

# Genius

A Novel

Thomas Rayfiel

"Old-fashioned intricacies and surprises of plot are high on the list of this novel's pleasures."—**Valerie Sayers**

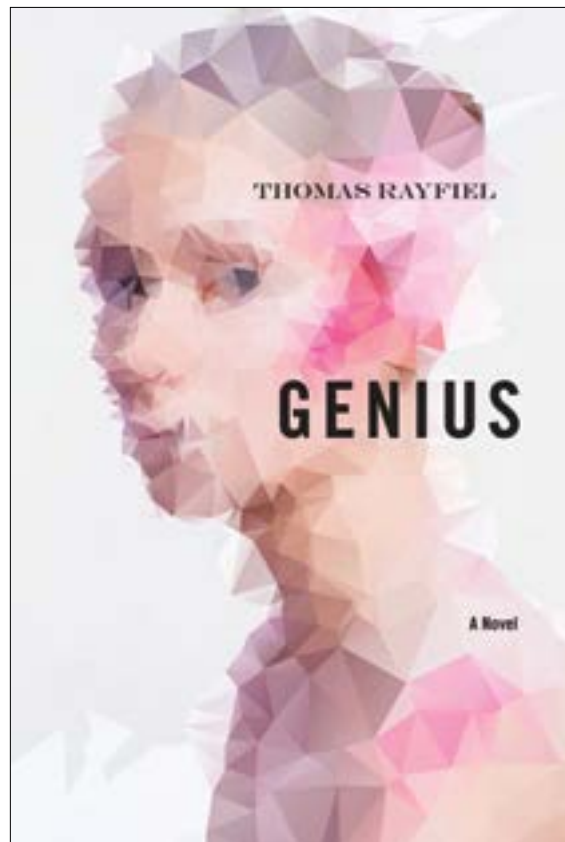
**Praise for *In Pinelight: A Novel***

"An eloquent exploration of life seen through an aging man's eyes."  
—**Kirkus Reviews, starred review**

Kara Bell spent her youth plotting escape from Witch's Falls, Arkansas. Relentless focus and the spurning of all emotional attachment led to the doctoral program in philosophy at Columbia University. But Kara's careful plans are upended by cancer, and suddenly she is home again, where she finds herself subject to her mother's suffocating care, her brother's puzzling love life, the local doctor's meddling, and the strong gravitational pull of her old friend and obsession, Christy Lee. Will Kara find health and sanity? Will she learn what really happened to her father? Can she escape Witch's Falls a second time, or will she succumb to the slow poison of local kindness and Snickers Salad?

In *Genius*, Thomas Rayfiel finds both poignancy and dark humor in deathly illness, family secrets, organized religion, parenting, abortion, gossip, senility, and the mysterious rhythms of small-town life.

**THOMAS RAYFIEL** is the author of six previous novels, including *In Pinelight* (TriQuarterly, 2013), *Time among the Dead*, and *The Eve Trilogy* (*Colony Girl*, *Eve in the City*, and *Parallel Play*). He lives in Brooklyn.



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# Pretend I'm Dead

A Novel

Jen Beagin

*"Pretend I'm Dead is utterly engaging, laugh-out-loud funny, and always compelling. Mona is an irresistible character and I loved being in her head and hearing her thoughts. In short, I was rooting for her straight through. Each sentence is alive, vibrant and quaking. Beagin's writing is fearless and bold, and yet the book is entirely accessible and even relatable."*—**Jessica Anya Blau, author of *The Wonder Bread Summer***

Jen Beagin's funny, moving, fearless debut novel introduces an unforgettable character, Mona—almost 24, cleaning houses to get by, emotionally adrift. Handing out clean needles to drug addicts, she falls for a recipient who proceeds to break her heart in unimaginable ways. She decamps to Taos, New Mexico, for a fresh start, where she finds a community of seekers and cast-offs. But they all have one or two things to teach her—the pajama-wearing, blissed-out New Agers, the slightly creepy client with peculiar tastes in controlled substances, the psychic who might really be psychic. Always just under the surface are her memories of growing up in a chaotic, destructive family from which she's trying to disentangle herself. The story of her journey toward a comfortable place in the world and a measure of self-acceptance is psychologically acute, often surprising, and entirely human.

**JEN BEAGIN** holds an M.F.A. in creative writing from UC Irvine and has published stories in *Juked* and *Faultline*, among other journals and literary magazines. She lives in Boston.



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"Carla Trujillo writes with *corazón* about everyday people for everyday people. Her work is savvy, tough, and laugh-out-loud funny. This is the voice of the new millennium."—**Sandra Cisneros**

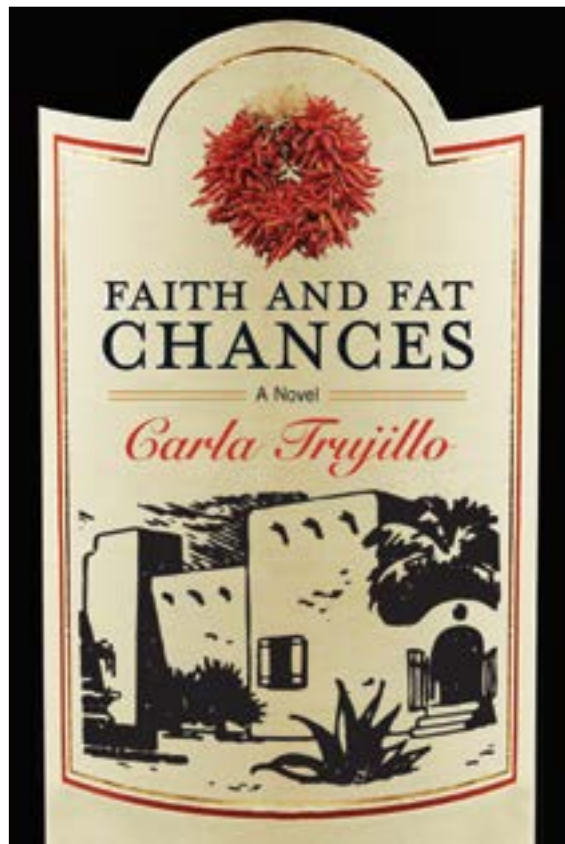
## Praise for *What Night Brings*

"A story that is at once heartbreaking and hilarious, beautifully told by a wise and wise-cracking young girl."—**Sandra Cisneros**

