

## Conchita Wurst Rise Like A Phoenix Lyrics

The Eurovision Song Contest is famous for its camp spectacles and political intrigues, but what about its actual music? With more than 1,500 songs in over 50 languages and a wide range of musical styles since it began in 1956, Eurovision features the most musically and linguistically diverse song repertoire in history. Listening closely to its classic fan favorites but also to songs that scored low because they were too different or too far ahead of their time, this book delves into the musical tastes and cultural values the contest engages through its international reach and popular appeal. Chapters discuss the iconic fanfare that introduces the broadcast, the supposed formulas for composing successful contest entries, how composers balance aspects of sameness and difference in their songs, and the tension between national genres of European popular music and musical trends beyond the nation's borders, especially the American influences on a show that is supposed to celebrate an idealized pan-European identity. The book also explores how audiences interact with the contest through musicking experiences that bring people together to celebrate its sounds and spectacles. What can seem like a silly song-and-dance show offers valuable insights into the bonds between popular music and cosmopolitan values for its many followers around the world. From dance parties to flashmobs, parodies to plagiarisms, and orchestras to artificial intelligence, *Another Song for Europe* will be of particular interest to Eurovision fans, critics, and scholars of popular music, popular culture, ethnomusicology, and European studies.

Nichts kann uns aufhalten Mit ihrem Sieg beim Eurovision Song Contest 2014 sorgte Conchita Wurst für einen weltweiten Sturm der Begeisterung bei Millionen. Gleichzeitig formierten sich die Gegner aus dem konservativen Lager. Auftritte vor dem Europäischen Parlament wechseln sich ab mit Morddrohungen. Conchita Wurst polarisiert und fasziniert; eine hinreißende Sängerin, die von Stars wie Elton John, Cher, Jean Paul Gaultier und Karl Lagerfeld für ihr Talent und ihren Mut bewundert wird. Nun spricht sie zum ersten Mal über ihre Kindheit, die Liebe ihrer Eltern, den Beistand ihrer Oma, aber auch die harsche Diskriminierung, die sie erfahren musste. Warum verlässt sie bereits mit 14 Jahren die Heimat, um auf eigenen Füßen zu stehen? Wie wurde aus Tom Neuwirth Conchita Wurst? Wie schafft sie es, ihren Traum in die Tat umzusetzen, wenn ihr Tag für Tag Hindernisse in den Weg gelegt werden? "Ich, Conchita" ist die spannende Geschichte eines Jungen aus der Provinz, der immer an die Vision glaubte, eines Tages ein Weltstar zu sein. "Schaut mich an und schaut euch an. Und dann denkt darüber nach, ob ihr nicht alle ein bisschen bärtige Frau in euch habt."

Anthology of love poems by Thaddeus Hutyra. Enthralling poems written for lovers and all those who desire love, a soul-soaring portrayal of love dilemmas and love affairs.

The Position of the German Language in the World focuses on the global position of German and the factors which work towards sustaining its use and utility for international communication. From the perspective of the global language constellation, the detailed data analysis of this substantial research project depicts German as an example of a second-rank language. The book also provides a model for analysis and description of international languages other than English. It offers a framework for strengthening the position of languages such as Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese, Spanish and others and for countering exaggerated claims about the global monopoly position of English. This comprehensive handbook of the state of the German language in the world was originally published in 2015 by Walter de Gruyter in German and has been critically acclaimed. Suitable for scholars and researchers of the German language, the handbook shows in detail how intricately and thoroughly German and other second-rank languages are tied up with a great number of societies and how these statistics support or weaken the languages' functions and maintenance.

