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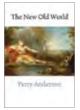
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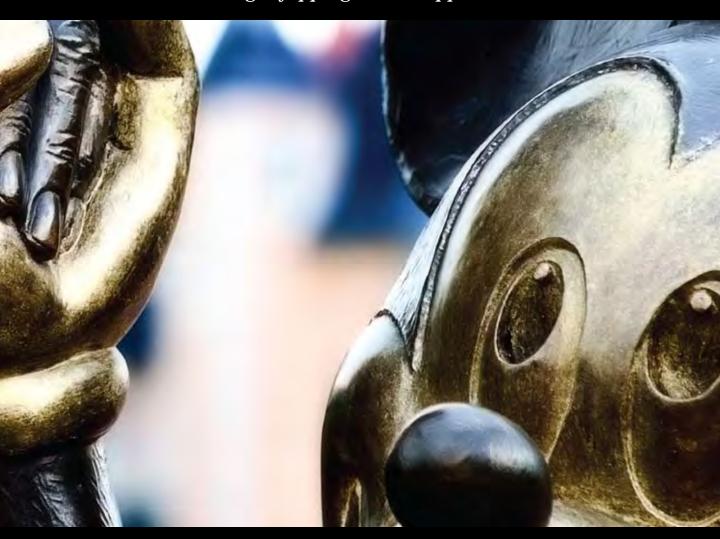
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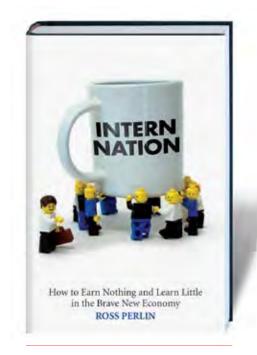
How to Earn Nothing and Learn Little in the Brave New Economy

ROSS PERLIN

Every year, at least half a million Americans work as interns. They famously shuttle coffee in a thousand newsrooms, congressional offices, and Hollywood studios, but they also deliver aid in Afghanistan, build the human genome, and pick up garbage. They are increasingly of all ages, and their numbers are growing fast—from 17 percent of college graduates in 1992 to 50 percent in 2008. Almost half of all internships are illegal under the Fair Labor Standards Act, and this mass exploitation saves firms more than \$600 million each year. Interns enjoy no workplace protections and no standing in courts of law—let alone benefits like healthcare.

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ROSS PERLIN has written for *Time* magazine, *Lapham's Quarterly*, and *Open Democracy*. He is researching disappearing languages in China.



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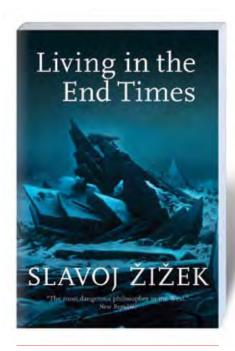
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SLAVOJ ŽIŽEK is a professor at the European Graduate School, International Director of the Birkbeck Institute for the Humanities, Birkbeck College, University of London, and a senior researcher at the Institute of Sociology, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.

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RICHARD DIENST is the author of *Still Life in Real Time: Theory after Television* and a coeditor of *Reading the Shape of the World.* He teaches in the Department of English at Rutgers University.

