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Since its publication in 1992, *Jazz*, probably Toni Morrison's most difficult novel to date, has illicited a wide array of critical response. Many of these analyses, while both thoughtful and thought-provoking, have provided only partial or inherently inconclusive interpretations. The title, and certain of the author's own pronouncements, have led other critics to focus on the music itself, both as medium and aesthetic support for the narration. Choosing an entirely different approach for *The Story of Jazz*, Justine Tally further develops her hypothesis, first elaborated in her study of *Paradise*, that the Morrison trilogy is undergirded by the relationship of history, memory and story, and discusses "jazz" not as the music, but as a metaphor for language and storytelling. Taking her cue from the author's epigraph for the novel, she discusses the relevance of storytelling to contemporary critics in many different fields, explains Morrison's choice of the hard-boiled detective genre as a ghost-text for her novel, and guides the reader through the intricacies of Bakhtinian theory in order to elucidate and ground her interpretation of this important text, finally entering into a chapter-by-chapter analysis of the novel which leads to a surprising conclusion.

A Guide to MySQL, by Philip Pratt and Mary Last, is yet another step into the open-source arena, which is rapidly growing in the technology industry. Topics include design techniques, data definition, commands to query a database, updates, administration

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and client tools, and finally, MySQL special topics. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

How do contemporary African American authors relate trauma, memory, and the recovery of the past with the processes of cultural and identity formation in African American communities?

Simplified Chinese edition of *The Bluest Eye*

The field of memory studies has long been preoccupied with the manner in which events from the past are commemorated, forgotten, re-fashioned, or worked through on both the individual and collective level. Yet in an age when various modes of artistic and cultural commemoration have begun to overlap with and respond to one another, the dynamics of cultural remembering and forgetting become bound up in an increasingly elaborate network of representations that operate both within and outside temporal, cultural, and national borders. As publicly circulating texts that straddle the line between cultural artifact and artistic object, both musical and literary works, both individually and often in conjunction with one another, help shape cultural memories and individual experiences of those events. Troping their cultural milieux through specific aesthetic and social forms, genres, and modes of dissemination, music and literature become part of a growing global panoply of raw materials upon which we might begin to pose questions regarding the way we remember, the consequences of

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are discussed and their impact explored

Toni Morrison's visionary explorations of freedom and identity, self and community, against the backdrop of African American history have established her as one of the foremost novelists of her time; an artist whose seriousness of purpose and imaginative power have earned her both widespread critical acclaim and great popular success. This guide to Morrison's work offers: an accessible introduction to Morrison's life and historical contexts a guide to her key works and the themes and concerns that run through them an overview of critical texts and perspectives on each of Morrison's works cross-references between sections of the guide, in order to suggest links between texts, contexts and criticism a chronology of Morrison's life and works. Part of the Routledge Guides to Literature series, this volume is essential reading for all those beginning detailed study of Toni Morrison and seeking a guide to her work and a way into the wealth of contextual and critical material that surrounds it.

This is the first scholarly work to examine the cultural significance of the "talking book" since the invention of the phonograph in 1877, the earliest machine to enable the reproduction of the human voice. Recent advances in sound technology make this an opportune moment to reflect on the evolution of our reading practices since this remarkable invention. Some questions addressed by

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one could understand one's proper place in the present and in the future. That is why in Huxley's *Brave New World* it is the rejection of the past in the future - and by implication in the present - that makes its satire so penetrating. Modernism, in other words, means for these writers not a radical break with the past but a continuing search for what still connects them (and us) vitally with it. Peter Firchow, Professor of English at the University of Minnesota, is the author of several books on modern and modernist literary subjects, including books on Huxley, Conrad, and Auden. The publication of some of his hitherto uncollected essays in this volume is intended to honor

Essays by eight top scholars that probe Toni Morrison's novels of her growing body of nonfiction and critical work.

Nationhood and Improvised Belief in American Fiction highlights how religious beliefs intersect with questions of national belonging in the work of contemporary American novelists. Religious practices serve as a means of critiquing exclusionary constructions of national identity and provide models for alternate ways of belonging.

This reader's guide provides uniquely organized and up-to-date information on the most important and enjoyable contemporary English-language novels. Offering critically substantiated reading recommendations, careful cross-

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referencing, and extensive indexing, this book is appropriate for both the weekend reader looking for the best new mystery and the full-time graduate student hoping to survey the latest in magical realism. More than 1,000 titles are included, each entry citing major reviews and giving a brief description for each book.

"An important study in American literature."--Novel

Examines the life and work of the successful novelist, who became the first African American woman to win the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1993.