For 60 years the Eurovision Song Contest has existed in a parallel universe where a song about the construction of a hydro-electric power station is considered cutting-edge pop, where half a dozen warbling Russian grandmothers are considered Saturday night entertainment, where a tune repeating the word 'la' 138 times is considered a winner, and where Australia is considered part of Europe. During those sixty years we have witnessed scandals: in 1957, Denmark's Birthe Wilke and Gustav Winckler enjoyed an outrageously long 13-second kiss because the stage manager forgot to say 'cut' during the live broadcast. We have witnessed national outrage: the 1976 Greek entry was a savage indictment of Turkish foreign policy in Cyprus. But most have all we have witnessed silly costumes, terrible lyrics and performers as diverse as Celine Dion and Dustin the Turkey. This book chronicles the 100 craziest moments in the history of Eurovision - the drag acts, the bad acts, the nul points heroes and the night in Luxembourg when the floor manager warned the audience not to stand up while they applauded because they might be shot by security forces. It captures some of the magic from this yearly event that continues to beguile and bemuse in equal measure.

Jamala won the 2016 Eurovision Song Contest for Ukraine with her emotional performance of "1944," in a thrilling final in Stockholm. Australia were runners-up in only their second Contest and would have won if the traditional points system had still been used. The 2016 Edition of the Complete & Independent Guide is the 9th edition of this book and as usual it's packed with details of every Contest since 1956 along with plenty of new analysis, over 313 pages, 30 more than last year. The new points system was a big change this year and its effects are covered in detail in the book, with plenty of analysis of how the statistics under the new system compare to the previous one. The book looks at the national qualification competitions for 2016 and also has an in-depth section on the entire voting history of each country, along with new sections on geographical voting and how to predict winners.

This is work of creative art and satire (17 U.S. Code § 107) Conchita Wurst is the stage persona of Austrian singer, recording artist and drag queen Thomas Neuwirth (born 6 November 1988). Conchita came to international attention after winning the Eurovision Song Contest 2014 as Austria's entrant with the song "Rise Like a Phoenix." Neuwirth uses he/him pronouns when referring to himself but she/her pronouns to describe Conchita.

How is Europe identified in narratives from its eastern periphery? This is the core question of this volume. Its chapters map narratives of Europe rooted in East Europe, as they circulate in phenomenological philosophy, news journalism, social movements, literary texts, visual art and popular music. Whereas debate and research on European identity is normally conducted in self-congratulatory terms by core institutions in the center, the focus here is on how Europeanness is narrated in one of its most dynamic regions: Eastern Europe. A closer scrutiny of how such East European narratives critically rework inherited conceptions reveals a range of strategies for interpreting European identity in this transitory phase of history.

Her performance at the Eurovision Song Contest in 2014 propelled her to become a worldwide inspiration for millions. However, at the same time her detractors united against her - demonstrations were held before the European Parliament and death threats were issued against her. Conchita Wurst both polarised and fascinated people with her wonderful singing and fearless image; Elton John, Cher, Karl Lagerfeld and Jean Paul Gaultier were among the many who publicly admired her talent and courage. Now she talks for the first time about the good and bad of her childhood, both the love she received from her parents and the support of her grandmother, but also the discrimination she experienced first-hand from others. She also answers some important questions: why did she feel the need to leave home at the age of fourteen to stand on her own two feet? How did Tom Neuwirth become Conchita Wurst? And how did she manage to realise her dreams when day after day obstacles were placed in her path? Being Conchita is the fascinating story of a young boy from the provinces who always had a vision of one day being a star.

The 2018 Edition of the Complete & Independent Guide to the Eurovision Song Contest is the 11th edition of this book and as usual it's packed with statistical details of every Contest since 1956 along with plenty of new analysis, over 337 pages, our biggest edition ever. The book looks at the national qualification competitions for 2018 and has an in-depth section on the entire voting history of each country, along

with dozens of facts and statistics on this year's Contest and historical trends, including jury/public differences, bloc voting and analysis of where best to perform in the running order.