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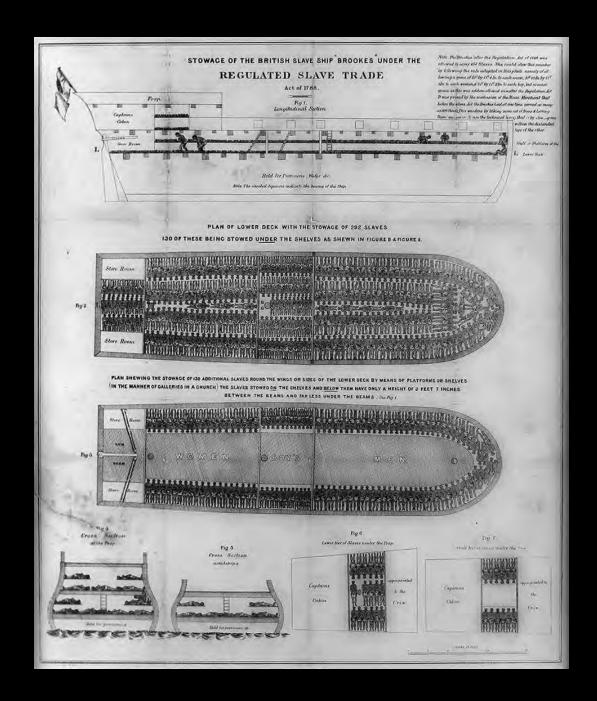
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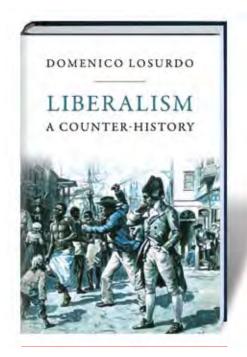
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DOMENICO LOSURDO is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Urbino, Italy. He is the author of many books in Italian, German, French and Spanish. In English he has published *Hegel and the Freedom of Moderns* and *Heidegger and the Ideology of War*.



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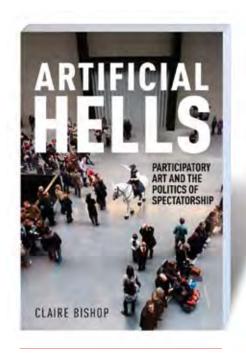
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CLAIRE BISHOP

For over a decade, conceptual and performance art has been dominated by participatory art. Its champions, such as French curator Nicolas Bourriaud (who invented the term "relational aesthetics" to describe it) and American art historian Grant Kester, believe that by encouraging an audience to join in, the artist can promote new emancipatory social relations. *Artificial Hells* is the first historical and theoretical overview of socially engaged participatory art. The book follows the trajectory of twentieth-century art and examines key moments in the development of the participatory aesthetic, in both Europe and America. This itinerary takes in Futurism, Dada, Situationism, Czechoslovakian Happenings, and Argentinean Conceptualism, and concludes with contemporary artists such as Thomas Hirschhorn, Tania Bruguera and Jeremy Deller.

Since her controversial essay in *Artforum* in 2006, Claire Bishop has been one of the few to expose the political and aesthetic limitations of this work. In *Artificial Hells* she not only scrutinizes the claims for democracy and emancipation that the artists and critics make for the work, but also questions the turn to ethical (rather than artistic) criteria invited by such participatory and collaborative art.

CLAIRE BISHOP is Associate Professor in the History of Art department at the CUNY Graduate Center, New York. She is the author of *Installation Art: A Critical History* and editor of *Participation*. In 2008 she co-curated the exhibition "Double Agent" at the ICA. She is a regular contributor to *Artforum*, *October*, *Tate Etc*, *IDEA*, and other international art magazines.

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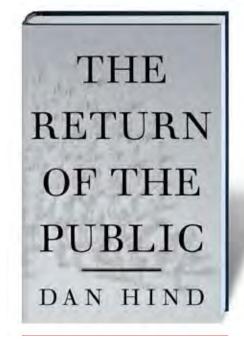
Eloquent exploration of the public's exclusion from political participation

The Return of the Public

DAN HIND

Our politicians have ever-decreasing legitimacy, our financiers—their huge corporate risks underwritten by the taxpayer—are literally and morally bankrupt. All this is done in the name of us, the public, yet we seem to have no genuine say in decision-making and no power to effect change. Why not? Hind traces how, historically, political and intellectual elites constructed a deeply ambiguous idea of the public, one designed to serve their own ends and preserve the ruling status quo. After the Second World War, as democratization by previously marginalized groupswomen, ethnic minorities, the young-presented new challenges to the establishment, governments made fresh attempts to exclude them from genuine political participation, invoking the arcane expertise of allegedly liberal economics and the mystic qualities of nationalism, fueled by a compliant mass media. For decades, the public has been told to leave democracy to the experts. Now, Hind outlines a way forward for a new participatory politics, one based on the wholesale reform of the media. After the failure of the private, now is the time for the return of the public.