Carla Trujillo brings to life another side of the fabled city of Santa Fe in this rollicking novel set in Dogtown, a dilapidated neighborhood on the outskirts of town. Home to a hardscrabble community of working people struggling to make a living on meager means, Dogtown is worlds apart from the tourists, artists, and upscale eateries just a stone's throw away. The close-knit neighborhood thrives in its own way, until an entrepreneur arrives with a plan to cast out its occupants and construct a winery in its place.

Led by Dogtown's unofficial mayor, Pepa Romero—an irreverent healer with old-world wisdom and new-age knowledge—the citizens of Dogtown revolt. Using everything at their disposal, including spying, supernatural powers, the law, and individual cunning, they set in motion a thrilling and at times hilarious chain of events that culminates in a storm of epic proportions. With an unforgettable cast of characters, *Faith and Fat Chances* illuminates the ingenuity and resilience of people fighting to preserve their way of life.

**CARLA TRUJILLO** is a writer and administrator at UC Berkeley. Her first novel, *What Night Brings*, was published by Curbstone Books in 2003.



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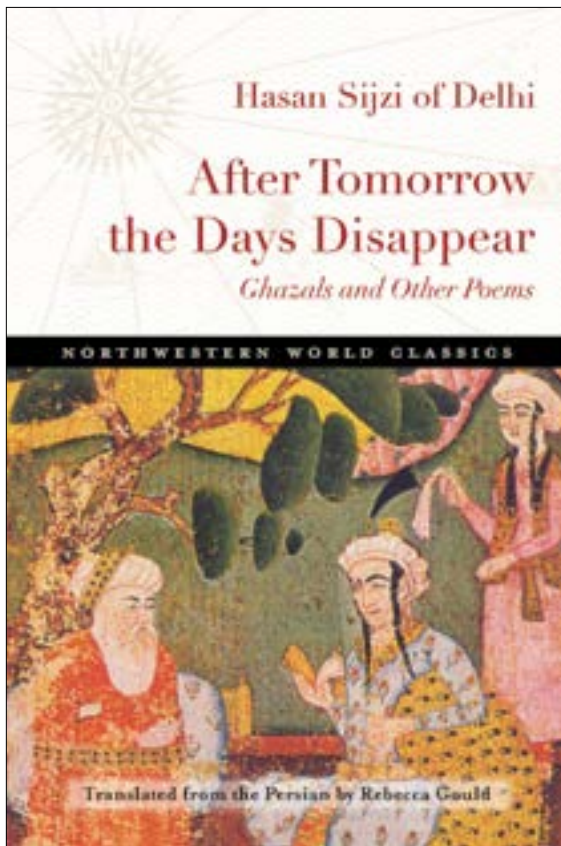
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# After Tomorrow the Days Disappear

## Ghazals and Other Poems

Hasan Sijzi of Delhi

Translated from the Persian by Rebecca Gould

Hasan Sijzi is considered the originator of the Indo-Persian ghazal, a poetic form that endures to this day—from the legacy of Hasan's poetic descendent, Hafez, to contemporary Anglophone poets such as John Hollander, Maxine Kumin, Agha Shahid Ali, and W. S. Merwin.

As with other Persian poets, Hasan worked within a highly regulated set of poetic conventions that brought into relief the interpenetration of apparent opposites—metaphysical and material, mysterious and quotidian, death and desire, sacred and profane, fleeting time and eternity. Within these strictures, he crafted a poetics that blended Sufi Islam with non-Muslim Indic traditions. Of the Persian poets who practiced the ghazal, Hafez and Rumi are best known to Western readers, but their verse represents only a small fraction of a rich tradition. This collection reveals the geographical range of the literature while introducing an Indian voice that will find a place on readers' bookshelves alongside well-known Iranian names.

**HASAN SIJZI OF DELHI** (1254–c. 1328) was a key figure in the development of Indo-Persian literary culture and its poetic forms following the Mongol invasions of the thirteenth century. He began writing poetry at the age of thirteen.

**REBECCA GOULD** is an assistant professor of literature at Yale–NUS College (Singapore).

#### Ghazal 13

The heart that does not yearn  
to burn does not yearn  
to know the secrets within.  
Do not ask for wisdom while I am melting.  
What I had yesterday is gone today.  
Coquetry shatters souls.  
Prudence in this battle brings defeat.  
The Turk's quivers pierce livers.  
Raw heart! Burn on love. Even those  
who do not yearn to burn, burn to need.  
Love's lesson is not a children's Qur'an.  
You are ignorant of its grammar and orthography,  
Hasan! Cease dreaming of union.  
Your night bears no trace of daylight's lucidity.



# How to Make a Soul

## The Wisdom of John Keats

Eric G. Wilson

### Praise for Eric G. Wilson's previous work

"A gifted, candid raconteur, [Wilson] serves up pithy and often playful writing . . . Readers should be left entertained and enlightened by Wilson's vast knowledge, immediacy, and honesty."

