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A spooky, funny mystery with ghost-hunting, useless adults ... and tea Thruppence and Tim don't know what they're getting themselves into when they ring the bell at the house with dusty windows and a tarnished name plate to enquire about the advertised 'Saturday Person'. What could be so difficult about an unspecified Saturday job? Well, had that name plate been properly cleaned, Thruppence and Tim might not have been so keen to enter ... Pressured by the stern Minister Beeston from the Department of Economies, the Ministry of Ghosts has been given three months to prove the existence or non-existence of ghosts, or else it will be shut down! As it seems that children are particularly magnetic to ghosts and supernatural beings, Thruppence and Tim are added to their ghost-catching team. And although neither of them are scared by talk of ghosts or monsters, they couldn't have imagined the truth behind what they will find ...

The question of how to move beyond contentious pasts exercises societies across the globe. Focusing on the Northern Irish case, Memory, Identity, Politics examines how historical injustices continue to haunt contemporary lives, and how institutional and juridical approaches to 'dealing' with the past often give way to at best a silencing consensus and at worst a re-marginalizing of victims. Drawing on ideas from post-colonial theory and transitional justice as well as thinkers such as Derrida, Ricoeur and Pocock, this book provides a fresh perspective on the residual force of history in post-conflict situations. It maps the reproduction of ideas and narratives through media and cultural representations and

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suggests that the answer to the question of moving forward may be located in the combination of historical accuracy and ethical pluralism.

This book explores the relationship between literary politics and the politics of place in fin-de-siècle travel and place-based literature.

The Theatre of Caryl Churchill documents and analyses the major plays and productions of one of Britain's greatest and most innovative playwrights. Drawing on hundreds of never-before-seen archival sources from the US and the UK, it provides an essential guide to Churchill's groundbreaking work for students and theatregoers. Each chapter illuminates connections across plays and explores major scripts alongside unpublished and unfinished projects. Each considers the rehearsal room, the stage, and the printed text. Each demonstrates how Churchill has pushed the boundaries of dramatic aesthetics while posing urgent political and theoretical questions. But since each maps Churchill's work in a different way, each deploys a different reading practice - for many approaches are necessary to characterise such a restlessly imaginative and prolific career. Through its five interlocking parts, The Theatre of Caryl Churchill tells a story about the playwright, her work, and its place in contemporary drama.

There emerged, during the latter half of the eighteenth century, a reflexive relationship between shifting codes of legal evidence in British courtrooms and the growing fascination throughout Europe with the "primitive" Scottish Highlands. New methods for determining evidential truth, linked with the growing prominence of lawyers and a formalized division of labor between witnesses and jurors, combined to devalue the authority of witness testimony, magnifying the rupture between experience and knowledge. Juries now pronounced verdicts based not upon the certainty

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of direct experience but rather upon abstractions of probability or reasonable likelihood. Yet even as these changes were occurring, the Scottish Highlands and Hebridean Islands were attracting increased attention as a region where witness experience in sublime and communal forms had managed to trump enlightened progress and the probabilistic, abstract, and mediated mentality on which the Enlightenment was predicated. There, in a remote corner of Britain, natives and tourists beheld things that surpassed enlightened understanding; experience was becoming all the more alluring to the extent that it signified something other than knowledge. Matthew Wickman examines this uncanny return of experiential authority at the very moment of its supposed decline and traces the alluring improbability of experience into our own time. Thematic in its focus and cross-disciplinary in its approach, *The Ruins of Experience* situates the literary next to the nonliterary, the old beside the new. Wickman looks to poems, novels, philosophical texts, travel narratives, contemporary theory, and evidential treatises and trial narratives to suggest an alternative historical view of the paradoxical tensions of the Enlightenment and Romantic eras.

James Allard's book restores the physical body to its proper place in Romantic studies by exploring the status of the human body during the stunning historical moment that witnessed the emergence of Romantic literature alongside the professionalization of medical practice. His central subject is the Poet-Physician, a hybrid figure in the works of the medically trained Keats, Thelwall, and Beddoes, who embodies the struggles over discrepancies and affinities between medicine and poetry.