DAN HIND was a publisher for ten years. In 2009 he left the industry to develop a program of media reform centered on public commissioning. His journalism has appeared in the *Guardian*, the *New Scientist*, *Lobster* and the *Times Literary Supplement*. His first book, *The Threat to Reason:* How the Enlightenment Was Hijacked and How We Can Reclaim It, was published by Verso in 2007. He lives in London.



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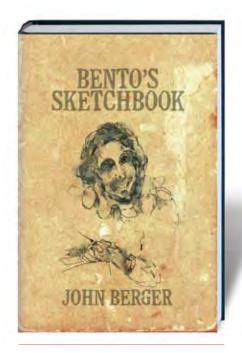
JOHN BERGER

The seventeenth-century philosopher Baruch Spinoza-generally known as Benedict (or Bento) de Spinoza—spent the most intense years of his short life writing. A keen draughtsman, he also carried with him a sketchbook. After his sudden death, his friends rescued letters. manuscripts, notes, but apparently didn't find a sketchbook. Or, if they did, it was subsequently lost.

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Storyteller, novelist, essayist, screenwriter, dramatist and critic, JOHN BERGER is one of the most internationally influential writers of the last fifty years. His many books include Ways of Seeing, the fiction trilogy Into Their Labours, Here Is Where We Meet, the Booker Prize-winning novel G, and, most recently, the Man Booker-longlisted From A to X. He lives in France.



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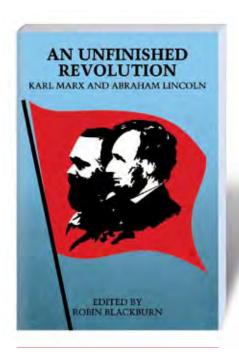
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In addition to a range of key texts and letters by both Lincoln and Marx, this book includes Raya Dunaevskaya's assessment of the impact of the Civil War on Marx's theory and a survey by Frederick Engels of the progress of US labor in the 1880s.

ROBIN BLACKBURN teaches at the New School in New York and the University of Essex in the UK. He is the author of many books, including American Crucible, The Making of New World Slavery and The Overthrow of Colonial Slavery.

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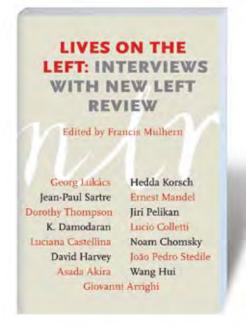
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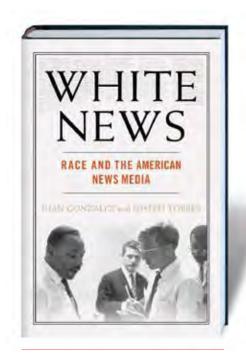
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The first comprehensive reader on punk and race, from The Clash to Bad Brains

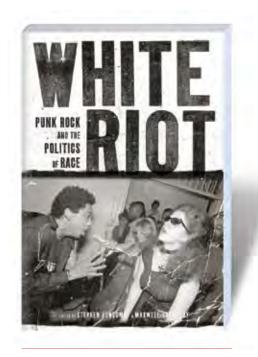
White Riot

Punk Rock and the Politics of Race

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From The Sex Pistols to Bad Brains, skinheads to afropunks, the punk rock movement has been obsessed by race. And yet the connections have never been addressed in a comprehensive way. White Riot will become the standard study of the subject, and the ultimate reader on the topic for punk professors and aficionados alike. The book collects writings from leading critics such as Greil Marcus and Dick Hebdige, personal reflections from punk pioneers such as Ian Stuart and The Clash's Paul Simenon, and reports on punk scenes from Tunisia to Toronto. Put together in an entertaining way to appeal to both students and fans, White Riot includes photos, lyrics, and letters as well as articles from a wide array of punk rockers, scenesters, and scholars.

