells the story of how just before the war, McClintock’s parents fell in love and married, while overseas in Germany the man who she believes became her father’s lover was concealing his Jewish and gay identities in order to escape to America. A set of her father’s journals, letters her parents sent to each other during the Second World War, and a mysterious painting all lead her toward the truth about her father.

McClintock weaves a complex secret into the fabric of lives we truly care about. And in the process, she leads us out of her father’s closet.

This gripping memoir captures the longing children feel for a distant or hidden parent and taps into the complexity of human connection and abandonment. The characters are resilient and vibrant. The hidden lives, the nosy neighbors, and surprise lovers all show up. In the end, this extraordinary family finds ways to connect and freedom to love. Anyone who grew up with a family secret will appreciate the dynamics afoot in this fast-paced and compelling story.
Radioapocrypha

BK Fischer

“BK Fischer’s Radioapocrypha is a revelation. Maybe that’s the easy and obvious thing to say about a book that retells the Gospel and situates it in America in 1989? But the revelation here isn’t, or isn’t just, the revelation one might expect from such a book—it’s the revelation of Fischer’s own skill as a poet as the story gains momentum and matches the intensity of the source material. I wouldn’t have thought anybody could pull that off, let alone so well. Not only is Radioapocrypha a revelation, it is a miracle.” —Shane McCrae

A novella in verse, Radioapocrypha envisions what would have happened if Jesus Christ had arrived for the first time not in Palestine two thousand years ago but in a subdivision in Maryland in 1989, the year Depeche Mode released “Personal Jesus.” In this suburban retelling of the gospel, Jesus is a hunky post-punk high school chemistry teacher and the disciples are a twelve-member garage band. The story unfolds as recorded testimony and overheard teachings, a series of alternating lyric poems, prose poems, and parables that engage the social, sexual, and racial tensions of an era. Told from the point of view of the Magdalen character, named Maren—and drawing from the Gnostic text known as the Gospel of Mary as well as other scriptural sources—these poems sample widely from popular music and 1980s culture to recast and revivify a gritty, surreal, crackpot story of loners, losers, and lovers.

BK Fischer is poetry editor at Boston Review. Her collections of poetry include Mutiny Gallery and St. Rage’s Vault.

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Billy Ireland

Lucy Shelton Caswell

Columbus, Ohio’s most beloved cartoonist, Billy Ireland, worked for the Columbus Dispatch from the age of eighteen in 1898 until his death in 1935. Hometown life, everyday events, and ordinary people were important to Ireland. Written by Lucy Shelton Caswell, this is the only printed collection of Ireland’s editorial cartoons and spans his entire career. It includes black and white figures as well as color plates from his most popular weekly feature “The Passing Show.”

Iconoclast in Ink

The Political Cartoons of Jay N. “Ding” Darling

Richard Samuel West

The editorial cartoons of Jay N. “Ding” Darling illustrated what he believed were the important topics of society and politics whether or not they were considered newsworthy by others. The 150 political cartoons selected for Iconoclast in Ink chronicle the personalities and events of the first half of the twentieth century. Pulitzer Prize–winner Darling was also an ardent proponent of conservation, known for speaking, writing, and drawing cartoons about the issue. Darling later founded the National Wildlife Federation.
Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention
Robert O. Self

Malcolm X’s life and legacy have been the subject of much scholarship; however, most of the available material has been written from the perspective of the white middle-class audience. Robert O. Self’s new biography of Malcolm X offers a unique and fresh perspective. Rather than focusing on Malcolm X’s life as a black man, Self focuses on his life as a man. This approach allows readers to understand Malcolm X as a complex and fully realized human being. The book is divided into nine parts, each of which explores a different aspect of Malcolm X’s life.