In this 1998 book, an international team from a variety of disciplines discusses the historical and cultural significance of cannibalism.

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Peter Aykroyd spent his childhood watching his family's parlor se?ances through the crack of a basement door. Here, for the first time, Aykroyd tells the strange and delightful story that inspired his son, Dan, to make the mega-hit, Ghostbusters. Part history, part family legend, A History of Ghosts starts in 1848 in upstate New York, where the spiritualist craze first began. Aykroyd introduces the reader to notable mediums while telling the story of the development of spiritualism, interweaving a personal history marked by a fascination with ghosts and spirits with the larger narrative about the role the paranormal has played in our culture. Such legendary figures as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Harry Houdini appear and vanish. Everyone loves a good ghost story. Successful TV shows such as Medium and Ghost Hunters are proof that our national obsession with ghosts is here to stay. Millions of Americans believe in the paranormal—and even skeptics have heard a bump in the night and suspected it might be something supernatural. At the heart of the on-going armed conflict in southern Thailand is a fundamental disagreement about the history of relations between the Patani Malays and the Thai kingdom. While the Thai royalist-nationalist version of history regards Patani as part of that kingdom "since time immemorial," Patani Malay nationalists look back to a golden age when the Sultanate of Patani was an independent, prosperous trading state and a renowned center for Islamic education and scholarship in Southeast Asia — a time before it was defeated, broken up, and brought under the control of the Thai state. While still influential, in recent years these diametrically

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opposed views of the past have begun to make way for more nuanced and varied interpretations. Patani scholars, intellectuals and students now explore their history more freely and confidently than in the past, while the once-rigid Thai nationalist narrative is open to more pluralistic interpretations. There is growing interaction and dialogue between historians writing in Thai, Malay and English, and engagement with sources and scholarship in other languages, including Chinese and Arabic. In *The Ghosts of the Past in Southern Thailand*, 13 scholars who have worked on this sensitive region evaluate the current state of current historical writing about the Patani Malays of southern Thailand. The essays in this book demonstrate that an understanding of the conflict must take into account the historical dimensions of relations between Patani and the Thai kingdom, and the ongoing influence of these perceptions on Thai state officials, militants, and the local population. *Media, Materiality and Memory* examines the entwinement of material music objects, technology and memory in relation to a range of independent record labels. Moving from Edison's phonograph to digital music files, from record collections to online archives, Roy argues that materiality plays a crucial role in constructing and understanding the territory of recorded sound. A substantial contribution to the field of music and material culture studies, this book provides a nuanced and timely reflection on nostalgia and forgetting in the digital age.

Ghosts fascinate and frighten us, but why? What is it about a good ghost story that can even have a non-

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believer leaving the light on at night? For thousands of years humans have regaled each other with ghost stories, but, more than that, each generation has shaped and adapted the ghost to suit their culture and ideas. Ghosts have been used as tools of propaganda, as a threat to get people into Church, as a tool for revenge and, most often, as a good form of entertainment. The history of humanity is intrinsically linked to our spiritual beliefs, which in turn create our concept of the ghost. British culture is awash with ghostly legends, many unique to this land. But where do they come from? How far back can we trace our fascination with ghosts? Do we have the Romans or the Celts to thank for our legends of screaming skulls and demon hounds? And how has the way religion has changed in Britain, fundamentally altered the way ghosts are perceived? Social historian Sophie Jackson answers all these questions and more in her fascinating study of the ghost in Britain. Using both famous and previously unpublished examples of hauntings, she delves into the past, revealing what our belief in ghosts can tell us about ourselves. From prehistoric man, right up to the modern day, she traces the way the ghost has developed through time and the way we have tried to explain and debunk the things that go bump in the night.