—*Publishers Weekly*

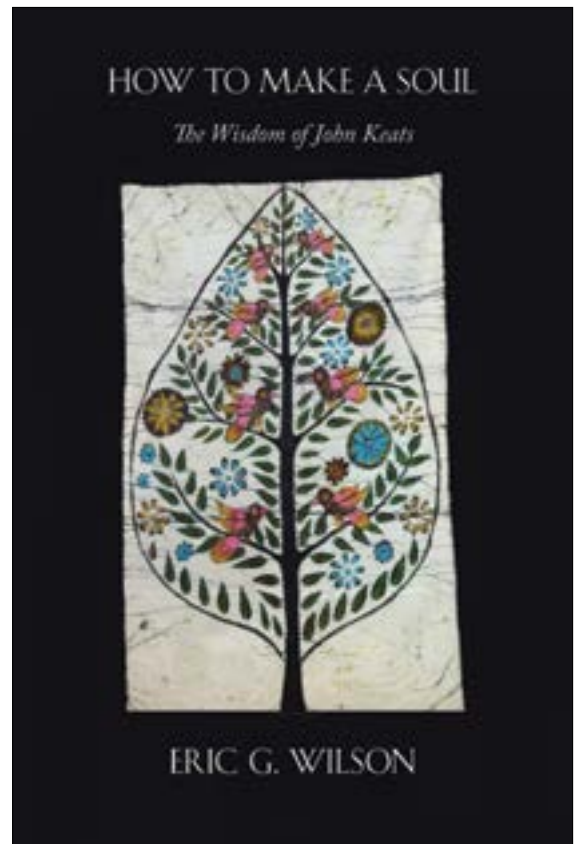
"In the teeming ranks of the American Professoriat, you could argue that Eric G. Wilson is among those most palpably needed by the world at large."—*Buffalo News*

In this innovative hybrid of biography, memoir, and criticism, Eric G. Wilson describes how John Keats gave him solace during a bout of mental illness in spring 2012. While on a tour of the principal sites in Keats's life—ranging from his London medical school to the small room in Rome where he died—Wilson discovered analogies between the poet's troubles and his own. He was most struck by Keats's enlivening vision of the soul.

For Keats, we don't possess but rather *make* a soul. We do this by imaginatively transforming our suffering into empathy toward humans and nature alike. Tracking this idea in Keats's tumultuous yet exhilarating life and work, Wilson struggles to envision his depression anew, desperate to overcome the apathy alienating him from his family.

*How to Make a Soul* offers fresh perspectives on Keats's pragmatism, irony, comedy, ethics, and aesthetics, but is above all a lyrical celebration of those galvanizing instances when life springs into art.

**ERIC G. WILSON** is Thomas H. Pritchard Professor of English at Wake Forest University. His previous books include *Everyone Loves a Good Train Wreck: Why We Can't Look Away* (2012), *Against Happiness: In Praise of Melancholy* (2009), a *Los Angeles Times* best seller, and *The Mercy of Eternity: A Memoir of Depression and Grace* (Northwestern, 2010), among others. He and his work have been featured on NBC's *Today*, UNC-TV's *North Carolina Bookwatch*, and NPR's *All Things Considered* and *Talk of the Nation*, as well as in *Newsweek*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *New York Times*.



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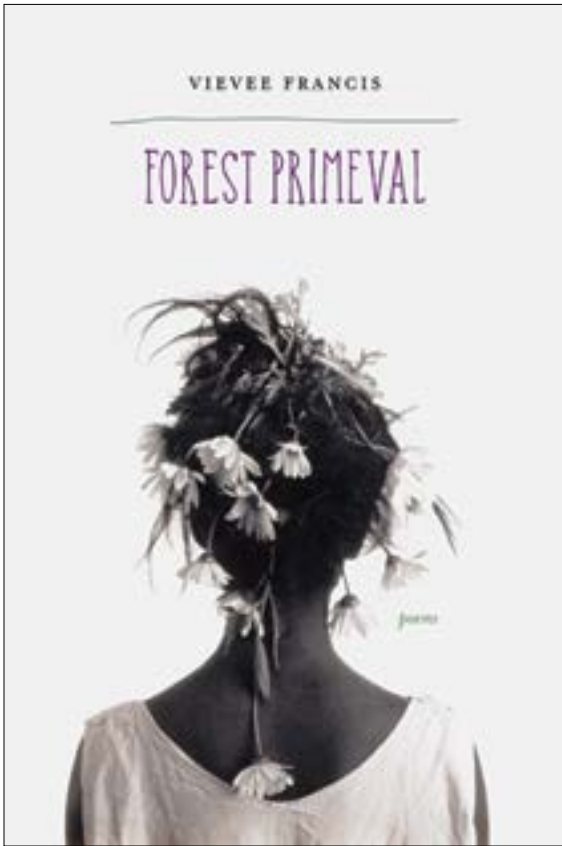
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# Forest Primeval

## Poems

### Vievee Francis

“Another Anti-Pastoral,” the opening poem of *Forest Primeval*, confesses that sometimes “words fail.” With a “bleat in [her] throat,” the poet identifies with the voiceless and wild things in the composed, imposed peace of the Romantic poets with whom she is in dialogue. Vievee Francis’s poems engage many of the same concerns as her poetic predecessors—faith in a secular age, the city and nature, aging, and beauty. Words certainly do not fail as Francis sets off into the wild world promised in the title. The wild here is not chaotic but rather free and finely attuned to its surroundings. The reader who joins her will emerge sensitized and changed by the enduring power of her work.

**VIEVEE FRANCIS** is author of *Horse in the Dark* (2012), winner of the Cave Canem Northwestern University Press Poetry Prize. Her work has appeared in various journals and anthologies, including *Best American Poetry 2010* and *Angles of Ascent: A Norton Anthology of Contemporary African American Poetry*. She was the recipient of the 2009 Rona Jaffe Foundation Writers’ Award and the 2010 Kresge Artist Fellowship. A Cave Canem Fellow, she is currently an associate editor for *Callaloo*.