Robert O. Self is a professor of history at Princeton University and the author of several books, including "The Culture of Slavery in the Old South," which won the National Book Critics Circle Award. He is also the editor of "The Cambridge History of the African American Experience."
Disabled Upon Arrival
Eugenics, Immigration, and the Construction of Race and Disability

JAY TIMOTHY DOLMAGE

“Disabled Upon Arrival reaches into new territory, bringing in detailed and pathbreaking discussions of the connections between photography, race, disability, representation, nationality, im/migration, contagion, and movement. It is beautiful, original, relevant, and needed.” —MARGARET PRICE, AUTHOR OF MAD AT SCHOOL: RHEORTICS OF MENTAL DISABILITY AND ACADEMIC LIFE

“Beautifully written, sometimes almost poetic, and yet strongly argumentative. This is by far the best work on the subject of eugenics and immigration.” —SUSAN SCHWEIK, AUTHOR OF THE UGLY LAWS: DISABILITY IN PUBLIC

In North America, immigration has never been about immigration. That was true in the early twentieth century when anti-immigrant rhetoric led to draconian crackdowns on the movement of bodies, and it is true today as new measures seek to construct migrants as dangerous and undesirable. This premise forms the crux of Jay Timothy Dolmage’s new book Disabled Upon Arrival: Eugenics, Immigration, and the Construction of Race and Disability, a compelling examination of the spaces, technologies, and discourses of immigration restriction during the peak period of North American immigration in the early twentieth century.

Through careful archival research and consideration of the larger ideologies of racialization and xenophobia, Disabled Upon Arrival links anti-immigration rhetoric to eugenics—the flawed “science” of controlling human population based on racist and ableist ideas about bodily values. Dolmage casts an enlightening perspective on immigration restriction, showing how eugenic ideas about the value of bodies have never really gone away and revealing how such ideas and attitudes continue to cast groups and individuals as disabled upon arrival.

Jay Timothy Dolmage is Associate Professor of English at the University of Waterloo and author of the award-winning book Disability Rhetoric.

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Reality Bites

Rhetoric and the Circulation of Truth Claims in U.S. Political Culture

Dana L. Cloud

“Reality Bites offers a new way to examine and enter into important public/political debates in a postfact age. Importantly, the book is accessible and works as a handbook for activists, scholars, and citizens who want to be engaged in public debates in a meaningful and effective manner.”

—Mary Triece, author of Protest and Popular Culture and On the Picket Line

“The book makes a timely appearance at the intersection of rhetoric, social politics, and academic theorizing. It is encouraging to see a clear-headed account of how different standpoints might be extended or dislodged by rhetorical reframing.”

—John Lyne, University of Pittsburgh

Fake news, alternative facts, post truth—terms all too familiar to anyone in U.S. political culture and concepts at the core of Dana L. Cloud’s new book, Reality Bites, which explores truth claims in contemporary political rhetoric in the face of widespread skepticism regarding the utility, ethics, and viability of an empirical standard for political truths. Cloud observes how appeals to truth often assume—mistakenly—that it is a matter of simple representation of facts. However, since neither fact-checking nor “truthiness” can respond meaningfully to this problem, she argues for a rhetorical realism—the idea that communicators can bring knowledge from particular perspectives and experiences into the domain of common sense.

Through a series of case studies—including the PolitiFact fact-checking project, the Planned Parenthood “selling baby parts” scandal, the Chelsea Manning and Edward Snowden cases, Neil DeGrasse Tyson’s Cosmos, the rhetoric of Thomas Paine and the American Revolution, and the Black Lives Matter movement—Cloud advocates for the usefulness of narrative, myth, embodiment, affect, and spectacle in creating accountability in contemporary U.S. political rhetoric. If dominant reality “bites”—in being oppressive and exploitative—it is time, Cloud argues, for those in the reality-based community to “bite back.”

Dana L. Cloud is Professor in the Department of Communication and Rhetorical Studies at Syracuse University. She is a longtime activist for social justice and the author of We Are the Union: Democratic Unionism and Dissent at Boeing and Control and Consolation in American Culture and Politics: Rhetorics of Therapy.