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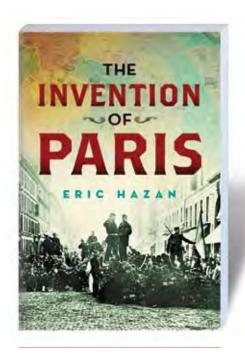
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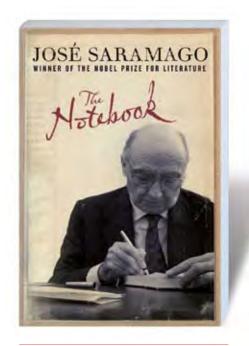
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JOSÉ SARAMAGO

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The Portuguese Nobel Laureate JOSÉ SARAMAGO was a novelist, playwright and journalist. His numerous books, including the bestselling *All the Names*, *Blindness*, and *The Cave*, have been translated into more than forty languages and have established him as one of the world's most influential writers. He died in June 2010.



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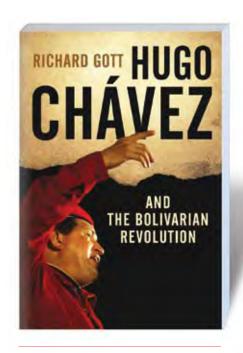
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RICHARD GOTT is a former Latin America correspondent and features editor for the *Guardian*. A specialist in Latin American affairs, his books include *Cuba*: A New History, Guerrilla Movements in Latin America, The Appeasers (with Martin Gilbert) and Land Without Evil. He is currently an honorary research fellow at the Institute for the Study of the Americas at the University of London.

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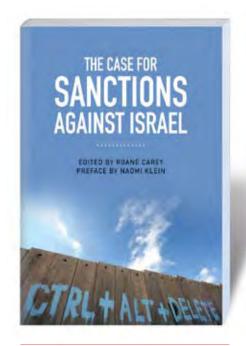
Preface by NAOMI KLEIN

Israel's murderous assault on the peace flotilla, and the continuing blockade of Gaza, has led many to despair of the official Middle East "peace process"—if it ever had been pursued in earnest, it lies in tatters after the Second Lebanon War, the Gaza War, and the continuing expansion of illegal settlements. Despite the Goldstone Report and numerous UN resolutions, the US and EU offer only the mildest rebukes in response to IDF actions, and they refuse to dampen the flow of economic and military aid to Israel.

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ROANE CAREY is the Managing Editor of the *Nation*, editor of *The New Intifada* and co-editor of *The Other Israel*.



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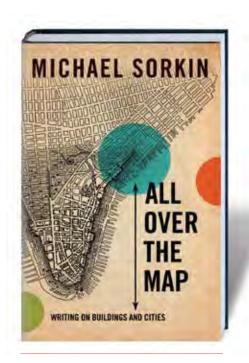
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MICHAEL SORKIN is an award-winning architect and Distinguished Professor of Architecture and Director of the Graduate Program in Urban Design at the City College of New York. His previous books include *The Next Jerusalem, After the World Trade Center* and *Twenty Minutes in Manhattan*.

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The Art-Architecture Complex

HAL FOSTER

Hal Foster, author of the acclaimed *Design and Crime*, argues that a fusion of architecture and art has become a defining feature of contemporary culture. While architects such as Zaha Hadid and Herzog and de Meuron draw on art to reanimate design, architecture has inspired fundamental transformations in painting, sculpture and film, which are also explored here. The book includes an extensive conversation with Richard Serra. At the same time Foster points to a "global style" of architecture, as practiced by Norman Foster, Richard Rogers and Renzo Piano, that is analogous to the "international style" of Le Corbusier, Gropius and Mies—a global style that, more than any art, conveys the look of modernity today, both its dreams and its delusions. In these ways Foster demonstrates that "the art-architecture complex" is a key indicator of broader social and economic trajectories, and in urgent need of analysis and debate.

HAL FOSTER is Townsend Martin Professor of Art and Archaeology at Princeton University. A coeditor of *October* magazine and books, he is the editor of *The Anti-Aesthetic: Essays on Postmodern Culture* and author of *Compulsive Beauty* and *The Return of the Real*. He is the author of *Design and Crime* from Verso.