Postwar Europe and the Eurovision Song Contest examines how the Eurovision Song Contest has reflected and become intertwined with the history of postwar Europe from a political perspective. Established in 1956, the Eurovision Song Contest is the world's largest popular music event and one of the most popular television programmes in Europe, currently attracting a global audience of around 200 million people. Eurovision is often mocked as cultural kitsch because of its over-the-top performances and frivolous song lyrics. Yet there is no cultural medium that connects Europeans more than popular music, the development of which has always been tied to cultural, economic, political, social and technological change – making Eurovision the ideal tool to explain the history of Europe in the last sixty years. This book uses Eurovision as a vehicle to address topics ranging from the Cold War, liberal democracy and communism to nationalism, European integration, economic prosperity and human rights. It analyses these subjects through their cultural, political and social relationships with Eurovision entries as expressed through lyrics and music, as well as by examining public debates that have accompanied the selection of the entries and the organisation of the contest itself. Postwar Europe and the Eurovision Song Contest also considers how states have used Eurovision to define their identities in a European context, be it to assert their national distinctiveness, highlight political issues or affirm their Europeanism or Euroscepticism in the context of European integration. Based on original sources, including hitherto unpublished archival documents from international broadcasting organisations, this is a novel historical study of interest to anyone keen to know more about the postwar history of Europe and its cultural history in particular.

This book investigates the phenomenon of queering in popular music and video, interpreting the music of numerous pop artists, styles, and idioms. The focus falls on artists, such as Lady Gaga, Madonna, Boy George, Diana Ross, Rufus Wainwright, David Bowie, Azealia Banks, Zebra Katz, Freddie Mercury, the Pet Shop Boys, George Michael, and many others. Hawkins builds his concept of queerness upon existing theories of opacity and temporality, which involves a creative interdisciplinary approach to musical interpretation. He advocates a model of analysis that involves both temporal-specific listening and biographic-oriented viewing. Music analysis is woven into this, illuminating aspects of parody, nostalgia, camp, naivety, masquerade, irony, and mimesis in pop music. One of the principal aims is to uncover the subversive strategies of pop artists through a wide range of audiovisual texts that situate the debates on gender and sexuality within an aesthetic context that is highly stylized and ritualized. Queerness in Pop Music also addresses the playfulness of much pop music, offering insights into how discourses of resistance are mediated through pleasure. Given that pop artists, songwriters, producers, directors, choreographers, and engineers all contribute to the final composite of the pop recording, it is argued that the staging of any pop act is a collective project. The implications of this are addressed through structures of gender, ethnicity, nationality, class, and sexuality. Ultimately, Hawkins contends that queerness is a performative force that connotes futurity and utopian promise.

The volume focuses on music during the process of European integration since the Second World War. Often music in Europe is defined by its relation to the concept of Occidentalism (*Musik im Abendland*; western music). The emphasis here turns rather to recent manifestations of its evolvment in ensembles, events, musical organisations and ideas; questions of unity and diversity from Bergen to Tel Aviv, from Lisbon to Baku; and deals with the tension between local, regional and national music within the larger confluence of European music. The status of classical and avante-garde music, and to a degree rock and pop, during Europe's development the past sixty years are also reviewed within the context of eurocentrism – the domination of European music within world music, a term propagated by anthropologists and ethnomusicologists several decades ago and based on multiculturalism. Conversely, the search for a musical European identity and the ways in which this search has in turn been influenced by multiculturalism is an ongoing, dynamic process.

Drawing upon the disciplines of politics, anthropology, psychoanalysis, aesthetics and cinema studies, Salgó presents a new way of looking at the “art of European unification.” The official visual narratives of the European Union constitute the main object of inquiry – the iconography of the new series of euro banknotes and the videos through which the supranational elite seek to generate “collective effervescence,” allow for a European carnival to take place, and prompt citizens to pledge allegiance to the sacred dogma of the “ever closer union,” thereby strengthening the mythical sources of the organization’s legitimacy. The author seeks to illustrate how and why the federalist utopia turned into a political soteriology after the outbreak of the 2008 crisis.

Thomas Neuwirth is an Austrian singer, recording artist, and drag queen who is known for his stage persona Conchita Wurst. Conchita came to international attention after winning the Eurovision Song Contest 2014 as Austria's entrant with the song "Rise Like a Phoenix".

This second edition of *Historical Dictionary of the Russian Federation* contains a chronology, an introduction, and an extensive bibliography. The dictionary section has over 700 cross-referenced entries on important personalities, politics, economy, foreign relations, religion, and culture.