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“This volume makes a strong contribution to and intervention in efforts to understand the multiple roles women are called on to play in their careers in rhetoric and writing studies.”
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“This collection celebrates the multiple shapes our lives take and insists on the importance of stories of professional women in composition and rhetoric. Most importantly, it follows the feminist tradition of including what has been cast out: moments of failure, of shame, of struggle.”
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Elizabeth A. Flynn is Professor Emerita of Reading and Composition at Michigan Technological University, coeditor of Feminist Rhetorical Resilience and Gender and Reading, and author of Feminism Beyond Modernism.

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This collection, edited by Elizabeth A. Flynn and Tiffany Bourelle, contributes to the valuable work of chronicling the professional and personal lives of women in academia. Through its line-up of contributors from diverse backgrounds, locations, and career paths, Women’s Professional Lives in Rhetoric and Composition showcases the voices of multiple scholars occupying a multitude of different roles in the profession: from prestigious professors emerite and endowed chairs to assistant professors starting their careers to an independent scholar to part-time faculty.

The collection sets itself apart from other volumes not just in its diversity of perspectives but also by speaking against linear stories of success in the profession—sharing moments of shame and failure, showing how the personal and professional often intertwine and influence one another, and ultimately revealing how choice, chance, serendipity, and kairos have all played a role in the lives of its contributors. In focusing on this convergence, Women’s Professional Lives in Rhetoric and Composition offers a more nuanced picture of the professional and intellectual trajectories of women in rhetoric and composition.
Living Chronic
Agency and Expertise in the Rhetoric of Diabetes
LORA ARDUSER

“What is especially delightful to me is that in advocating for the agency of the patient, Arduser gives patients agency within her text by using their words so effectively and highlighting their contributions to the book itself.” —Barbara Heifferon, author of The Rhetoric of Healthcare: Essays toward a New Disciplinary Inquiry and Writing in the Health Professions

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Lora Arduser is Assistant Professor of Professional Writing in the Department of English and Comparative Literature at the University of Cincinnati.

Diabetes, referred to as an epidemic for more than a decade, remains one of our most significant health issues in the twenty-first century. Because self-management is an important component of living with the disease, the biomedical concept of patient agency has long stressed notions of individual responsibility and autonomy. However, dramatic shifts in both health care and cultural practices call for a reassessment of traditional definitions of patient agency.

Lora Arduser’s Living Chronic: Agency and Expertise in the Rhetoric of Diabetes answers this call with a unique rhetorical examination of one of the most critical issues in contemporary health: how we live and work with being chronic. Through her perceptive analysis of the discourse of both people with diabetes and health care providers, Arduser presents a new model for patient agency—one that advocates for a relational, fluid concept of agency that blurs the boundaries between medical experts and patients. Her thought-provoking use of bodily and rhetorical plasticity crafts a multidimensional picture of patient agency that profoundly affects how rhetorical scholars, people living with chronic illness, and health care providers can forge patient-centered discourse and practices.
Reimagining the Middle Passage
Black Resistance in Literature, Television, and Song

Tara T. Green

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Exploring the presence of water and its impact on African descendants, Reimagining the Middle Passage offers fresh analyses of Alex Haley’s Roots and the television adaptations; the history of flooding in Black communities in literature such as Jesmyn Ward’s Salvage the Bones, in blues songs, and in television shows such as Treme; and stories of resistance found in myths associated with Marie Laveau and flying Africans.
Migrating Fictions
Gender, Race, and Citizenship in U.S. Internal Displacements

ABIGAIL G. H. MANZELLA

“This highly compelling study will be quite productive for scholars of American literature, twentieth-century American history, race studies, gender studies, and migration theory. It also may engage scholars in postcolonial and contemporary identity theory.” —K. Merinda Simmons, author of Changing the Subject: Writing Women across the African Diaspora (OSU Press, 2014)