This book reveals the continuing power of Marxist thought to address: the relationship of texts to social class; the historical construction of the aesthetic; and utopian dimensions of literary production.

Based on Colonial Williamsburg's popular evening programs, *Cry Witch*; and *Legends, Myths, Mysteries*,

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and Ghosts, here are scary stories from the eighteenth century. Here are the stories of a farmer whose hitchhiker turns out to be a deadly spirit; of a young woman buried alive; of a finger detached from its body but still able to point to that person's murderer; of a man and woman whose love outlasted their lives, of a groom whose brides never survived the wedding night; of a ship and its crew forever frozen in an icy hell. Here are the stories that amused and frightened Virginians more than two hundred years ago. Read them if you dare!

This book argues for a deconstructive approach to the practice and writing of history at a moment when available forms for writing and publishing history are undergoing radical transformation. To do so, it explores the legacy and impact of deconstruction on American historical work; the current fetishization of lived experience, materialism, and the "real;" new trends in philosophy of history; and the persistence of ontological realism as the dominant mode of thought for conventional historians. Arguing that this ontological realist mode of thinking is reinforced by current analog publishing practices, Ethan Kleinberg advocates for a hauntological approach to history that follows the work of Jacques Derrida and embraces a past that is at once present and absent, available and restricted, rather than a fixed and static snapshot of a moment in time. This polysemic understanding of the past as multiple and conflicting, he maintains, is what makes the deconstructive approach to the past particularly well suited to new digital forms of historical writing and presentation.

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Ghosts of the Past, they linger, leaving scars on our bodies and minds. This anthology seeks to give validation to those who've suffered trauma, who are still haunted by the ghosts of the past. Ghosts of the Past is the sequel anthology to Musings of a Lost Soul. Even after trauma, growth, plight, scars remain and take their toll, nightmares plague and relive the toil. Ghosts may remain and linger from plights of the past. This is a work about growth, from which, ghosts of the past do remain. This anthology is one looking at trauma and how ghosts linger long after events have faded, we all have our own traumas and ghosts that linger and follow us. I hope that others may see parts of themselves or struggles, triumphs or even a way past their own struggles through this piece or their trauma, struggle, healing or victories or even just inspire others to make use of any art form to help with their own self-healing, development and growth. The first chapter; 'The Pain', addresses the immediate aftermath of loss, grief, heartbreak, betrayal, nightmares, and trauma. The second chapter; 'Lingers', looks at the impact of these ghosts, the reminders that haunt us, that will not let us escape or leave and continue their ethereal watch over our lives hindering our healing from past traumas. The last chapter; 'But Try to Move On' tackles healing, coming to terms with the memories and the ghosts that haunt you, that they will continue to live on with you, but will grow fainter and fainter, that healing doesn't come from hiding from your traumas but from confronting it, digesting it and understanding yourself. Anthony Gorin is a self-taught poet and photographer focusing on mental health through his arts and personal journey and its interaction with the arts and creativity. Both his photography and poetry come with a singular goal emphasizing his mission to capture mental health, social justice issues, beauty in the everyday and an aim to use art for change and empathy. While showing people that beauty

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can be found wherever you are or wherever you go, as he likes to say-- beauty, in normalcy. Anthony constantly emphasises the use of creativity in order to promote healing, understanding of one's own traumas, past and finding a way into building one's own future. Anthony currently resides and goes about his art in Brighton where he has been since moving there for university back in 2014.