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Vievee Francis

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#### A Flight of Swiftlets Made Their Way In

and settled along my cage—

so expectantly beautiful,  
their swerve, I wanted to touch  
them, to take their tiny frames  
and snap their necks.

Tell me you haven’t felt that way.

Tell me

you haven’t wanted to stifle what hovers  
dumb before your heart?

I hollowed myself into a cave  
for others. I opened wide as a tomb  
from which the stone has been rolled and  
in they flew to the emptiness of me,  
where they made themselves a home,  
nested lickety-split in my walls.

I have never been whole  
so there was room. Now, a part of me,  
I am less inclined to hurt them, but  
consider taking flight myself, wind-borne  
from some vertiginous place, why not? With so many  
wings within beating beating

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Winner of the Cave Canem Northwestern  
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# Olympic Butter Gold

## Poems

### Jonathan Moody

Jonathan Moody grew up during the Golden Ages of hip-hop and listened to rap that was as adventurous and diverse as his military upbringing. When rap's Golden Ages expired, the music's innovativeness and variety diminished. Moody's second book, *Olympic Butter Gold*, winner of the 2014 Cave Canem Northwestern University Press Poetry Prize, responds to Chuck D's claim that "if there was a HIP-HOP or Rap Olympics, I really don't think the United States would get Gold, Silver or Brass." From the poem "Opening Ceremony," in the voice of a heroin addict struggling to use Lady Liberty's torch to cook "The American Dream," to "Dear 2Pac," an autobiographical account of teaching Tupac Shakur's poetry to engage high school students indifferent to literature, Moody shares a worldview that is simultaneously apocalyptic and promising.

**JONATHAN MOODY** is a Cave Canem graduate fellow whose poetry has appeared in *African American Review*, *Borderlands: Texas Poetry Review*, *The Common*, *Crab Orchard Review*, *good foot*, *Tidal Basin Review*, *Xavier Review*, *Beloit Poetry Journal*, and the anthology *Gathering Ground: A Reader Celebrating Cave Canem's First Decade*, among other publications. He is also the author of *The Doomy Poems* (2012). Moody teaches at Pearland High School and lives in Fresno, Texas, with his wife and son.

#### Tough Love

"Boy, just because your voice  
is deeper than your father's

that don't make you  
the man of the house,"

my mama said  
after she slapped

me so hard my wisdom  
teeth formed a union.

They sunk back into the gums  
& refused to protrude

until I brought my temper  
up to safety regulation standards.



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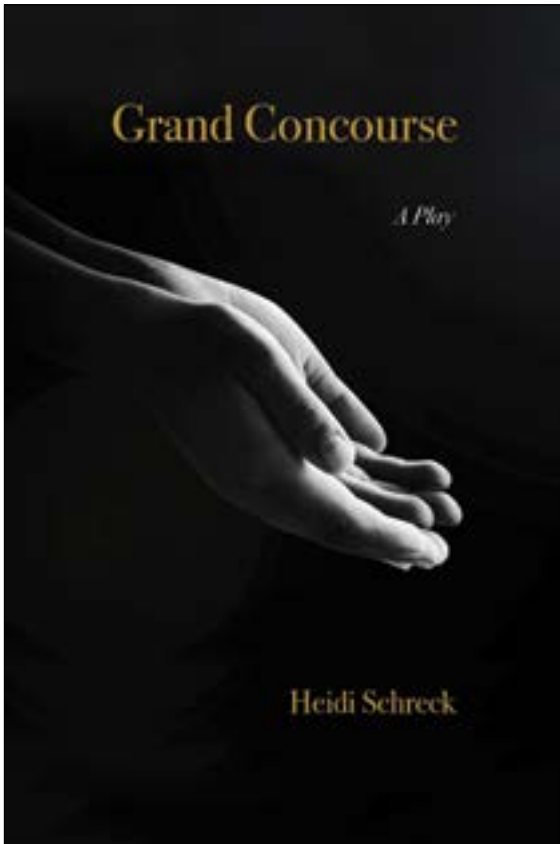
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David Mura

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# Grand Concourse

A Play

Heidi Schreck

"Matters of faith and friendship, and secrets and lies, are blended into the stew in *Grand Concourse*."

—Charles Isherwood, *New York Times*

"Schreck is seriously concerned with values and morals—Catholic values and morals, specifically—and the surprising conclusions she draws as the lights fade are not only unforgettable but entirely forgivable."—*Huffington Post*

"Set in a Bronx soup kitchen, *Grand Concourse* is something of a morality tale. But while Heidi Schreck's new play is about big issues like faith and forgiveness, it has such a light, empathetic touch that it never feels like a lecture. You may need tissues by the end, though."—*New York Post*

Shelley spends her days running a soup kitchen in the Bronx, her sense of purpose inseparable from her religious faith, though both have begun to waver. Emma, a college dropout looking for direction, arrives at the kitchen hoping to find it there. She brings a needed jolt to the place, helping a longtime client toward a new job, but her energy also proves unsettling. Even as Emma's behavior grows steadily more erratic, Shelley still wants to believe in her, despite the mounting evidence that she shouldn't. Shelley must finally ask herself how well she really knows the people she sees every day, how much she can trust them, and what she can and cannot forgive.

**HEIDI SCHRECK** is a playwright and Obie Award–winning actor. *Grand Concourse* had its world premiere off-Broadway at Playwrights Horizons in fall 2014, to be followed by a production at Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre in 2015.

