

Lunar Park

Being the first to outline the literary genre, Gothic-postmodernism, this book articulates the psychological and philosophical implications of terror in postmodernist literature, analogous to the terror of the Gothic novel, uncovering the significance of postmodern recurrences of the Gothic, and identifying new historical and philosophical aspects of the genre. While many critics propose that the Gothic has been exhausted, and that its significance is depleted by consumer society's obsession with instantaneous horror, analyses of a number of terror-based postmodernist novels here suggest that the Gothic is still very much animated in Gothic-postmodernism. These analyses observe the spectral characters, doppelgangers, hellish waste lands and the demonised or possessed that inhabit texts such as Paul Auster's *City of Glass*, Salman Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses* and Bret Easton Ellis's *Lunar Park*. However, it is the deeper issue of the lingering emotion of terror as it relates to loss of reality and self, and to death, that is central to the study; a notion of 'terror' formulated from the theories of continental philosophers and contemporary cultural theorists. With a firm emphasis on the sublime and the unrepresentable as fundamental to this experience of terror; vital to the Gothic genre; and central to the postmodern experience, this study offers an insightful and concise definition of Gothic-postmodernism. It firmly argues that 'terror' (with all that it involves) remains a connecting and potent link between the Gothic and postmodernism: two modes of literature that together offer a unique voicing of the unspeakable terrors of postmodernity.

A jagged series of events written with gritty realism. The *Elephant Tree* transcends stereotypes and challenges the reader's sense of morality, with shocking plot twists and vivid characters.

The basis of the major motion picture starring Billy Bob Thornton, Kim Basinger and Mickey Rourke, *The Informers* is a seductive and chillingly nihilistic novel, in which Bret Easton Ellis, returns to Los Angeles, the city whose moral badlands he portrayed so unforgettably in *Less Than Zero*. This time is the early eighties. The characters go to the same schools and eat at the same restaurants. Their voices enfold us as seamlessly as those of DJs heard over a car radio. They have sex with the same boys and girls and buy from the same dealers. In short, they are connected in the only way people can be in that city. Dirk sees his best friend killed in a desert car wreck, then rifles through his pockets for a last joint before the ambulance comes. Cheryl, a wannabe newscaster, chides her future stepdaughter, "You're tan but you don't look happy." Jamie is a clubland carnivore with a taste for human blood. As rendered by Ellis, their interactions compose a chilling, fascinating, and outrageous descent into the abyss beneath L.A.'s gorgeous surfaces.

"A 22-volume, highly illustrated, A-Z general encyclopedia for all ages, featuring sections on how to use World Book, other research aids, pronunciation key, a student guide to better writing, speaking, and research skills, and comprehensive index"--

A witty, darkly comic debut novel chronicles the lives and fortunes of a tightly knit--if idiosyncratic--cast of office workers as they confront boredom, paranoia, lunch breaks, and corporate complexities while their New York City based company begins to unravel. Original. 25,000 first printing.

Her marriage to Ed is challenged by odd noises, petty squabbles, and the onset of blackouts with no medical source, Amanda accidentally receives a book on possession, the arrival of which coincides with increasingly bizarre events.

Walking Shadows focuses on the American fantastic and the American grotesque, attempting in this manner for the first time to establish an overview of and a theoretical approach to two literary modes that have often been regarded as essential to an understanding of the American cultural canon.

What is there to see in Glacier National Park after the sun goes down? As writer and photographer John Ashley reveals in his newest book, some of Glacier's most awe-inspiring sights are found high above the mountaintops. Readers will marvel at Ashley's spectacular color photographs of favorite Glacier landmarks such as Chief Mountain and St. Mary Lake lit by the Milky Way, northern lights, and a universe of wonders. These images complement Ashley's text, which includes clear explanations of astronomical phenomena, traditional Blackfoot stories, Glacier National Park geology and history, and entertaining tales of his own run-ins with curious critters and park rangers. Ashley rallies readers to combat light pollution, a problem that has begun to erode the ancient beauty of one of the last truly dark places in the country.