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This book investigates Australia's relationship with the Eurovision Song Contest over time and place, from its first screening on SBS in 1983 to Australia's inaugural national selection in 2019. Beginning with an overview of Australia's Eurovision history, the contributions explore the contest's role in Australian political participation and international relations; its significance for Australia's diverse communities, including migrants and the LGBTQIA+ community; racialised and gendered representations of Australianness; changing ideas of liveness in watching the event; and a reflection on teaching Australia's first undergraduate course dedicated to the Eurovision Song Contest. The collection brings together a group of scholar-fans from a variety of interdisciplinary perspectives — including history, politics, cultural studies, performance studies, and musicology — to explore Australia's transition from observer to participant in the first thirty-six years of its love affair with the Eurovision Song Contest. 2019 HUGO AWARD FINALIST, BEST NOVEL *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* meets the joy and glamour of Eurovision in bestselling author Catherynne M. Valente's science fiction spectacle, where sentient races compete for glory in a galactic musical contest...and the stakes are as high as the fate of planet Earth. A century ago, the Sentience Wars tore the galaxy apart and nearly ended the entire concept of intelligent space-faring life. In the aftermath, a curious tradition was invented—something to cheer up everyone who was left and bring the shattered worlds together in the spirit of peace, unity, and understanding. Once every cycle, the great galactic civilizations gather for the Metagalactic Grand Prix—part gladiatorial contest, part beauty pageant, part concert extravaganza, and part continuation of the wars of the past. Species far and wide compete in feats of song, dance and/or whatever facsimile of these can be performed by various creatures who may or may not possess, in the traditional sense, feet, mouths,

larynxes, or faces. And if a new species should wish to be counted among the high and the mighty, if a new planet has produced some savage group of animals, machines, or algae that claim to be, against all odds, sentient? Well, then they will have to compete. And if they fail? Sudden extermination for their entire species. This year, though, humankind has discovered the enormous universe. And while they expected to discover a grand drama of diplomacy, gunships, wormholes, and stoic councils of aliens, they have instead found glitter, lipstick, and electric guitars. Mankind will not get to fight for its destiny—they must sing. Decibel Jones and the Absolute Zeroes have been chosen to represent their planet on the greatest stage in the galaxy. And the fate of Earth lies in their ability to rock.

With National Socialism's arrival in Germany in 1933, Jews dominated music more than virtually any other sector, making it the most important cultural front in the Nazi fight for German identity. This groundbreaking book looks at the Jewish composers and musicians banned by the Third Reich and the consequences for music throughout the rest of the twentieth century. Because Jewish musicians and composers were, by 1933, the principal conveyors of Germany's historic traditions and the ideals of German culture, the isolation, exile and persecution of Jewish musicians by the Nazis became an act of musical self-mutilation. Michael Haas looks at the actual contribution of Jewish composers in Germany and Austria before 1933, at their increasingly precarious position in Nazi Europe, their forced emigration before and during the war, their ambivalent relationships with their countries of refuge, such as Britain and the United States and their contributions within the radically changed post-war music environment. /div

Many love a good quiz and fantasize about winning Millionaire. But even if it's only the local pub quiz evening, don't we often wish that we could do better? This book aims to improve your ability by presenting typical quiz information in a concise and easy-to-learn format.

Mazierska presents a cultural history of popular Viennese electronic music from 1990 to 2015, from the perspectives of production, scene and national and international reception. To illustrate this history in depth, a number of case studies of the most successful and distinguished musicians are explored, such as Kruder and Dorfmeister, Patrick Pulsinger, Tosca, Electric Indigo and Sofa Surfers. The author draws on research about electronic music, the relationship between music and the urban environment, the history of Austria and Vienna, music scenes and fandom, the digital shift, stardom in popular music (especially electronic music), as well as theories of postmodernism.