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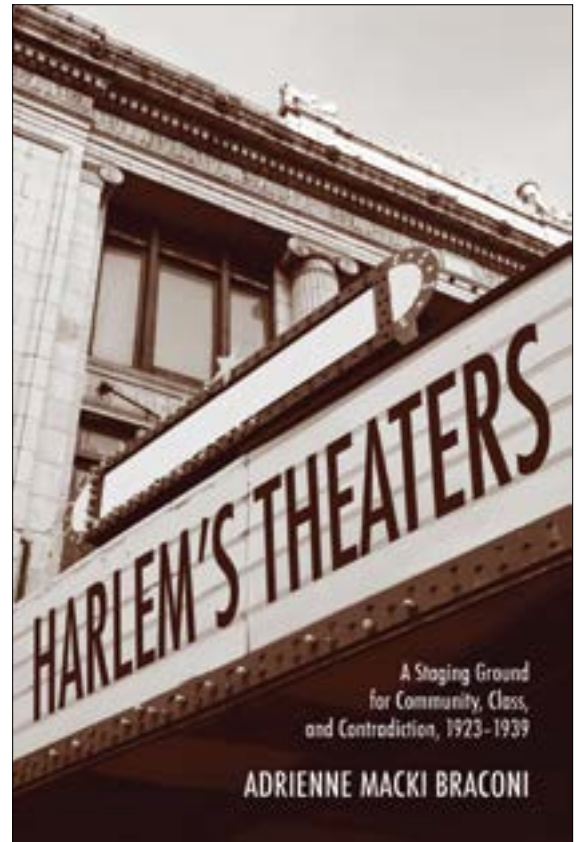
# Harlem's Theaters

A Staging Ground for Community, Class,  
and Contradiction, 1923–1939

Adrienne Macki Braconi

Based on a vast amount of archival research, Adrienne Macki Braconi's illuminating study of three important community-based theaters in Harlem shows how their work was essential to the formation of a public identity for African Americans and the articulation of their goals, laying the groundwork for the emergence of the civil rights movement. Macki Braconi uses textual analysis, performance reconstruction, and audience reception to examine the complex dynamics of productions by the Krigwa Players, the Harlem Experimental Theatre, and the Negro Theatre of the Federal Theatre Project. Even as these theaters demonstrated the extraordinary power of activist art, they also revealed its limits. The stage was a site on which ideological and class differences played out, theater being both a force for change and a collision of contradictory agendas. Macki Braconi's book alters our understanding of the Harlem Renaissance, the roots of the civil rights movement, and the history of community theater in America.

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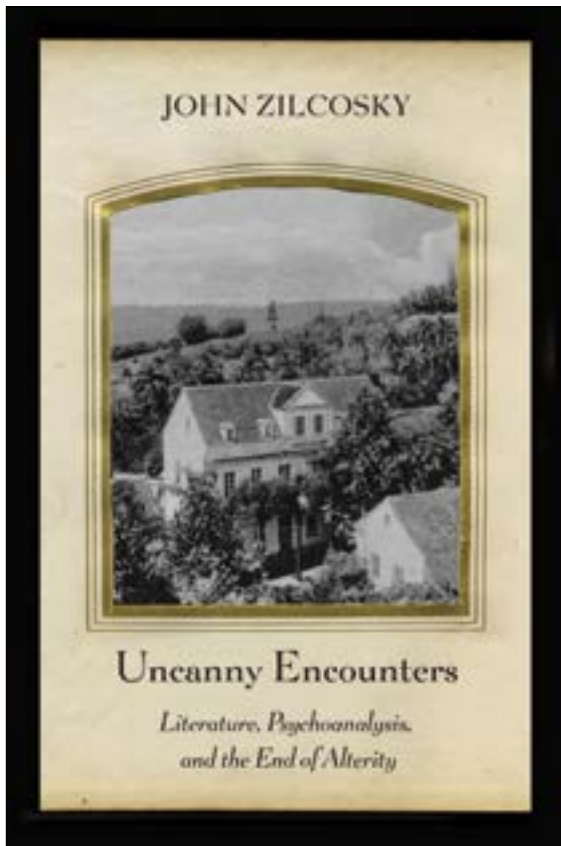
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# Uncanny Encounters

Literature, Psychoanalysis, and the End of Alterity

John Zilcosky

Around 1900, when the last blank spaces on their maps were filled, Europeans traveled to far-flung places hoping to find the spectacularly foreign. They discovered instead what Freud called, several years later, the “uncannily” familiar: disturbing reflections of themselves—either actual Europeans or Westernized natives. This experience was most extreme for German travelers, who arrived in the contact zones late, on the heels of other European colonialists, and it resulted not in understanding or tolerance but in an increased propensity for violence and destruction. The quest for a “virginal,” exotic existence proved to be ruined at its source, mirroring back to the travelers demonic parodies of their own worst aspects. In this strikingly original book, John Zilcosky demonstrates how these popular “uncanny” encounters influenced Freud’s—and the literary modernists’—use of the term, and how these encounters remain at the heart of our cross-cultural anxieties today.

**JOHN ZILCOSKY** is a professor of German and comparative literature at the University of Toronto. His previous publications include *Kafka's Travels: Exoticism, Colonialism, and the Traffic of Writing* (2003), winner of the MLA's 2004 Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize, and *Writing Travel: The Poetics and Politics of the Modern Journey* (2008).