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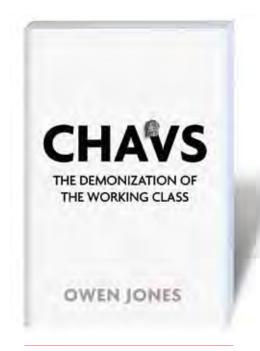
OWEN JONES

In modern Britain, the working class has become an object of fear and ridicule. From Little Britain's Vicky Pollard to the demonization of Jade Goody, media and politicians alike dismiss as feckless, criminalized and ignorant a vast, underprivileged swathe of society whose members have become stereotyped by one, hate-filled word: chavs.

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Based on a wealth of original research, and wide-ranging interviews with media figures, political opinion-formers and workers, *Chavs* is a damning indictment of the media and political establishment, and an illuminating, disturbing portrait of inequality and class hatred in modern Britain.

OWEN JONES has worked in the British Parliament as a trade union lobbyist and parliamentary researcher. He is currently writing a PhD on the history of blue-collar America and the rise of the New Right. He lives in London.



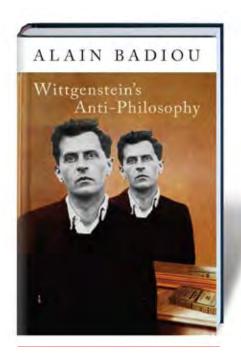
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Alain Badiou takes on the standard bearer of the "linguistic turn" in modern philosophy, and anatomizes the "anti-philosophy" of Ludwig Wittgenstein, in his *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*. Addressing the crucial moment where Wittgenstein argues that much has to be passed over in silence—showing what cannot be said, after accepting the limits of language and meaning—Badiou argues that this mystical act reduces logic to rhetoric, truth to an effect of language games, and philosophy to a series of esoteric aphorisms. In the course of his interrogation of Wittgenstein's anti-philosophy, Badiou sets out and refines his own definitions of the universal truths that condition philosophy. Bruno Bosteels' introduction shows that this encounter with Wittgenstein is central to Badiou's overall project—and that a continuing dialogue with the exemplar of anti-philosophy is crucial for contemporary philosophy.

ALAIN BADIOU teaches Philosophy at the École normale supérieure and the Collège international de philosophie in Paris. In addition to several novels, plays and political essays, he has published a number of major philosophical works, including *Theory of the Subject, Being and Event*, and *Logics of Worlds*. His four recent books *The Communist Hypothesis*, *The Meaning of Sarkozy, Ethics, Metapolitics* and *Polemics* are available from Verso.

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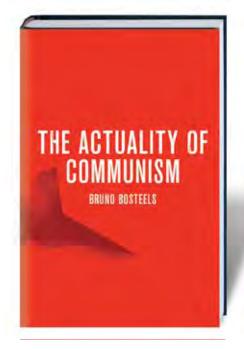
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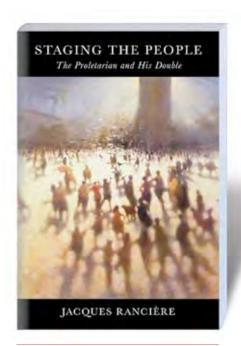
BRUNO BOSTEELS, Professor of Spanish at Duke University, is the author of *Badiou and Politics* and *Marx and Freud in Latin America*. He is also the translator of several books by Alain Badiou: *Theory of the Subject, Can Politics Be Thought?* and *What Is Antiphilosophy? Essays on Nietzsche, Wittgenstein, and Lacan*. He currently serves as the General Editor of *diacritics*.



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JACQUES RANCIÈRE is Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at the University of Paris VIII. His books include *The Emancipated Spectator*, *The Future of the Image*, *Hatred of Democracy* and *On the Shores of Politics* (all from Verso), *The Politics of Aesthetics*, *Short Voyages to the Land of the People* and *The Nights of Labor*.