CONCEPTS OF DATABASE MANAGEMENT fits perfectly into any introductory database course for information systems, business or CIS programs. This concise text teaches SQL in a database-neutral environment with all major topics being covered, including E-R diagrams, normalization, and database design. Now in its seventh edition, CONCEPTS OF DATABASE MANAGEMENT prepares students for success in their field using real-world cases addressing current issues such as database design, data integrity, concurrent updates, and data security. Special features include detailed coverage of the relational model (including QBE and SQL), normalization and views, database design, database administration and management, and more. Advanced topics covered include distributed databases, data warehouses, stored procedures, triggers, data macros, and Web databases. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook

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version.

The intense friendship shared by two black women raised in an Ohio town changes when one of them leaves to roam the countryside and returns ten years later.

Toni Morrison, winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1993, is perhaps the most important living American author. This work examines Morrison's life and writing, featuring critical analyses of her work and themes, as well as entries on related topics and relevant people, places, and influences.

This book examines Toni Morrison's highly influential works through the lens of philanthropy. The point of departure of this endeavor is the keen observation that philanthropy has always played a leading role in US discourses about the nation itself. While doing so, time and again philanthropy has also been used as a means of social stratification – especially for so-called social minorities such as the African American community, whose historical experience within the United States is at the very heart of Morrison's novels. This book pursues the goal of a twofold understanding – on the one hand, through offering a rather innovative access to Morrison's works, the project allows for new insights into one of today's most influential authors. On the other hand, this book explores the productivity of the concept of philanthropy for literary and cultural studies – a concept hitherto largely neglected by scholars in both academic fields.

"Toni Morrison's *Beloved* and the Apotropaic Imagination investigates Toni Morrison's *Beloved* in light of ancient Greek influences, arguing that the African American

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experience depicted in the novel can be set in a broader context than is usually allowed. Kathleen Marks gives a history of the apotropaic from ancient to modern times, and shows the ways that Beloved's protagonist, Sethe, and her community engage the apotropaic as a mode of dealing with their communal suffering. Apotropaic, from the Greek, meaning "to turn away from," refers to rituals that were performed in ancient times to ward off evil deities. Modern scholars use the term to denote an action that, in attempting to prevent an evil, causes that very evil. Freud employed the apotropaic to explain his thought concerning Medusa and the castration complex, and Derrida found the apotropaic's logic of self-sabotage consonant with his own thought. Marks draws on this critical history and argues that Morrison's heroine's effort to keep the past at bay is apotropaic: a series of gestures aimed at resisting a danger, a threat, an imperative. These gestures anticipate, mirror, and put into effect that which they seek to avoid--one does what one finds horrible so as to mitigate its horror. In *Beloved*, Sethe's killing of her baby reveals this dynamic: she kills the baby in order to save it. As do all great heroes, Sethe transgresses boundaries, and such transgressions bring with them terrific dangers: for example, the figure Beloved. Yet Sethe's action has ritualistic undertones that link it to the type of primal crimes that can bring relief to a petrified community. It is through these apotropaic gestures that the heroine and the community resist what Morrison calls "cultural amnesia" and engage in a shared past, finally inaugurating a new order of love. Toni Morrison's *Beloved* and the Apotropaic

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Imagination is eclectic in its approach--calling upon Greek religion, Greek mythology and underworld images, and psychology. Marks looks at the losses and benefits of the kind of self-damage/self-agency the apotropaic affords. Such an approach helps to frame the questions of the role of suffering in human life, the relation between humans and the underworld, and the uses of memory and history."--Publishers website

Alphabetically arranged entries include discussions of individual authors, literary movements, institutions, notable texts, literary developments, themes, ethnic literatures, and "topic" essays.

Based on the author's thesis (Doctoral--University of Hong Kong, 2005).

In this groundbreaking work, Linda A. Westervelt defines an important yet previously unidentified and therefore unnamed type of novel, the altersroman, or age novel. Fictions focusing on a protagonist's confrontation with mortality toward the end of middle age are likely to become ever more prominent in a Western world in which the average age of the population increases and more people reach late middle age and old age. Working from a diverse sample of modern literature, Westervelt analyzes the variety of responses to the life evaluation. Some characters achieve a level of affirmation that allows renewal, redirection, or simply peace, while others confront feelings of disgust or despair that so little time is left them. Her altersromane are books about seeking wisdom, though not

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everyone of this age becomes wise. The use of the term *altersroman* highlights the fact that the *altersroman* is a classification comparable to but also clearly distinguishable from the *bildungsroman*, wherein characters make the transition from youth to adulthood. Westervelt contrasts her older protagonists' characteristics with the equivalent characteristics in the *bildungsroman* through an examination of *Don Quixote*, part 2, as well as six American novels: *The Ambassadors*, by Henry James; *The Professor's House*, by Willa Cather; *The Mansion*, by William Faulkner; *The Angle of Repose*, by Wallace Stegner; *A Book of Common Prayer*, by Joan Didion; and *Jazz*, by Toni Morrison. These seven works, though remarkably different, share the common features of the *altersroman*. Westervelt articulates the traits clearly, rests them on the psychological literature, and then shows in depth how the characteristics of the *altersroman* can enrich and more deeply inform our reading of a significant subset of modern literature that previously went unheralded. Readers can use Westervelt's analysis to identify *altersromane* in literature other than their own, and she begins this process by identifying exemplars written in other languages. *Beyond Innocence, or the Altersroman in Modern Fiction* introduces readers to the *altersroman* as a tool for classification and analysis and demonstrates the power and utility of that tool. It offers a meaningful and enriching complement to