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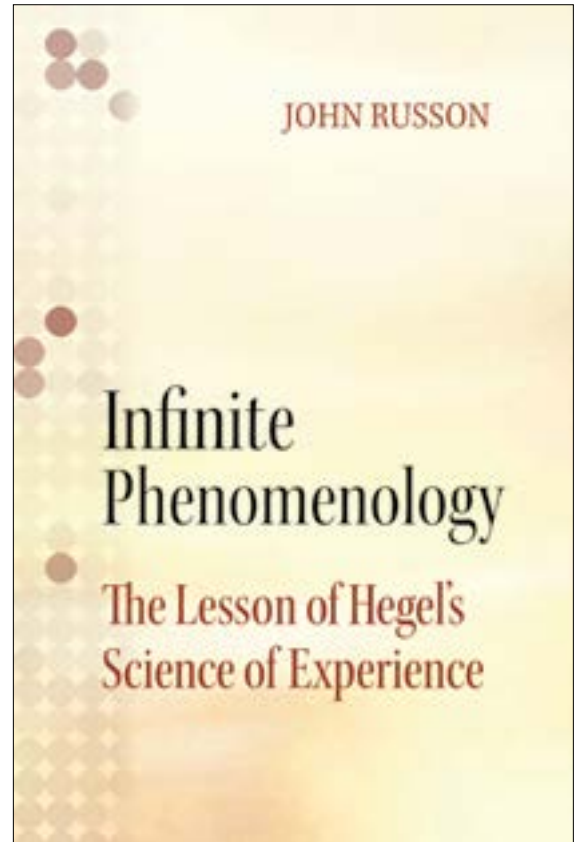
# Infinite Phenomenology

The Lessons of Hegel's Science of  
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John Russon

*Infinite Phenomenology* builds on John Russon's earlier book, *Reading Hegel's Phenomenology*, to offer a second reading of Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*. Here again, Russon writes in a lucid, engaging style and, through careful attention to the text and a subtle attunement to the existential questions that haunt human life, he demonstrates how powerfully Hegel's philosophy can speak to the basic questions of philosophy. In addition to original studies of all the major sections of the *Phenomenology*, Russon discusses complementary texts by Hegel, namely, the *Philosophy of Spirit*, the *Philosophy of Right*, and the *Science of Logic*. He concludes with an appendix that discusses the reception and appropriation of Hegel's *Phenomenology* in twentieth-century French philosophy. As with Russon's earlier work, *Infinite Phenomenology* will remain essential reading for those looking to engage Hegel's essential, yet difficult, text.

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# At the Heart of Reason

Claude Romano

Translated from the French by Michael B. Smith and  
Claude Romano

In *At the Heart of Reason*, Claude Romano boldly calls for a reformulation of the phenomenological project. He contends that the main concern of phenomenology, and its originality with respect to other philosophical movements of the last century, such as logical empiricism, the grammatical philosophy of Wittgenstein, and varieties of neo-Kantianism, was to provide a “new image of Reason.”

Against the common view, which restricts the range of reason to logic and truth-theory alone, Romano advocates “big-hearted rationality,” including in it what is only ostensibly its opposite, that is, sensibility, and locating in sensibility itself the roots of the categorical forms of thought. Contrary to what was claimed by the “linguistic turn,” language is not a self-enclosed domain; it cannot be conceived in its specificity unless it is led back to its origin in the pre-predicative or pre-linguistic structures of experience itself.

**CLAUDE ROMANO** teaches at the University of Paris–Sorbonne. His most recent works translated into English are *Event and Time* (2013) and *Event and World* (2009).

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# Feminist Experiences

Foucauldian and Phenomenological Investigations

Johanna Oksala

*Feminist Experiences* develops and defends a distinctive understanding of feminist philosophy as social critique. Feminist philosophy is essentially a political endeavor, Johanna Oksala argues, aiming to expose, analyze, and ultimately change gendered power relations. However, such an understanding of feminist philosophy raises a host of theoretical problems and paradoxes. Oksala investigates the philosophical challenges and outlines the ontological presuppositions and methodological innovations the project requires.

Drawing on conceptual tools from the thought of Michel Foucault, but also from the tradition of phenomenology, she explores the role of experience in feminist philosophy and its relationship to language and linguistic meaning. Oksala concludes by sketching a feminist ontology of the present through a critical investigation of neoliberalism and the challenges it presents to feminist theory and politics.

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Joshua Pederson

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Christian atonement theology explains why God lets his son be crucified. Yet in recent years, as an increasing number of scholars have come to reject that explanation, the cross reverts from saving grace to trauma—or even crime. More bluntly, without atonement, the cross may be a filicide, in which God forces his son to die for no apparent reason. Pederson argues that the novels about child murder mentioned above likewise give voice to modern skepticism about traditional atonement theology.

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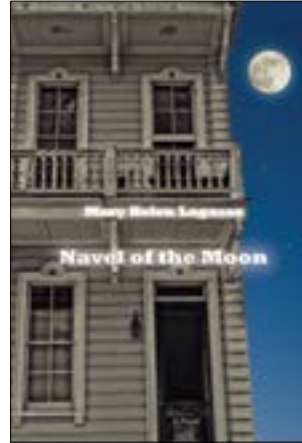
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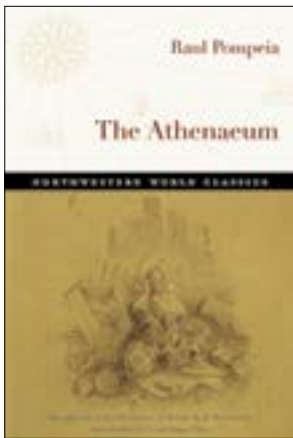
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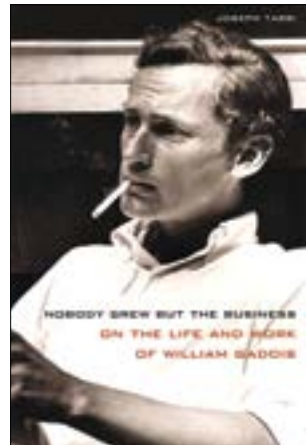
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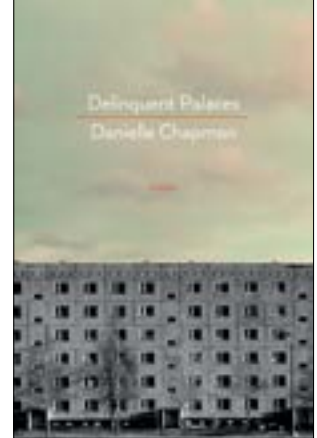
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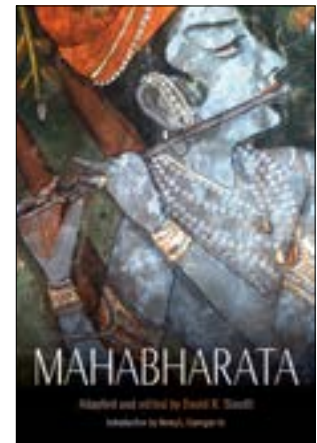
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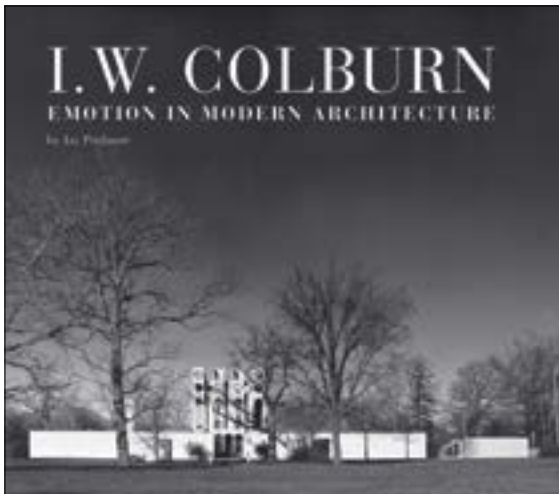