A ghost story becomes a matter of murder. "The world is big enough for us," Sherlock Holmes once told Dr. Watson. "No ghosts need apply." But amateur sleuth Sebastian McCabe and his chronicler Jeff Cody don't have a choice when a popular TV reality show comes to Erin, Ohio, to record a Halloween special about the entity disturbing a local gastropub known as The Speakeasy. Jackie O'Brien was a bootlegger and speakeasy owner gunned down in 1920. Ever since, his unquiet spirit has been said to haunt the building where it happened - one which, after many transformations over the years, is once again a speakeasy of sorts. There may be skeptics, but Erin's exorcist is not among them. Nor is Sebastian McCabe, who has been up close and personal with the ghost. Both are among those interviewed by Stuart Diamond, specialist in the strange, who has come to town along with Chef Stephen Lipinski and his producer wife to record the episode of the show Dining (Way) Out. What was expected to be some fun publicity for the gastropub turns into a nightmare after someone is shot to death one night in the same place and in the same way as Jackie O'Brien almost exactly 100 years earlier. Police Chief Oscar Hummel recognizes this as Mac's kind of case, but Mac and Jeff are forced to become virtual sleuths most of the time when the restaurant and many other businesses are shut down because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Before he solves the murder-and a second homicide-Mac makes an embarrassing blunder in one lesser case and scores a great triumph in

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another.

The dead and their secrets refuse to stay buried in this thrilling sequel to M. Dressler's award-winning *The Last to See Me*, for fans of Lauren Oliver and Kazuo Ishiguro Emma Rose Finnis has never made peace with her death . . . or with her ghostly afterlife. Finally free from the mansion she haunted for more than a hundred years, she takes on a new, daring form, one that allows her to pass for living among the citizens of the remote Sierra Nevada town of White Bar. But the town is hiding its own deadly truth, buried in its Gold Rush past. As the sleepy town's secrets come to life, they inevitably bring Emma Rose's past back to haunt her. In this second book in M Dressler's Last Ghost Series, Emma Rose must unlock the secrets of the living, the dead, and even of time itself, if she hopes to be more than an endless fugitive and outlast the ghost hunter who relentlessly stalks her.

This new edition of the ultimate guide to finding ghosts in the Bay Area highlights more than 100 haunted spots in and around San Francisco, all accessible to the public. Featured sights include the Queen Anne Hotel, one of the most haunted buildings in the area; the Atherton House; Cameron House in Chinatown; and of course, Alcatraz Prison. With advice on what to do with a ghost, what to do after the ghost hunt, and other telekinetic tidbits, this guide encourages travelers to be attentive and imaginative, willing them to take that extra spirit-sighting step.

Despite a number of brushes with the supernatural in her first six months on the job as a journalist for the capital city's favourite tabloid, the London City Observer, Jessica Bannister remains naturally suspicious whenever anyone claims that ghosts and ghouls are responsible for the mysterious goings-on in any given place – and with so many bad actors around, seemingly intent on preying on the superstitions of the locals for their own ends, who can blame her? But when the

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spectres of the past rear their ugly heads and she discovers there may be more to her dreams and premonitions than she first thought, she's forced to re-evaluate her scepticism and revisit painful memories from her own life as well as having visions of tragedies that happened centuries ago. Yet, in spite of the danger and heartache awaiting her, and even though she often finds herself in isolated locations, cut off from civilisation, she's determined to get to the truth – and write it all down for her readers.

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“Speaking in the Past Tense participates in an expanding critical dialogue on the writing of historical fiction, providing a series of reflections on the process from the perspective of those souls intrepid enough to step onto what is, practically by definition, contested territory.” — Herb Wyile, from the Introduction *The extermination of the Beothuk ... the exploration of the Arctic ... the experiences of soldiers in the trenches during World War I ... the foibles of Canada’s longest-serving prime minister ... the Ojibway sniper who is credited with 378 wartime kills—these are just some of the people and events discussed in these candid and wide-ranging interviews with eleven authors whose novels are based on events in Canadian history. These sometimes startling conversations take the reader behind the scenes of the novels and into the minds of their authors. Through them we explore the writers’ motives for writing, the challenges they faced in gathering information and presenting it in fictional form, the sometimes hostile reaction they faced after publication, and, perhaps most interestingly, the stories that didn’t make it into their novels. Speaking in the Past Tense provides fascinating insights into the construction of national historical narratives and myths, both those familiar to us and those that are still being written.*

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Explores the history and development of children's literature in Australia