A history of how humans developed our capacity for conversation—and what might happen now that computers are catching up. Trevor Cox has been described by The Observer as "a David Attenborough of the acoustic realm." In *Now You're Talking*, he takes us on a journey through the wonders of human speech, starting with the evolution of language and our biological capability to speak (and listen), and bringing us up to date with the latest computer technology. Language is what makes us human, and how we speak is integral to our personal identity. But with the invention of sound recording and the arrival of the electrified voice, human communication changed forever; now advances in computer science and artificial intelligence are promising an even greater transformation. And with it come the possibilities to reproduce, manipulate, and replicate the human voice—sometimes with disturbing consequences. *Now You're Talking* is the fascinating story of our ability to converse. It takes us back to the core of our humanity, asking important questions about what makes us human and how this uniqueness might be threatened. On this illuminating tour we meet vocal coaches and record producers, neuroscientists and computer programmers, whose experience and research provide us with a deeper understanding of something that most of us take for granted—our ability to talk and listen.

Being Conchita - We Are Unstoppable Kings Road Publishing

The 2019 Edition of the Complete & Independent Guide to the Eurovision Song Contest is the 12th edition of this book and as usual it is packed with statistical details of every Contest since 1956 along with plenty of analysis, over 348 pages, our biggest edition ever. The book looks at the national qualification competitions for 2019 and has an in-depth section on the entire voting history of each country, along with dozens of facts and statistics on this year's Contest and historical trends, including jury/public differences, bloc voting and analysis of where best to perform in the running order.

Salvador Sobral won the 2017 Eurovision Song Contest in Kiev for Portugal, his country's first win after 53 years of trying and in doing so smashed all the points records. The 2017 Edition of the Complete & Independent Guide is the 10th edition of this book and as usual it's packed with statistical details of every Contest since 1956 along with plenty of new analysis, over 326 pages, our biggest edition ever. The book looks at the national qualification competitions for 2017 and has an in-depth section on the entire voting history of each country, along with new sections for this year, including which semi-final is the kiss of death for certain countries, the biggest disagreements between juries and the their public, how some countries receive overwhelmingly more points from juries than the public & vice versa.

In studies of gender and sexuality in popular music, the concept of difference is often a crucial analytic used to detect social agency; however, the alternative analytic of ambiguity has never been systematically examined. While difference from heterosexual norms is taken to be the multivalent sign of resistance, oppression, and self-invention, it can lead to inflated claims of the degree and power of difference. This book offers critically-oriented case studies that examine the theory and politics of ambiguity. Ambiguity means that there are both positive and negative implications in any gender and sexuality practices, both sameness and difference from heteronormativity, and unfixed possibility in the diverse nature of discourse and practice (rather than just "difference" among fixed multiplicities). Contributors present a diverse array of approaches through music, sound, psyche, body, dance, performance, race, ethnicity, power, discourse, and history. A wide variety of popular music genres are broached, including gay circuit remixes, punk rock, Goth music, cross-dress performance, billboard 100 songs, global pop, and nineteenth-century minstrelsy. The authors examine the ambiguities of performance and reception, and address the vexed question of whether it is possible for genuinely new forms of gender and sexuality to emerge musically. This book makes a distinctive contribution to studies of gender and sexuality in popular music, and will be of interest to fields including Popular Music Studies, Musicology/Ethnomusicology, Cultural Studies, Queer Studies, and Media Studies.

' Californian Girl ' is the anthology of my love poems dedicated to my beloved Californian girlfriend. Besides, it is a great anthology of love poems for all the variety of lovers with their starry sparks of love. There are also some deep thoughts included in this anthology, concerning not only love affairs but also much of what concerns life in all its multidimensionality. A magic adventure across all the poems guaranteed ...

Mixing humour, heartache and science, award-winning comedian, author and accidental relationship guru Rosie Wilby embarks on a quest to investigate, understand and conquer the psychology of heartbreak. Tragedy plus time equals comedy, right? In 2011,