How does contemporary literature respond to the digitalized media culture in which it takes part? And how do we study literature in order to shed light on these responses? Under the subsections Technology, Subjectivity, and Aesthetics, *Literature in Contemporary Media Culture* sets out to answer these questions. The book shows how literature over the last decade has charted the impact of new technologies on human conduct. It explores how changes in literary production, distribution, and consumption can be correlated to changes in social practices more generally. And it examines how (and if) contemporary media culture affects our understanding of literary aesthetics. Addressing Scandinavian and Anglo-American poetry and fiction produced around the beginning of the present century, *Literature in Contemporary Media Culture* highlights both well-known and unfamiliar literary texts. It offers cross-disciplinary methodological tools and reading strategies for studying literary phenomena such as intermedial aesthetics, the autobiographical novel, conceptual literature, and digital poetry, all of which are prevalent across national borders at the outset of the twenty-first century. This book will be of interest to students and established scholars in the fields of literature, film and media studies, and visual studies, as well as to members of the general reading public.

There's one thing holding you back. It's you. Your instincts compel you to hide in comfort instead of facing life-limiting fears. In *Cubicle Apocalypse*, Ryan Gillespie peels back the layers, helping you to discover the fears we all face as human beings. With this welcome paradigm shift, your new comfort zone will be taking risks and seeking change to drastically improve your life. The journey in *Cubicle Apocalypse* begins with discovering yourself. There are straightforward tips and ideas that help to turn your fears into motivation and strength building opportunities. Then a straightforward blueprint is presented, complete with interactive Take Action sections, that will allow you to grow exponentially within your career or business. If you want to elevate your life, find success, and grow, *Cubicle Apocalypse* is a must read! Cover Art Credit: Raeghan Rebstock

In this collection, Hungarian literature is read together with canonical works of the Western literary tradition. The book studies the distinction between "major" and "minor" literatures, showing that such parallel readings may highlight previously unknown components of the literary tradition. The book does not hold traditional comparative methods, based on verifiable mediations or transactions between national philologies and national literary narratives, to be the exclusive standard of interpretation; readings can concentrate on common surfaces and textual events instead. This is what is meant by 'post-comparative' perspectives, a term to indicate that the conditions of a comparative reading never precede the reading itself. On this basis, the present

volume points at several possibilities of how a common ground between texts can be created, especially because the chapters within it perform parallel readings in highly different ways. The Poetics of Genre in the Contemporary Novel investigates the role of genre in the contemporary novel: taking its departure from the observation that numerous contemporary novelists make use of popular genre influences in what are still widely considered to be literary novels, it sketches the uses, the work, and the value of genre. It suggests the value of a critical look at texts' genre use for an analysis of the contemporary moment. From this, it develops a broader perspective, suggesting the value of genre criticism and taking into view traditional genres such as the bildungsroman and the metafictional novel as well as the kinds of amalgamated forms which have recently come to prominence. In essays discussing a wide range of authors from Steven Hall to Bret Easton Ellis to Colson Whitehead, the contributors to the volume develop their own readings of genre's work and valence in the contemporary novel.

Bret Easton Ellis delivers a riveting, tour-de-force sequel to *Less Than Zero*, one of the most singular novels of the last thirty years. Returning to Los Angeles from New York, Clay, now a successful screenwriter, is casting his new movie. Soon he is running with his old circle of friends through L.A.'s seedy side. His ex-girlfriend, Blair, is married to Trent, a bisexual philanderer and influential manager. Then there's Julian, a recovering addict, and Rip, a former dealer. Then when Clay meets a gorgeous young actress who will stop at nothing to be in his movie, his own dark past begins to shine through, and he has no choice but to dive into the recesses of his character and come to terms with his proclivity for betrayal.

The first reference work to focus on the history of American boyhood from the early 17th century to the present, with careful attention to sports, ethnicity, education, and region. * 150+ A–Z signed entries including such wide-ranging topics as cowboys, abuse, drag racing, gangs, and superheroes * 124 expert contributors from a myriad of disciplines, including history, cultural studies, media studies, education, literature, sociology, and anthropology

Describes the constellations and explains how to locate them in the night sky, provides monthly star charts, and discusses lunar and solar eclipses

Bret Easton Ellis is one of the most famous and controversial contemporary American novelists. Since the publication of his opus primum, *Less than Zero* (1985), critics and readers alike have become fascinated with the author's style and topics; which were extremely appealing to the MTV generation that acknowledged him as their cultural guru. As a result, an early review of the novel declared, "American literature has never been so sexy". In this book, Ellis' novels and collections of short stories are analyzed, focusing mainly on the role fear, trauma and paranoia play in these texts. These aspects are fundamental not only to Bret Easton Ellis' literature but also to contemporary American literature (Don DeLillo, John Barth or Thomas Pynchon's novels, just to name some quintessential examples within postmodern American letters, cannot be understood or defined without reference to fear and paranoia). More importantly, they play a major role in American culture and society.