The first monograph to investigate the poetics and politics of haunting in African diaspora literature, *Ghosts of the African Diaspora: Re-Visioning History, Memory, and Identity* examines literary works by five contemporary writers - Fred D'Aguiar, Gloria Naylor, Paule Marshall, Michelle Cliff, and Toni Morrison. Joanne Chassot argues that reading these texts through the lens of the ghost does cultural, theoretical, and political work crucial to the writers' engagement with issues of identity, memory, and history. Drawing on memory and trauma studies, postcolonial studies, and queer theory, this truly interdisciplinary volume makes an important contribution to the fast-growing field of spectrality studies.

Ghosts in the Consulting Room: Echoes of Trauma in Psychoanalysis is the first of two volumes that delves into the overwhelming, often unmetabolizable feelings related to mourning. The book uses clinical examples of people living in a state of liminality or ongoing melancholia. The authors reflect on the challenges of learning to move forward and embrace life over time, while acknowledging, witnessing and working through the emotional scars of the past. Bringing together a collection of clinical and theoretical papers, *Ghosts in the Consulting Room* features accounts of the unpredictable effects of trauma that emerge within clinical work, often unexpectedly, in ways that surprise both patient and therapist. In the book, distinguished psychoanalysts examine how to work with a variety of 'ghosts', as they manifest in transference and countertransference, in

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work with children and adults, in institutional settings and even in the very founders and foundations of the field of psychoanalysis itself. They explore the dilemma of how to process loss when it is unspeakable and unknowable, often manifesting in silence or gaps in knowledge, and living in strange relations to time and space. This book will be of interest to psychotherapists and psychoanalysts, as well as social workers, family therapists, psychologists, and psychiatrists. It will appeal to those specializing in bereavement and trauma and, on a broader level, to sociologists and historians interested in understanding means of coping with loss and grief on both an individual and larger scale basis.

Erin Gilbert and Abby L. Yates are fictitious characters played in the Ghostbusters film by Kristen Wiig and Melissa McCarthy.

During the post-World War II period, the Western, like America's other great film genres, appeared to collapse as a result of revisionism and the emergence of new forms. Perhaps, however, as theorists like Gilles Deleuze suggest, it remains, simply "maintaining its empty frame." Yet this frame is far from empty, as Post-Westerns shows us: rather than collapse, the Western instead found a new form through which to scrutinize and question the very assumptions on which the genre was based. Employing the ideas of critics such as Deleuze, Jacques Derrida, and Jacques Rancière, Neil Campbell examines the haunted inheritance of the Western in contemporary U.S. culture. His book reveals how close examination of certain postwar films--including *Bad Day at Black Rock*, *The Misfits*, *Lone Star*, *Easy Rider*, *Gas*

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Food Lodging, Down in the Valley, and No Country for Old Men--reconfigures our notions of region and nation, the Western, and indeed the West itself. Campbell suggests that post-Westerns are in fact "ghost-Westerns," haunted by the earlier form's devices and styles in ways that at once acknowledge and call into question the West, both as such and in its persistent ideological framing of the national identity and values. This book is a groundbreaking attempt to rethink the landscapes of the social world and historical practice by theorising 'social haunting': the ways in which the social forms, figures, phantasms and ghosts of the past become present to us time and time again. Examining the relationship between historical practices such as archaeology and archival work in order to think about how the social landscape is reinvented with reference to the ghosts of the past, the author explores the literary and historical status and accounts of the ghost, not for what they might tell us about these figures, but for their significance for our, constantly re-invented, re-vivified, re-hosted social world. With chapters on haunted houses and castles, slave ghosts, the haunting airs of music, the prehistoric origin of spirits, Marxist spectres, Freudian revenants, and the ghosts in the machine, *Ghosts, Landscapes and Social Memory* adopts multi-disciplinary methods for understanding the past, the dead and social ghosts and the landscapes they appear in. A sociology of haunting that illustrates how social landscapes have their genesis and perpetuation in haunting and the past, this volume will appeal to sociologists and social theorists with interests in memory, haunting and culture.