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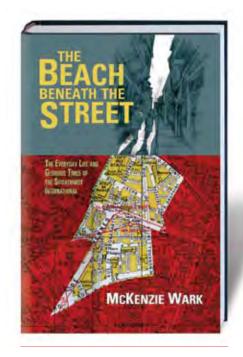
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The Everyday Life and Glorious Times of the Situationist International

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McKENZIE WARK is the author of *A Hacker Manifesto*, *Gamer Theory*, 50 *Years of Recuperation of the Situationist International* and various other books. He teaches at the New School for Social Research and Eugene Lang College in New York City.



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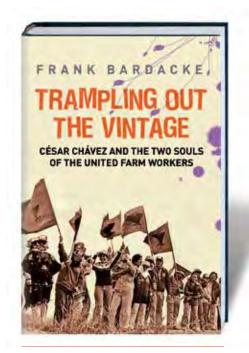
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FRANK BARDACKE

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FRANK BARDACKE is a teacher and labor organizer in Watsonville, CA who worked the fields in the Salinas Valley for seven years. He is also the author of *Good Liberals and Great Blue Herons* and a translator of *Shadows of Tender Fury: The Letters and Communiqués of Subcomandante Marcos and the Zapatista Army of National Liberation*.

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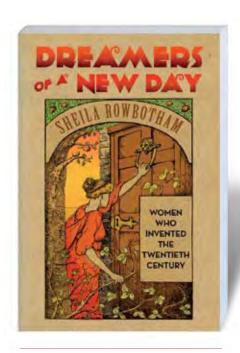
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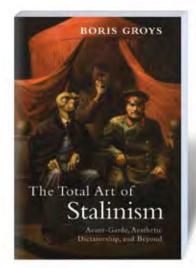
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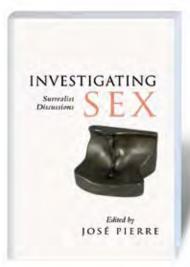
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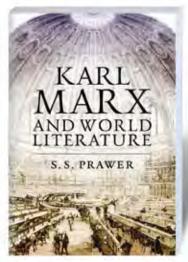
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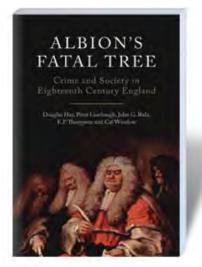
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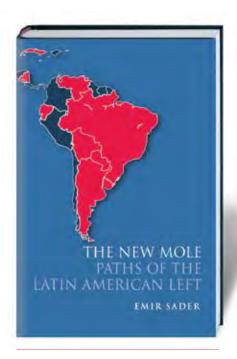
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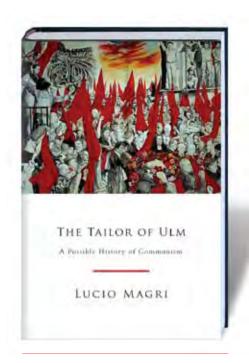
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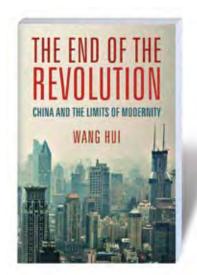
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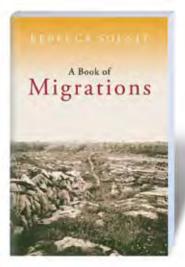
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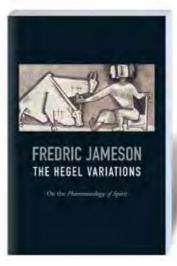
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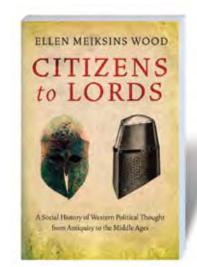
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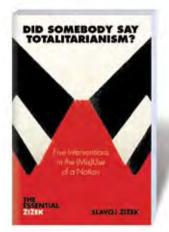
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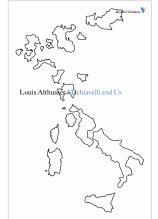
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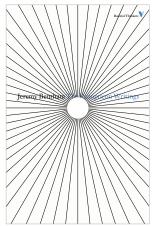
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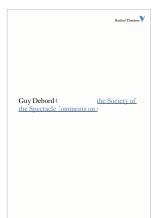