Alik Strelnikov lives in the shadows of Coney Island, a world of rusted fairground rides that mock his dreams of heroism. Ten years ago he left a brutal life in the Russian army to travel to America, but now, an enforcer in the Brooklyn mafia his life is guns, drugs, booze & his lover, Marina, sometime prostitute & full-time fortune teller.

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This collection of critical essays on the American novelist Bret Easton Ellis examines the novels of his mature period: *American Psycho* (1991), *Glamorama* (1999), and *Lunar Park* (2005). Taking as its starting-point *American Psycho*'s seismic impact on contemporary literature and culture, the volume establishes Ellis' centrality to the scholarship and teaching of contemporary American literature in the U.S. and in Europe. Contributors examine the alchemy of acclaim and disdain that accrues to this controversial writer, provide an overview of growing critical material on Ellis and review the literary and artistic significance of his recent work. Exploring key issues including violence, literature, reality, reading, identity, genre, and gender, the contributors together provide a critical re-evaluation of Ellis, exploring how he has impacted, challenged, and transformed contemporary literature in the U.S. and abroad.

An adventure beyond fantasy.... A nightmare twisting all imagination... Faint rays of sunlight creep over the horizon... Dawn is coming! A tale of epic conquest. A clash of souls and swords. Shining light and cringing darkness rage against one another on the plains of the universe. For decades, the planet Seras has been besieged by hordes of evil creatures. With their true identity shrouded by myths, legends and horror, they are known only as Demons. Yet in all of their wars, there is one man that makes even the coldest heart tremble: Ephraim Jordan. Known as the Holy Knight, he strikes fear and hatred into the minds of his enemies. Wielding a magical sword, he has fought against the Demons for seven long years to save the planet. But haunted by the memories of his shattered past, is the crusade one of justice or revenge? As Ephraim travels abroad, darkness clouds his path. A mysterious Demon elite is stalking his every move, a strange apparition whispers to him in battle, and his enemy is advancing...and evolving. Evil poisons the water, corrupts the earth and blackens the sky as the Holy Knight travels far, spilling much blood, only to discover that nothing is what it seems and he must choose to either rise above the maddening impulses that suspend him on the edge of insanity or fall to become the very thing he despises.

The study of contemporary fiction is a fascinating yet challenging one. Contemporary fiction has immediate relevance to popular culture, the news, scholarly organizations, and education – where it is found on the syllabus in schools and universities – but it also offers challenges. What is 'contemporary'? How do we track cultural shifts and changes? The Routledge Companion to Twenty-First Century Literary Fiction takes on this challenge, mapping key literary trends from the year 2000 onwards, as the landscape of our century continues to take shape around us. A significant and central intervention into contemporary literature, this Companion offers essential coverage of writers who have risen to prominence since then, such as Hari Kunzru, Jennifer Egan, David Mitchell, Jonathan Lethem, Ali Smith, A. L. Kennedy, Hilary Mantel, Marilynne Robinson, and Colson Whitehead. Thirty-eight essays by leading and emerging international scholars cover topics such as: • Identity, including race, sexuality, class, and religion in the twenty-first century; • The impact of technology, terrorism, activism, and the global economy on the modern world and modern literature; • The form and format of twenty-first century literary fiction, including analysis of established genres such as the pastoral, graphic novels, and comedic writing, and how these have been adapted in recent years. Accessible to experts, students, and general readers, The Routledge Companion to Twenty-First Century Literary Fiction provides a map of the critical issues central to the discipline, as well as uncovering new perspectives and new directions for the development of the field. It is essential reading for anyone interested in the past, present, and future of contemporary literature.

The much-awaited series finale in the New York Times bestselling series that began with 'Cinder'. This is not the fairy tale you remember - but it's one you won't forget

"Written with a style and humor that haven't been seen since Mark Twain."—Los Angeles Times What if the Second Coming didn't quite come off as advertised? What if "the Corpse" on display in that funky roadside zoo is really who they say it is—what does that portend for the future of western civilization? And what if a young clairvoyant named Amanda reestablishes the flea circus as popular entertainment and fertility worship as the principal religious form of our high-tech age? Another Roadside Attraction answers those questions and a lot more. It tell us, for example, what the sixties were truly all about, not by

reporting on the psychedelic decade but by recreating it, from the inside out. In the process, this stunningly original seriocomic thriller is fully capable of simultaneously eating a literary hot dog and eroding the borders of the mind. "Hard to put down because of the sheer brilliance and fun of the writing. The sentiments of Brautigan and the joyously compassionate omniscience of Fielding dance through the pages garbed colorfully in the language of Joyce."—Rolling Stone

Collection of new critical essays on Bret Easton Ellis, focusing on his later novels: *American Psycho* (1991), *Glamorama* (1999), and *Lunar Park* (2005).