“Migrating Fictions is an original work that is especially timely in light of contemporary discussions involving refugees, Muslim registries, and troubling allusions to the ‘necessity’ of Japanese American internment/incarceration.” —Cathy J. Schlund-Vials, author of War, Genocide, and Justice: Cambodian American Memory Work

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Migrating Fictions analyzes the role of race, gender, and citizenship in the major internal displacements of the twentieth century in history and in narrative. Surveying the particular tactics employed by the United States during the Great Migration, the Dust Bowl, the Japanese American incarceration, and the migrant labor of the Southwest, Abigail G. H. Manzella reveals how the country’s past is imbued with governmentally (en)forced movements that diminished access to full citizenship rights for the laboring class, people of color, and women.

This work is the first book-length study to examine all of these movements together along with their literature, including Zora Neale Hurston’s Their Eyes Were Watching God, Sanora Babb’s Whose Names Are Unknown, Julie Otsuka’s When the Emperor Was Divine, Helena Maria Viramontes’s Under the Feet of Jesus, and Jesmyn Ward’s Salvage the Bones. Manzella shows how the United States’ history of spatial colonization within its own borders extends beyond isolated incidents into a pattern based on ideology about nation-building, citizenship, and labor. This book seeks to theorize a Thirdspace, an alternate location for social justice that acknowledges the precarity of the internally displaced person.
In *Between Pen and Pixel: Comics, Materiality, and the Book of the Future*, Aaron Kashtan argues that paying attention to comics helps us understand the future of the book. Debates over the future of the book tend to focus on text-based literature, particularly fiction. However, because comics make the effects of materiality visible, they offer a clearer demonstration than prose fiction of how the rise of digital reading technologies transforms the reading experience. Comics help us see the effects of alterations in features such as publication design and typography, whereas in print literature, such transformations often go unnoticed.

With case studies of the work of Alison Bechdel, Matt Kindt, Lynda Barry, Carla Speed McNeil, Chris Ware, and Randall Munroe, Kashtan examines print comics that critique digital technology, comics that are remediated from print to digital and vice versa, and comics that combine print and digital functionality. Kashtan argues that comics are adapting to the rise of digital reading technologies more effectively than print literature has yet done. Therefore, looking at comics gives us a preview of what the future of the book looks like. Ultimately, *Between Pen and Pixel* argues that as print literature becomes more sensitive to issues of materiality and mediacy, print books will increasingly start to resemble comic books.
In her new study, *Culinary Poetics and Edible Images in Twentieth-Century American Literature*, Stacie Cassarino traces the tradition of avant-garde food experimentation across the twentieth and twenty-first centuries to show how a fixation on the materiality of edible things, expressed through the language of food, became a way for American writers to respond to the culinary, political, and aesthetic tastes of the nation.

Cassarino takes the reader through the changing dynamics of food production and consumption, from wartime sensibilities of patriotic eating to the postwar excess of culinary cosmopolitanism and finally to contemporary supermarket pastorals. She pairs chefs and poets—Julia Child and Gertrude Stein, Poppy Cannon and Frank O’Hara, Vertamae Smart-Grosvenor and Harryette Mullen—to argue that each converts eating into an aesthetic opportunity that has the power to impact how people consume. In this way, Cassarino reveals the modern cookbook not just as a literary counterpart to contemporary poetry but also as vital to the literature and art occurring around it. From Futurist cookbooks to fast food lyrics, from Gullah recipes to Eat Art, she reminds us that global foodscapes are connected to aesthetic movements in literature and art.

Stacie Cassarino is a poet and teaches in the English department at UCLA. She is the author of the award-winning poetry collection *Zero at the Bone*.