comedian Rosie Wilby was dumped by email... though she did feel a little better about it after correcting her ex's spelling and punctuation. Obsessing about breakups ever since, she embarked on a quest to investigate, understand and conquer the psychology of heartbreak. That quest proved to be a creatively fertile one, resulting in Rosie's acclaimed podcast 'The Breakup Monologues'. She decided to ask her colleagues on the circuit about their experiences of romantic disaster and recovery, thinking, 'if one group of people have become adept at learning from catastrophe it is comedians. The worst onstage deaths are the performances that enlighten us most about how to improve.' She wondered if comics had been able to transfer this 'fail better' logic to love. This book is a love letter to her breakups, a celebration of what they have taught her peppered with anecdotes from illustrious friends and interviews with relationship therapists, scientists and sociologists about separating in the modern age of ghosting, breadcrumbing and conscious uncoupling. Her plan is to assimilate their advice and ideas in order to not break up with Girlfriend, her partner of nearly three years. Will this self-confessed serial monogamist, and breakup addict, finally settle down? This intermediate, modular approach to German grammar serves as both a reference handbook and a practice manual. The text is organized to allow instructors to follow each chapter sequentially or to teach in modules, as each chapter is self-contained and can be used in any order. The chapter structure of the 24 regular chapters provides a presentation of new information, followed by material for oral and written practice: Grammatik (grammar), Wortschatz (vocabulary), Übungen (exercises, self-practice, and small-group practice), Anwendung (application, in-class group activities), Schriftliche Themen (writing topics), and Zusammenfassung (summary). The six reference chapters consist of grammar presentations through explanations, models, and charts; and Übersicht (summary). Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

This book focuses on linguistic practices of identity construction in a popular culture media context, the Eurovision Song Contest. Subscribing to a normativity-based approach to critical discourse analysis, it studies Europeanisation as it surfaces at the discursive interface of European, national and sexual identities in Eurovision lyrics and performances. Research in critical discourse analysis that deals with Europeanisation, or the discursive work involved in European identity formation, has so far mainly studied data from EU political contexts that illustrate a top-down approach to what Europeanness means. The present book complements this earlier research in several ways, focusing on the linguistic construction of identities, and its interrelation with non-linguistic modes of signification in the Eurovision Song Contest. Discursive mechanisms that prove to be central for the normative shifts of Europeanisation in the given context are de-essentialisation, inclusion, camp, crossing and languaging.

"The Eurovision Handbook 2014" seeks to dispel some of the false myths that have been developed about the Eurovision Song Contest and, in turn, it aims to answer some of the questions that people may have about Eurovision. As a political geographer at NUI Maynooth in the Republic of Ireland, Dr. Adrian Kavanagh is particularly interested in the geographical aspects of the contest and hence offers a different take in this book to that offered in other studies of the Eurovision Song Contest. This book does have a certain Irish dimension to it, but it tries to avoid being solely focused on the Irish Eurovision story and seeks to offer a significant degree of coverage to all of the Eurovision participating countries, both present and past. The book also looks at other dimensions of the contest, such as the growing influence of the English language in recent decades and the development of friends and neighbours and diaspora voting trends in the wake of the major rule changes of the late 1990s.

This year, the Eurovision Song Contest celebrates its 60th anniversary. On this occasion, I decided to write a book for all the Song Contest fans. The "60 years of the Eurovision Song Contest - The Ultimate Fan Book" eBook contains hundreds of facts, numerous pictures and all the most important facts describing the entire Song Contest history. From the very first edition up until now. This book gives you a fast overview of what you have always wanted to know about the show. Year by year. This is the best Eurovision Song Contest pocket guide you can always carry with you! Enjoy the show! Anna Karolina Heinrich

A new edition that brings the ways we watch and think about television up to the present We all have opinions about the television shows we watch, but television criticism is about much more than simply evaluating the merits of a particular show and deeming it "good" or "bad." Rather, criticism uses the close examination of a television program to explore that program's cultural significance, creative strategies, and its place in a broader social context. How to Watch Television, Second Edition brings together forty original essays—more than half of which are new to this edition—from today's leading scholars on television culture, who write about the programs they care (and think) the most about. Each essay focuses on a single television show, demonstrating one way to read the program and, through it, our media culture. From fashioning blackness in Empire to representation in Orange is the New Black and from the role of the reboot in Gilmore Girls to the function of changing political atmospheres in Roseanne, these essays model how to practice media criticism in accessible language, providing critical insights through analysis—suggesting a way of looking at TV that students and interested viewers might emulate. The contributors discuss a wide range of television programs past and present, covering many formats and genres, spanning fiction and non-fiction, broadcast, streaming, and cable. Addressing shows from TV's earliest days to contemporary online transformations of the medium, How to Watch Television, Second Edition is designed to engender classroom discussion among television critics of all backgrounds.