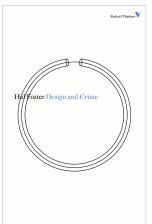
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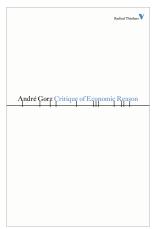
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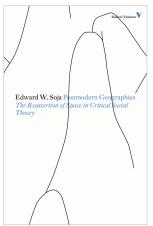
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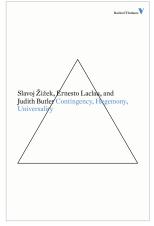
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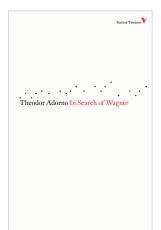


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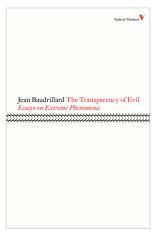
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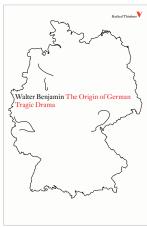
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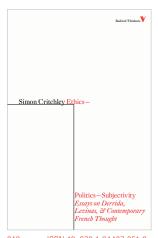


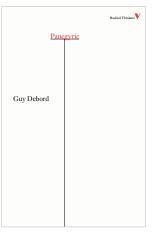


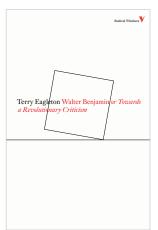
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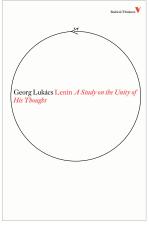


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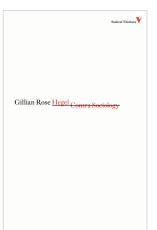
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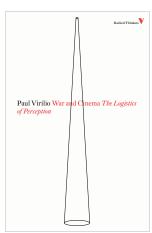
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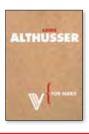
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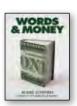
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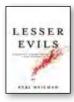


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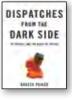
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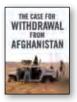


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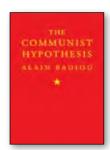








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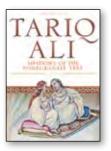
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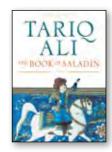
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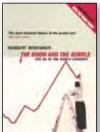
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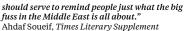
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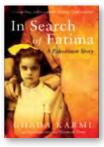
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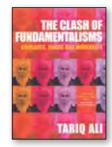
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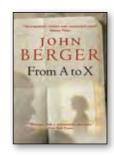
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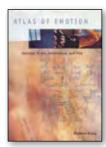
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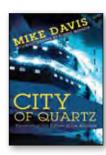
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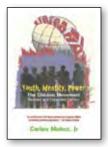
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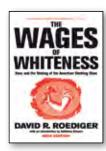
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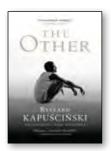
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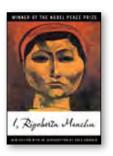
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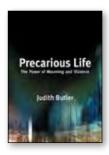
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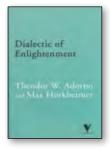
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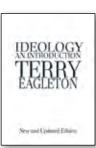
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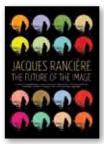
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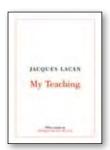
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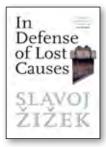
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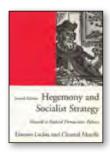
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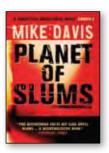
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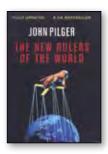
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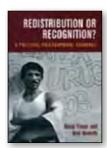
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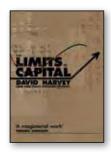
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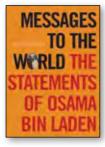
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