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Design since 1945 Anne Massey, 2019-03-26 A critical overview of contemporary design and its place within the broader context of art history *A Companion to Contemporary Design since 1945* introduces readers to a collection of specially commissioned essays exploring the complex areas of design that emerged through the latter half of the twentieth century design history design methods design studies and more recently design thinking The book delivers a thoughtful overview of

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What It Doesn't Have to Do With Lindsay Bernal,2018-09-15 Lindsay Bernal's *What It Doesn't Have to Do With* explores through sculpture painting pornography and performance art changing views on gender and sexuality The elegiac meditations throughout this collection link the objectification of women in art and life to personal narratives of heartbreak urban estrangement and suicide Haunted by the notions of femininity and domesticity the protagonist struggles to define the self in shifting cultural landscapes Ezra Pound Louise Bourgeois and Morrissey coexist within the unruly feminist imagination of these poems Through quick turns and juxtapositions Lindsay Bernal navigates the paradoxical states of grief and love alternating between vulnerability and irony despair and humor Her wry contemporary voice confronts serious subjects with unpredictable wit

Eighties People Kevin L. Ferguson,2016-05-01 Through an examination of 1980s America cultural texts and media Kevin L Ferguson examines how new types of individuals were created in order to manage otherwise hidden cultural anxieties during the American 1980s Exploring a variety of strategies for fashioning self knowledge in the decade this book illuminates the hidden lives of surrogate mothers crack babies persons with AIDS yuppies and brat packers These seemingly simple stereotypes in fact concealed deeper cultural changes in issues relating to race class and gender Through a range of texts *Eighties People* shows how the commonplace reading of the 1980s as a superficial period of little importance disguises the decade's real imperative a struggle for self definition outside of the limited set of options given by postmodern theorizing

Theatres of Memory Raphael Samuel,2012-09-11 When *Theatres of Memory* was first published in 1994 it transformed the debate about what is to be considered history and questioned the role of heritage that lies at the heart of every Western nation's obsession with the past Today in the age of *Downton Abbey* and *Mad Men* we are once again conjuring historical fictions to make sense of our everyday lives In this remarkable book Samuel looks at the many different ways we use the unofficial knowledge of the past Considering such varied areas as the fashion for retrofitting the rise of family history the joys of collecting old photographs the allure of reenactment societies and televised adaptations of Dickens Samuel transforms our understanding of the uses of history He shows us that history is a living practice something

constantly being reassessed in the world around us

The Inside of a Shell Vanessa Guignery, 2015-05-13 The Canadian author Alice Munro recognized as one of the world's finest short story writers published some seventeen books between 1968 and 2014 and was awarded the third Man Booker International Prize in 2009 and the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2013 This worldwide recognition of her career calls for a look back at her very first collection of short stories *Dance of the Happy Shades* published in 1968 and composed of fifteen stories written between 1953 and 1967 Some forty five years after the publication of this first volume worldwide specialists of her work examine the first steps of a great writer and offer new critical perspectives on a debut collection that already foreshadows some of the patterns and themes of later stories Contributors adopt a variety of approaches from the fields of narratology gender studies psychoanalysis and genetic criticism amongst others to illuminate the main stylistic features narrative strategies literary traditions modes of writing and generic traits of the stories in *Dance of the Happy Shades*

Mama Day Gloria Naylor, 1989-04-23 A powerful generational saga at once tender and suspenseful overflowing with magic and common sense this book resonates with genuine excitement a big strong admirable novel New York Times Book Review On the island of Willow Springs off the Georgia coast the powers of healer Mama Day are tested by her great niece Cocoa a stubbornly emancipated woman endangered by the island's darker forces

Racism in Contemporary African American Children's and Young Adult Literature Suriyan Panlay, 2016-10-25 Applying critical race theory to contemporary African American children's and young adult literature this book explores one key racial issue that has been overlooked both in race studies and literary scholarship internalised racism By systematically examining the issue of internalised racism and its detrimental psychological effects particularly towards the young and vulnerable this book defamiliarises the very racial issue that otherwise has become normalised in American racial discourse reaffirming the relevance of race racism and racialisation in contemporary America Through readings of works by Jacqueline Woodson Sharon G Flake Tanita S Davis Sapphire Rosa Guy and Nikki Grimes Suriyan Panlay develops a new critical discourse on internalised racism by studying its effects on marginalised children its manifestations and the fictional narrative strategies that can be used to regain and reclaim a sense of self

Steamy Contemporary Nights Stacy Eaton, Suzanne Jenkins, Callie Bardot, Taylor Lee, Leanne Banks, Rachelle Ayala, Ari Thatcher, 2021-05-25 SO SIZZLING HOT IT STEAMS What do you get when you mix a little friends to lovers opposites attract love at first sight and small town romance with a bit of medical drama rock and roll action and spellbinding suspense You get a collection of STEAMY CONTEMPORARY ROMANCE reads that will make you crave the affection and attention as your own A Limited Edition set from The Authors Billboard SEVEN Steamy Contemporary Romances that will leave you a bit hot and bothered begging for more Grab a copy and see if these New York Times and USA Today Bestselling Authors have found your passion Enjoy these authors and their titles Stacy Eaton Cured Heal Me Series Book 1 Can Love Cure a broken Soul Suzanne Jenkins Bittersweets Terry Loves Alex When Philadelphia lawyer Terry Kovac falls in love with Alex Hawthorn she's ready to give up everything including her job Callie