Two decades after the fall of communism in Eastern Europe and one decade into the twenty-first century, European music remains one of the most powerful forces for shaping nationalism. Using intensive fieldwork throughout Europe -- from participation in alpine foot pilgrimages to studies of the grandest music spectacle anywhere in the world, the Eurovision Song Contest -- Philip V. Bohlman reveals the ways in which music and nationalism intersect in the shaping of the New Europe. Focus: Music, Nationalism, and the Making of the New Europe begins with the emergence of the European nation-state in the Middle Ages and extends across long periods during which Europe's nations used music to compete for land and language, and to expand the colonial reach of Europe to the entire world. Bohlman contrasts the "national" and the "nationalist" in music, examining the ways in which their impact on society can be positive and negative -- beneficial for European cultural policy and dangerous in times when many European borders are more fragile than ever. The New Europe of the twenty-first century is more varied, more complex, and more politically volatile than ever, and its music resonates fully with these transformations.

A married couple goes missing in 1995. After seven years they are presumed dead. It is 2018. Belay, a tormented worldly-wise employer of judges, apprises the Special Adjudicator, Ewald Wren, a black-letter law judge, that his short-term ruthless brand of justice is culpable. Wren impugns Belay's competence. Belay retires Ewald and resolves to put him firmly in his place. Chase, an inimical and crime-writing uncle cuts in after the farewell bash. He believes Wren is the most likely culprit. He coerces Wren to survey all the locations and, mechanised by covert listening devices, to investigate all of those who may have been implicated. Otherwise, he will be ruined, imprisoned, or killed, or worse still his family will be forfeited. Left with no choice Wren accedes. Wren processes the evidence. He suspects further murders and ancillary attempts on lives. Glasston Dorcha, the most ruthless gangster in Glasgow seeks to avenge Wren for his jejune imprisonment and the murder of his grandfather by mutilating him. Wren learns life. Belay learns that extreme pain is plural. Wren and Chase are finally revealed as in-laws. Who will win? Will Belay, Wren, Chase, Glasston, the murderer or one of the suspects win?

This book analyses leisure choice as a complex concept, made more complicated in later life than at any other time. The author posits that

there are many unanswered questions about the new booming generation of healthy, older people, and this book asks what it is really like to be old at the beginning of the 21st century in the United Kingdom, analysing leisure in older people in the context of the subtle politics of the day to day. Throughout the chapters, the author highlights the often missing depictions of older people who enjoy and enact bold, informed agency as part of their everyday lives. Drawing upon secondary data from the Mass Observation Archive, a social thesis of leisure and ageing emerges that challenges the individualism inherent in active ageing. It is proposed that the idea of active ageing creates complex constraints to leisure as people strive to measure up to cultural expectations. The stories in this book advocate for an appreciation and re-evaluation of passive leisure in later life, and the enjoyment and freedom it can bring. The project is therefore useful to students and researchers of leisure studies, gerontology and sociology of ageing. Tania Wiseman is Principal Lecturer in Occupational Therapy at the University of Brighton. Her research interest is in passive leisure in later life, and all the joy it brings.

"This book puts International Relations scholarship and Queer Studies scholarship in conversation to tell a story about how sovereignty and sexuality are entangled in international relations theory and policy through numerous figurations of 'the homosexual' - as 'the underdeveloped', 'the un-developable', 'the unwanted im/migrant', 'the terrorist', 'the gay rights holder', 'the gay patriot' and Eurovision-winner Conchita Wurst's 'bearded lady'"--

This innovative study claims camp as a critical, yet pleasurable strategy for women's engagement with contemporary popular culture as exemplified by 30 Rock or Lady Gaga. In detailed analyses of lesbian cinema, postfeminist TV, and popular music, the book offers a novel take on its subject. It defines camp as a unique mode of detached attachment, which builds on affective intensity and emotional investment, while strongly encouraging a critical edge.

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