He became a bestselling novelist while still in college, immediately famous and wealthy. He watched his insufferable father reduced to a bag of ashes in a safety-deposit box. He was lost in a haze of booze, drugs and vilification. Then he was given a second chance. This is the life of Bret Easton Ellis, the author and subject of this remarkable novel. Confounding one expectation after another, *Lunar Park* is equally hilarious, horrifying and heartbreaking. It's the most original novel of an extraordinary career – and best of all: it all happened, every word is true.

When the difficult star of the reality television show "Expedition Survival" disappears while filming an episode in the Florida Everglades using animals from the wildlife refuge run by Wahoo Crane's family, Wahoo and classmate Tuna Gordon set out to find him while avoiding Tuna's gun-happy father.

This ebook presents conference proceedings from the 1st Global Conference Trauma: theory and practice, held in Prague, Czech Republic in March 2011.

The author of *American Psycho* rips into his most frightening subject yet: himself He became a bestselling novelist while still in college, immediately famous and wealthy. He watched his insufferable father reduced to a bag of ashes in a safety-deposit box. He was lost in a haze of booze, drugs and vilification. Then he was given a second chance. This is the life of Bret Easton Ellis, the subject of this remarkable novel. Confounding one expectation after another, *Lunar Park* is equally hilarious, horrifying and heartbreaking. It's the most original novel of an extraordinary career - and best of all: it all happened, every word is true.

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No previous author has attempted a book such as this: a complete history of novels written in the English language, from the genre's seventeenth-century origins to the present day. In the spirit of Dr. Johnson's *Lives of the Poets*, acclaimed critic and scholar John Sutherland selects 294 writers whose works illustrate the best of every kind of fiction—from gothic, penny dreadful, and pornography to fantasy, romance, and high literature. Each author was chosen, Professor Sutherland explains, because his or her books are well worth reading and are likely to remain so for at least another century. Sutherland presents these authors in chronological order, in each case deftly combining a lively and informative biographical sketch with an opinionated assessment of the writer's work. Taken together, these novelists provide both a history of the novel and a guide to its rich variety. Always entertaining, and sometimes shocking, Sutherland considers writers as diverse as Daniel Defoe, Henry James, James Joyce, Edgar Allan Poe, Virginia Woolf, Michael Crichton, Jeffrey Archer, and Jacqueline Susann. Written for all lovers of fiction, *Lives of the Novelists* succeeds both as introduction and re-introduction, as Sutherland presents favorite and familiar novelists in new ways and transforms the less favored and less familiar through his relentlessly fascinating readings.

Set in Los Angeles in the early 1980's, *Less than Zero* has become a timeless classic. This coolly mesmerizing novel is a raw, powerful portrait of a lost generation who have experienced sex, drugs, and disaffection at too early an age. They live in a world shaped by casual nihilism, passivity, and too much money in a place devoid of feeling or hope. Clay comes home for Christmas vacation from his Eastern college and re-enters a landscape of limitless privilege and absolute moral entropy, where everyone drives Porches, dines at Spago, and snorts mountains of cocaine. He tries to renew feelings for his girlfriend, Blair, and for his best friend from high school, Julian, who is careering into hustling and heroin. Clay's holiday turns into a dizzying spiral of desperation that takes him through the relentless parties in glitzy mansions, seedy bars, and underground rock clubs and also into the seamy world of L.A. after dark.