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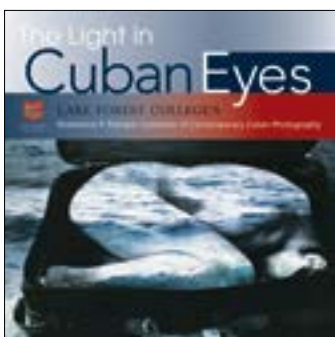
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This third volume of *The &NOW AWARDS* recognizes the hardest-hitting, most provocative, deadly serious, patently absurd, cutting-edge, avant-everything-and-nothing work from the years 2011 through 2013. The *&NOW AWARDS* series, edited by Davis Schneiderman, features writing as a contemporary art form—writing as it is practiced today by authors who consciously treat their work as an art and as a practice explicitly aware of its own literary and extraliterary history—as much about its form and materials, language, as it is about its subject matter. The &NOW Conference, moving from the University of Notre Dame (2004), Lake Forest College (2006), Chapman University (2008), the University at Buffalo (2009), the University of California, San Diego (2011), Sorbonne and Diderot in Paris (2012), and the University of California Boulder (2013), to CalArts (2015), sets the stage for this aesthetic, while *The &NOW AWARDS* features work from the wider world of innovative publishing and surveys the contemporary scene.



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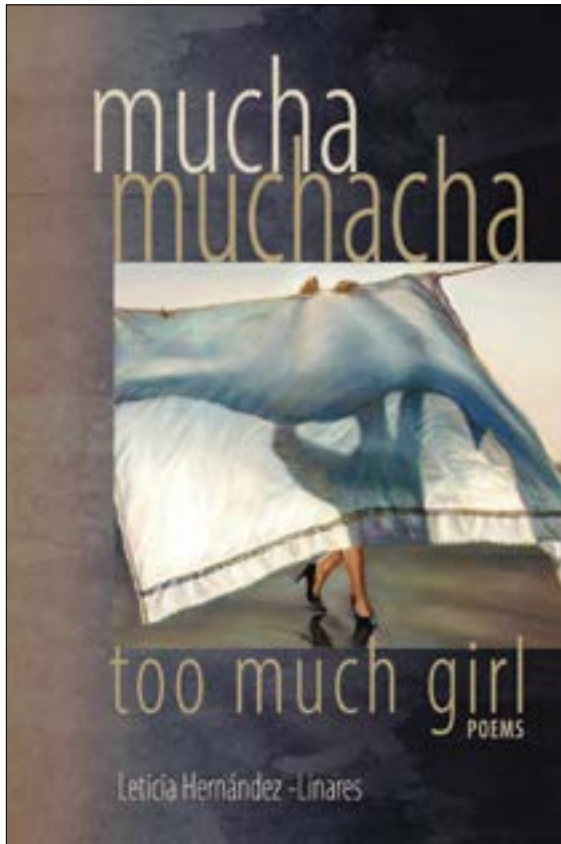
In 2002, art collector and philanthropist Madeleine P. Plonsker began traveling to Cuba to uncover Havana's thriving art scene. *The Light in Cuban Eyes: Lake Forest College's Madeleine P. Plonsker Collection of Contemporary Cuban Photography* focuses on Cuban photography between 1992 and 2012. These years cover Cuba's "Special Period," a desperate time resulting from the withdrawal of financial support from the former Soviet Union that continues to present day.

The fifty artists represented in this bilingual book—including Juan Carlos Alom, Adrián Fernández Milanés, Marta María Pérez Bravo, Cirenaica Moreira, and Glenda León—shoot their worlds in styles ranging from fabulist to gritty. This is world-class work, yet the artists are often known only to the small population of collectors fortunate enough to have traveled to this tightly restricted country, or through art world reputations that have only recently started to expand beyond the island.

Lake Forest College's Madeleine P. Plonsker Collection of Contemporary Cuban Photography comprises 170 pieces. *The Light in Cuban Eyes* is the first North American publication with support from the Cuban Ministry of Culture and *Fototeca de Cuba*, Cuba's repository of photography, comparable in function to the Smithsonian Photography Department in Washington, D.C.