“Cassarino innovatively advances the notion that some cookbooks contain evidence of ‘artistic practice’ or ‘creative sensibilities’ that renders them apt for comparison with poetic texts.” —Vivian Nun Halloran, author of *The Immigrant Kitchen: Food, Ethnicity, and Diaspora* (OSU Press, 2016)
Resilient Memories
Amerindian Cognitive Schemas in Latin American Art

ARIJ OWUENEEL

“Of particular value is that the author’s approach through cognitive critical studies creates a conceptual field in which the deep memory of indigenous peoples is intertwined with the sociopolitical issues of contemporary indigenous life.”
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Arij Ouweneel’s Resilient Memories: Amerindian Cognitive Schemas in Latin American Art takes a cognitive approach to the mediation of collective memory by works of art. In looking at cultural production of Amerindians—the transnational mnemonic community comprised of indígenas, originarios, mestizos, and cholos—Ouweneel argues that cultural memories and identity are not simply the sum total of individuals’ expressions of self, but that some cultural artifacts become privileged to inform the heart of the mnemonic community. Ouweneel seeks to identify a series of cognitive schemas as the foundation of an Amerindian Cognitive Unconsciousness as a viable alternative to the Freudian Dynamic Unconscious. Art, then, serves to trigger the cognitive schemas embedded within the Amerindian community and act as the mediator of collective memory.

Exploring works ranging in popularity, from Alfonso Guarrón’s Y Tu Mamá También to the paintings of Peruvian artists Claudia Coca and Jorge Miyagui, and from Mexican Zapatistas to hip-hop, Ouweneel details the ways in which artists interact with the embodied memory of the community but also assert their own place within it as crucial, furthering their audiences’ understanding of and interaction with existing cultural schemas. In this way, Ouweneel shows that memories must serve the present or they will be forgotten.
Novelization
From Film to Novel

JAN BAETENS

Studies of adaptation from novels to film are common, but not as widely known are adaptations with the opposite relationship. In Novelization: From Film to Novel, Jan Baetens explores how transforming an original film or screenplay into a novel establishes a new genre and revises our understanding of narrative theory more broadly. A typical example of popular literature, novelization has remained an overlooked practice in spite of the cultural and commercial importance of the genre, which is as old as cinema itself.

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Narratology and Ideology
Negotiating Context, Form, and Theory in Postcolonial Narratives

EDITED BY DIVYA DWIVEDI, HENRIK SKOV NIELSEN, AND RICHARD WALSH

Narratology and Ideology: Negotiating Context, Form, and Theory in Postcolonial Narratives, edited by Divya Dwivedi, Henrik Skov Nielsen, and Richard Walsh, brings together many of the most prominent figures in the interface between narratology and postcolonial criticism. While narrative theory has for some time recognized the importance of context in the analysis of fiction, this recognition has not quickly translated into substantial work in fields like postcolonialism, where situated questions of value and ideology have been brought to the fore. Postcolonial criticism, on the other hand, has often neglected the formal qualities of fiction in preference for ideological thematic interpretations, precisely because of the suspect legacy of formalism. The volume, then, stages a meeting between these two fields, negotiating both narratological and postcolonialist concerns by addressing specific features of narrative form and technique in the ideological analysis of key postcolonial texts.
Albertus Magnus
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A Medieval Summa Zoologica

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Albertus Magnus has long been recognized as one of the greatest minds of the Middle Ages; his contemporaries conferred upon him the title Doctor Universalis. An epitaph at his tomb described him as prince among philosophers, greater than Plato, and hardly inferior to King Solomon in wisdom. In 1941, Pope Pius XII named Albertus Magnus patron saint of scientists.

In his work De animalibus, Albert integrated the vast amount of information on nature that had come down to him in previous centuries: the exposition of Michael Scotus’s translation from the Arabic of Aristotle’s books on the natural world (Books 1–19), Albert’s own revisions to Aristotle’s teachings (Books 20–21), and a “dictionary” of animals appropriated largely from the De natura rerum of Thomas of Cantimpré (Books 22–26). Albert’s comprehensive treatise on living things was acknowledged as the reputable authority in biology for almost five hundred years.

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