In the spirit of *The Orphan Train* and *Before We Were Yours*, a historical debut about a nurse who chooses to save a baby's life, and risks her own in the process, exploring the ties of motherhood and the little-known history of Coney Island and America's first incubators. A nurse's choice. A daughter's search for answers. New York City, 1926. Nurse Althea Anderson's heart is near breaking when she witnesses another premature baby die at Bellevue Hospital. So when she reads an article detailing the amazing survival rates of babies treated in incubators in an exhibit at Luna Park, Coney Island, it feels like the miracle she has been searching for. But the doctors at Bellevue dismiss Althea and this unconventional medicine, forcing her to make a choice between a baby's life and the doctors' wishes that will change everything. Twenty-five years later, Stella Wright is falling apart. Her mother has just passed, she quit a job she loves, and her marriage is struggling. Then she discovers a letter that brings into question everything she knew about her mother, and everything she knows about herself. *The Light of Luna Park* is a tale of courage and an ode to the sacrificial love of mothers.

The only work to date to collect data gathered during the American and Soviet missions in an accessible and complete reference of current scientific and technical information about the Moon.

This handbook examines the use of horror in storytelling, from oral traditions through folklore and fairy tales to contemporary horror fiction. Divided into sections that explore the origins and evolution of horror fiction, the recurrent themes that can be seen in horror, and ways of understanding horror through literary and cultural theory, the text analyses why horror is so compelling, and how we should interpret its presence in literature. Chapters explore historical horror aspects including ancient mythology, medieval writing, drama, chapbooks, the Gothic novel, and literary Modernism and trace themes such as vampires, children and animals in horror, deep dark forests, labyrinths, disability, and imperialism. Considering horror via postmodern theory, evolutionary psychology, postcolonial theory, and New Materialism, this handbook investigates issues of gender and sexuality, race, censorship and morality, environmental studies, and literary versus popular fiction.

Bret Ellis, the narrator of *Lunar Park*, is the bestselling writer whose first novel *Less Than Zero* catapulted him to international stardom while he was still in college. In the years that followed he found himself adrift in a world of wealth, drugs, and fame, as well as dealing with the unexpected death of his abusive father. After a decade of decadence a chance for salvation arrives; the chance to reconnect with an actress he was once involved with, and their son. But almost immediately his new life is threatened by a freak sequence of events and a bizarre series of murders that all seem to connect to Ellis's past. His attempts to save his new world from his own demons makes *Lunar Park* Ellis's most suspenseful novel. In this chilling tale reality, memoir, and fantasy combine to create not only a fascinating version of this most controversial writer but also a deeply moving novel about love and loss, parents and children, and ultimately forgiveness.

From the bestselling author of *Less Than Zero* and *American Psycho*, *The Rules of Attraction* is a startlingly funny, kaleidoscopic novel about three students at a small, affluent liberal-arts college in New England with no plans for the future--or even the present--who become entangled in a curious romantic triangle. Bret Easton Ellis trains his incisive gaze on the kids at self-consciously bohemian Camden College and treats their sexual posturings and agonies with a mixture of acrid hilarity and compassion while exposing the moral vacuum at the center of their lives. Lauren changes boyfriends every time she changes majors and still pines for Victor who split for Europe months ago and she might or might not be writing anonymous love letter to ambivalent, hard-drinking Sean, a hopeless romantic who only has eyes for Lauren, even if he ends up in bed with half the campus, and Paul, Lauren's ex, forthrightly bisexual and whose passion masks a shrewd pragmatism. They waste time getting wasted, race from Thirsty Thursday Happy Hours to Dressed To Get Screwed parties to drinks at The Edge of the World or The Graveyard. *The Rules of Attraction* is a poignant, hilarious take on the death of romance. The basis for the major motion picture starring James Van Der Beek, Shannyn Sossamon, Jessica Biel, and Kate Bosworth.

Douglas Coupland's inventive novel-think *Clerks* meets *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*-is the story of an extraordinary epistolary relationship between Roger and Bethany, two very different, but strangely connected, "aisles associates" at Staples. Watch as their lives unfold alongside Roger's work-in-progress, the oddly titled *Glove Pond*. A raucous tale of four academics, two malfunctioning marriages, and one rotten dinner party, Roger's opus is a Cheever-style novella gone horribly wrong. But as key characters migrate into and out of its pages, *Glove Pond* becomes an anchor of Roger's unsettled-and unsettling-life. Coupland electrifies us on every page of this witty, wise, and unforgettable novel. Love, death, and eternal friendship can all transpire where we least expect them...and even after tragedy seems to have wiped your human slate clean, stories can slowly rebuild you.

A Companion to American Gothic features a collection of original essays that explore America's gothic literary tradition. The largest collection of essays in the field of American Gothic Contributions from a wide variety of scholars from around the world The most complete coverage of theory, major authors, popular culture and non-print media available

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