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Where I'm Calling From Raymond Carver, 2015-05-25 The final story collection from one of the great short story writers of our time The Philadelphia Inquirer features classic stories from Cathedral What We Talk About When We Talk About Love and earlier volumes Among the masterpieces of American fiction The New York Times Book Review By the time of his early death in 1988 Raymond Carver had established himself as one of the great practitioners of the American short story a writer who had not only found his own voice but imprinted it in the imaginations of thousands of readers *Where I'm Calling From* his last collection includes seven new works previously unpublished in book form Together these 37 stories give us a superb overview of Carver's life work and show us why he was so widely imitated but never equaled

Shadows in the Night: A Christian Clean & Wholesome Contemporary Romance Kelsey MacBride, 2022-06-05 Heather can't fight her attraction for Micheal Michael tries to release the emotional chains of the past But when an intruder attacks the Robbins estate will their spark of love survive the turmoil that follows If you want a love story that will have you cheering for unconditional love you'll want to get your copy of *Shadows in the Night* This is Book 2 of three Clean Wholesome Contemporary Romance books In this gripping Christian romance Heather Parks experiences a deepening bond with Michael Robbins her employer But Heather's dream world is shattered when she is attacked by an unknown assailant The incident strengthens her relationship with Michael but soon she questions if their attraction is in her best interest Will Heather find the strength to see where their relationship leads Or will she continue living under the shadow of her fears and sever all ties with the family never to return Michael Robbins falls more in love with Heather with every passing day But their love is tested when he nearly dies from a second attack in the middle of the night Heather is there by his side as he recovers but soon she withdraws emotionally Can Michael convince Heather to follow the desires of her heart and become his wife Or will he fail giving Heather an excuse to leave her assignment Find out what happens in this thrilling Christian Clean Wholesome Contemporary Romance novel for women Get your copy now

Asian Martial Arts in Literature and Movies Michael DeMarco, M.A., 2016-08-05 Most learn about martial arts through movies and print publications primarily fictional Fiction is drama the blood of drama is conflict and martial arts are rooted in conflict writes James Grady in chapter one Good fiction uses martial arts well while poor writing skills can be plain boring This anthology is a collection of fifteen articles that cover

the richness and depth of Asian martial arts in both movies and literature After look over the array of topics I decided to utilize writings by James Grady for the two introductory chapters Grady is an internationally renowned writer and investigative journalist known for his nail biting thriller novels His early novel was adapted to film as Three days of the Condor 1975 starring Robert Redford Grady has since written over a dozen wonderful novels and in between wrote two excellent pieces for the Journal of Asian Martial Arts one dealing with movies and another with literature The following chapters are greatly enriched by the informative contents in Grady s chapters Details about movie making are provided in the interview with producer Andre Morgan Enter the Dragon Walter Texas Ranger Martial Law etc plus the inside scoop in the publishing and film industries in the interview with multifaceted Curtis Wong Actor producer kickboxing champion Don Wilson provides insights from both sides of the camera in his interview Among the chapters are Albert Dalia s exposition of China s wandering martial hero stories that have roots reaching back two thousand years Christopher Bates excerpt from Xiang Kairan s Tales of Chivalrous and Altruistic Heroes and Olivia Mok s research and translations of sections of Fox Volant of the Snowy Mountain a Louis Cha s novel of 1959 In the latter Mok extricates references to dianxue the methods of attacking vital points We also have fiction focusing on Japanese and Chinese martial traditions by John Donohue Peter Graebner John DeRose and John Gilbey s aka Robert W Smith each highlighting combative experience theory and technique with cultural trimmings Interviews with Barry Eisler and Author Rosenfeld give insight into scholar practitioners whose published novels contain text colored by their knowledge of the martial arts and culture We hope you ll find this book captivating exciting heroic spellbinding content rich fascinating penetrating

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Signs and Wonders Alix Ohlin,2012-06-05 These sixteen stories by the much celebrated Alix Ohlin illuminate the connections between all of us connections we choose to break those broken for us and those we find and make in spite of ourselves

Collection of Modern and Contemporary Voyages and Travels Sir Richard Phillips,1810

Big Fiction Dan Sinykin,2023-10-24 Shortlisted 2024 SHARP Book History Book Prize Society for the History of Authorship Reading and Publishing In the late 1950s Random House editor Jason Epstein would talk jazz with Ralph Ellison or chat with Andy Warhol while pouring drinks in his office By the 1970s editors were poring over profit and loss statements The electronics company RCA bought Random House in 1965 and then other large corporations purchased other formerly independent publishers As multinational conglomerates consolidated the industry the business of literature and literature itself transformed Dan Sinykin explores how changes in the publishing industry have affected fiction literary form and what it means to be an author Giving an inside look at the industry s daily routines personal dramas and institutional crises he reveals how conglomeration has shaped what kinds of books and writers are published Sinykin examines four different sectors of the publishing industry mass market books by brand name

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