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Weaponized Whiteness by Fran Shor interrogates the meanings and implications of white supremacy and, more specifically, white identity politics from historical and sociological perspectives.

"To understand the literary life of the Roman dead, *The Ghosts of the Past* develops a new perspective on Latin literature's interaction with Roman culture. Drawing on the insights of sociology, anthropology, and performance theory, Basil Dufallo argues that authors of the late Republic and early Principate engage strategically with Roman behaviors centered on the dead and their world in order to address urgent political and social concerns. Republican literature exploits this context for the ends of political competition among the clan-based Roman elite, while early imperial literature seeks to restage the republican practices for a reformed Augustan society."

"Calling into question boundaries of genre and literary form, Dufallo's study will revise current understandings of Latin literature as a cultural and performance practice.

Works as diverse as Cicero's speeches, Propertian elegy, Horace's epodes and satires, and Vergil's *Aeneid* appear in a new light as performed texts interacting with other kinds of cultural performance from which they might otherwise seem isolated."--BOOK JACKET.

Follow the formation of the Ghostbusters team in this Level 3 Ready-to-Read based on the brand-new Ghostbusters movie! Ghostbusters—starring Melissa McCarthy, Kristen Wiig, Kate McKinnon, Leslie Jones, and Chris Hemsworth—glides into theaters on July 15, 2016 with a hilarious paranormal adventure! Abby and Erin have been friends for years. From their first high

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school science fair project, “The Durable but not Impenetrable Barrier,” to their first book, *Ghosts from Our Past: Both Literally and Figuratively: The Study of the Paranormal*, and now as part of a new Ghostbusters team, they have always worked well together. But with new teammates—Holtzmann and Patty—in the mix, can they work together to form a whole new dream team? They’ll discover that, together, there’s no ghost these buddies can’t bust. Ghostbusters TM & © 2016 Columbia Pictures Industries, Inc. All rights reserved. Through theoretical discussions, presentations of literary works, cultural artefacts and artistic performances, as well as descriptions of novel therapeutic approaches, *Topography of Trauma* engages in rethinking and re-examining trauma to address the transformed self and empowering post-traumatic developments.

Between 1880 and 1930, thousands of African Americans were lynched in the United States. Beyond the horrific violence inflicted on these individuals, lynching terrorized whole communities and became a defining characteristic of Southern race relations in the Jim Crow era. As spectacle, lynching was intended to serve as a symbol of white supremacy. Yet, Jonathan Markovitz notes, the act's symbolic power has endured long after the practice of lynching has largely faded away. *Legacies of Lynching* examines the evolution of lynching as a symbol of racial hatred and a metaphor for race relations in popular culture, art, literature, and political speech. Markovitz credits the efforts of the antilynching movement with helping to ensure that lynching would be understood not as a method of

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punishment for black rapists but as a terrorist practice that provided stark evidence of the brutality of Southern racism and as America's most vivid symbol of racial oppression. Cinematic representations of lynching, from Birth of a Nation to Do the Right Thing, he contends, further transform the ways that American audiences remember and understand lynching, as have disturbing recent cases in which alleged or actual acts of racial violence reconfigured stereotypes of black criminality. Markovitz further reveals how lynching imagery has been politicized in contemporary society with the example of Clarence Thomas, who condemned the Senate's investigation into allegations of sexual harassment during his Supreme Court confirmation hearings as a "high-tech lynching." Even today, as revealed by the 1998 dragging death of James Byrd in Jasper, Texas, and the national soul-searching it precipitated, lynching continues to pervade America's collective memory. Markovitz concludes with an analysis of debates about a recent exhibition of photographs of lynchings, suggesting again how lynching as metaphor remains always in the background of our national discussions of race and racial relations. Jonathan Markovitz is a lecturer in sociology at the University of California, San Diego.

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