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Toni Morrison's wooded and verdant clearing, a central trope in her novel *Beloved*, is the model for this book. The collection is a distinctive review, examination, and (re)discovery of Morrison's work and cultural impacts as defined by emerging and acclaimed artists, scholars, and public figures." Choice Outstanding Academic Title 2014 *Toni Morrison and Literary Tradition* explores Toni Morrison's construction of alternative and oppositional narratives of history and places her work as central to the imagining and re-imagining of American and diasporic identities. Covering the Nobel Prize-winning author's novels (up to *Home*), as well as her essays, dramatic works and short stories, this book situates Morrison's writings within both African-American and American writing traditions and examines them in terms of her continuous dialogue with the politics, philosophy and literary forms of these traditions. *Toni Morrison and Literary Tradition* provides a comprehensive analysis of Morrison's entire oeuvre, from her early interrogation of Black Power to her engagement with fin de siècle postcolonial critiques of nationalism and twenty-first century considerations of ecology. Justine Baillie goes on to argue that Morrison's aesthetic should be understood in relation to the historical, political and cultural contexts in which it, and the African-American and American literary traditions upon which she draws, have been created and developed.

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Toni Morrison scholars as well as those interested in the creative process will be excited about a new feature that appears in this second edition of this book: a sampling of Toni Morrison's creative process. In Part Two of this critical work, the author spotlights some of the autobiographical kernels that appear in each of Morrison's novels. Part One offers a comprehensive study of Morrison's novels, demonstrating that each one is a thematic and structural offshoot of the preceding one, evidencing a pattern of growth in Morrison's consciousness of the exploitation and oppression of all people of African descent and of her commitment to struggle for a solution. "The Bluest Eye investigates the effects of racism on African female children. "Sula explores avenues of self-fulfillment, but in the process ignores the collective that nurtures her. "Song of Solomon reveals Morrison's increased awareness of the impact of historical and current events on the nation-class oppression of African people."Tar Baby offers evidence of Morrison's awareness that capitalism is the primary enemy of African people. "Beloved proposes the only viable solution if African people are to be truly liberated: collective struggle. "Jazz avows that conditions make people wild, and conditions in the U.S. and the rest of the world are life-threatening for women in particular. "Paradise reflects Morrison's recognition of the African's mistaken belief that the enemy is the "white man," rather than capitalism.

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'Postmodernism in Pieces' performs a postmortem on what is perhaps the most contested paradigm in literary studies, breaking postmodernism down into its most fundamental orthodoxies and reassembling it piece by piece in light of recent theoretical developments in actor-network-theory, object-oriented philosophy, new materialism, and posthumanism.

It is winter, barely three days into 1926, seven years after Armistice; we are in the scintillating City, around Lenox Avenue, when all the wars are over and there will never be another one. At last, at last, everything's ahead. Here comes the new. Look out
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The arrival of an ominous Black stranger disturbs the precisely choreographed interactions among the five people living in a beautiful house on a Caribbean island--a millionaire candy manufacturer, his wife, and their servants

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Because they do not abide by the rules written by the adults around them, three children are judged unable to handle their freedom and forced to live in a box with three locks on the door.

Alphabetically arranged entries discuss the Nobel Prize-winning author's works, themes, and major characters, as well as providing an overview of her life and achievements.

Offers the first queer reading of all ten of Morrison's novels. Toni Morrison and the Queer Pleasure of Ghosts radically intervenes in one of the most established and sacred topics in Toni Morrison scholarship, love. Moving beyond Morrison's representation of ghosts as the forgotten or occluded past, Juda Bennett uncovers how Morrison imagines the spectral sphere as always already queer, a provocation and challenge to heteronormativity—with the ghost appearing as an active participant in disruptions of compulsory heterosexuality, as a figure embodying closet desires, or as a disembodied emanation that counterpoints homophobia. From *The Bluest Eye* to *Home*, Morrison's novels have included many queer ghosts that challenge our most

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cherished conceptions of love and speak to cultural anxieties about black sexualities, gay marriage, AIDS, lesbian visibility, and transgender identities. Not surprisingly, the scene-stealing ghost *Beloved* appears at the very heart of this book, but Bennett cautions against interpretative stasis, inviting readers to break free of the stranglehold *Beloved* has had on imaginations, so as not to miss the full force of Morrison's lifelong project to queer love.

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