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## Mucha Muchacha, Too Much Girl

Poems

Leticia Hernández -Linares

The word “vos/z,” spoken in Salvadoran Spanish, means “you” and also means “voice.” If the word ends in “s” it means “you”; ending in “z” it means “voice.” Leticia Hernández-Linares’s poetry comes in somewhere between the S and Z, and it is, like bread, like music, for everyone. The way Leticia shares her stories speaks to the hybridity of the cultural and literary histories she hails from.

Leticia’s poemsongs are her personal flor y canto. Mexican and Central American indigenous ancestors combined the concepts “in xochitl, in cuicatl” (in flower, in song) to define poetry—the poetic oral tradition they used to teach, engage, and philosophize. Leticia’s writing excavates the faces of women in her family, silences in her community, and shapes their stories into a poetry that sings, and other times dances on the page.

“I am cut from Santa Ana, El Salvador mujer steel, y qué orgullo,” says Leticia.

**LETICIA HERNÁNDEZ-LINARES**, an award-winning writer and community leader, has performed her teatro-infused poemsongs throughout the country and in El Salvador. Her writing has appeared in many newspapers, literary journals, and anthologies, including *Street Art San Francisco*, *U.S. Latino Literature Today*, *Teatro bajo mi piel*, *Huizache*, and *Pilgrimage*. She lives, writes, and works in the Mission District of San Francisco.

### Learning to Talk

I learned to talk  
sin pelos en la lengua  
a saying literally meaning without hair on one’s tongue  
suggesting a sense of speaking  
without reservation

I learned to talk  
en letras que no tienen forma  
formless letters, pronouns foreign  
in English, in Spanish, singing  
for a family learning to walk  
with tongues made of  
metal, made of mud.

Faces blurry framed by static in two languages  
first remembrance at five, a dream  
about waking, waking to sirens, somebody’s crying  
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you can find your way home  
by the markers of mispronounced stories

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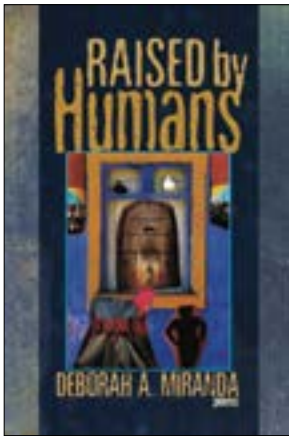
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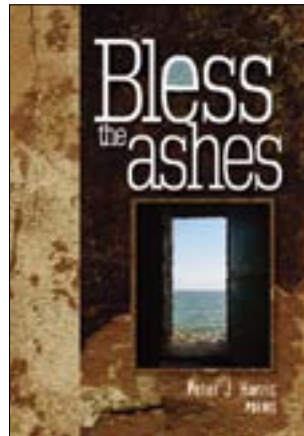
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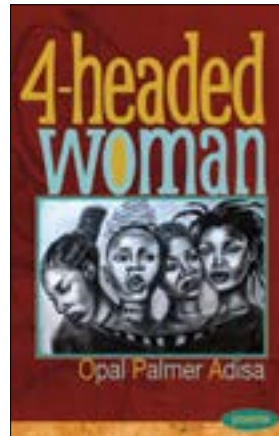
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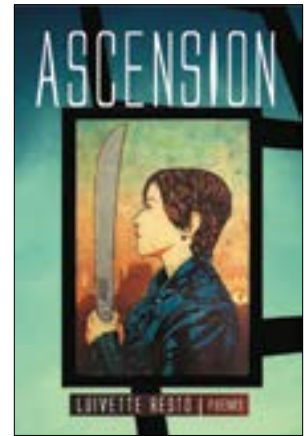
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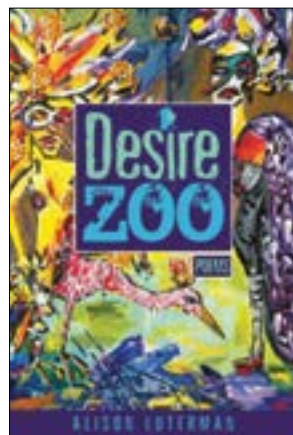
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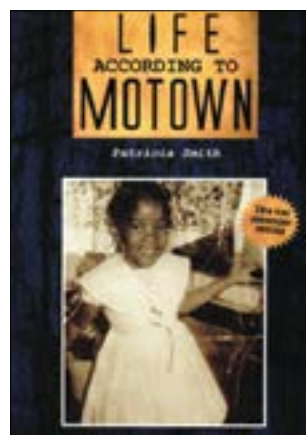
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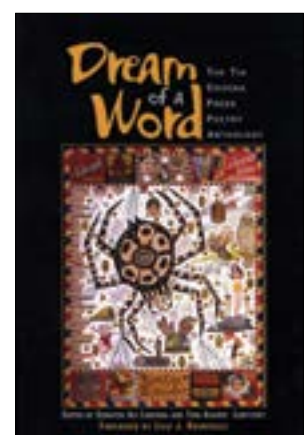
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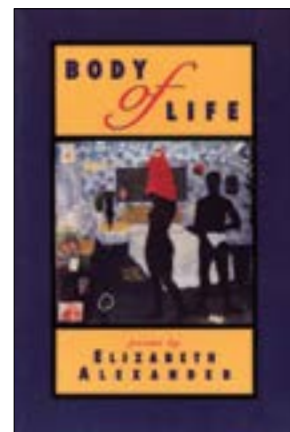
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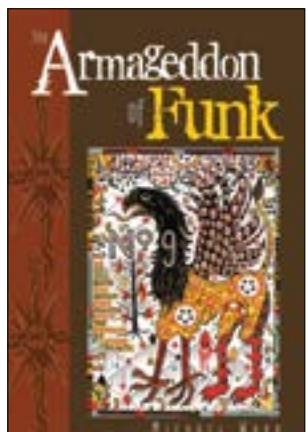
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