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How has the state impacted culture and cultural production in Africa? How has culture challenged and transformed the state and our understandings of its nature, functions, and legitimacy? Compelled by complex realities on the ground as well as interdisciplinary scholarly debates on the state-culture dynamic, senior scholars and emerging voices examine the intersections of the state, culture, and politics in postcolonial Africa in this lively and wide-ranging volume. The coverage here is continental and topics include literature, politics, philosophy, music, religion, theatre, film, television, sports, child trafficking, journalism, city planning, and architecture. Together, the essays provide an energetic and nuanced portrait of the cultural forms of politics and the political forms of culture in contemporary Africa.

Nonstandard Space: Tayeb Salih, Fantasy, and World Literature, approaches the idea of world literature through attention to the function of fantasy in the work of Sudanese writer Tayeb Salih. Salih's three long works of fiction, *The Wedding of Zein*, *Season of Migration to the North*, and *Bandarshah*, provide an entry point to the study of fantastic, "nonstandard" space: a reality that is invisible and emotional, rather than visible and empirical. The construction of literary

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nonstandard space is a highly effective means of connecting locality and system, of expressing small-scale and large-scale realities in the same instant. Through the representation of diverse worlds at the same time, fantasy draws attention to the construction of "world" as a conceptual category. The shifts in perspective that characterize literary fantasy show world-creation at work. The comparative portion of the dissertation treats work by Ibrahim al-Koni (Libya), Bessie Head (South Africa/Botswana), and Ben Okri (Nigeria). This section draws attention to the ecological, utopian vision of al-Koni's *The Bleeding of the Stone*, the uncanny and abject interior spaces of Head's *A Question of Power*, and the cyclical epic as a figure for the postcolonial interregnum in Ben Okri's *The Famished Road* trilogy, showing how these texts resonate with Salih's and how they use fantasy to theorize the environment, the self, and the state. The project proposes an approach to world literature that employs a scalar reading, one that attends to shifts in scalar perspective to trace the formation of textual worlds. In doing so, the dissertation illuminates both Tayeb Salih's planetary vision, and the richness of fantasy as a field for comparative study.

Drawing on a vast archive of world history, anthropology, geography, cultural theory, postcolonial studies, gender studies, literature, and art, Susan Stanford Friedman recasts modernity as a networked, circulating, and recurrent

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phenomenon producing multiple aesthetic innovations across millennia. Considering cosmopolitan as well as nomadic and oceanic worlds, she radically revises the scope of modernist critique and opens the practice to more integrated study. Friedman moves from large-scale instances of pre-1500 modernities, such as Tang Dynasty China and the Mongol Empire, to small-scale instances of modernisms, including the poetry of Du Fu and Kabir and Abbasid ceramic art. She maps the interconnected modernisms of the long twentieth century, pairing Joseph Conrad with Tayeb Salih, E. M. Forster with Arundhati Roy, Virginia Woolf with the Tagores, and Aimé Césaire with Theresa Hak Kyung Cha. She reads postcolonial works from Sudan and India and engages with the idea of Négritude. Rejecting the modernist concepts of marginality, othering, and major/minor, Friedman instead favors rupture, mobility, speed, networks, and divergence, elevating the agencies and creative capacities of all cultures not only in the past and present but also in the century to come.

Cultural Identity in Arabic Novels of Immigration: A Poetics of Return offers a new perspective of migration studies that views the concept of migration in Arabic as inherently embracing the notion of return. Starting the study with the significance of the Islamic hijra as the quintessential migrant narrative in Arabic culture, Elmeligi offers readings of Arabic narratives as early as Ibn Tufayl's Hayy ibn

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Yaqzan and as recent as Miral Al-Tahawy's 2010 Brooklyn Heights, and as varied as Egyptian novelist Naguib Mahfouz's short story adaptation of the ancient Egyptian Tale of Sinuhe and Yemeni novelist Mohammed Abdl Wali's They Die Strangers, including novels that have not been translated in English before, such as Sonallah Ibrahim's Amrikanli and Suhayl Idris' The Latin Quarter. To contextualize these narratives, Elmeligi employs studies of cultural identity and their features that are most impacted by migration. In this study, Elmeligi analyzes the different manifestations of return, whether physical or psychological, commenting not only on the decisions that the characters take in the novels, but also the narrative choices that the writers make, thus viewing narrativity as a form of performativity of cultural identity as well. The book addresses fresh angles of migration studies, identity theory, and Arabic literary analysis that are of interest to scholars and students.

This is one of the first books in English to explore Arab responses to Western culture and values in modern Arab literature. Through in-depth research El-Enany examines the attitudes as expressed mainly through works of fiction written by Arab authors during the twentieth, and, to a lesser extent, nineteenth century. It constitutes an original addition to the age-old East-West debate, and is particularly relevant to the current discussion on Islam and the West. Alongside

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raising highly topical questions about stereotypical ideas concerning Arabs and Muslims in general, the book explores representations of the West by the foremost Arab intellectuals over a two-century period, up to the present day, and will appeal to those with an interest in Islam, the Middle East, nationalism and the so-called 'Clash of Civilizations'.

With a focus on the areas of theory, literature, culture, society and film, this collection of essays examines, questions and broadens the applicability of Postcolonialism and Islam from a multifaceted and cross-disciplinary perspective. Topics covered include the relationship between Postcolonialism and Orientalism, theoretical perspectives on Postcolonialism and Islam, the position of Islam within postcolonial literature, Muslim identity in British and European contexts, and the role of Islam in colonial and postcolonial cinema in Egypt and India. At a time at which Islam continues to be at the centre of increasingly heated and frenzied political and academic deliberations, Postcolonialism and Islam offers a framework around which the debate on Muslims in the modern world can be centred. Transgressing geographical, disciplinary and theoretical boundaries, this book is an invaluable resource for students of Islamic Studies, Cultural Studies, Sociology and Literature.

The Rest Write Back interrogates the colonial legacies, the contemporary power

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structure and the geopolitics of knowledge production. It exhibits how “writing-back” can pave the way for a “dialogical and pluri-versal” world where the Rest can no longer be excluded.

Studies the collective works of one of the greatest writers of Northern Sudanese culture, novelist and writer, Tayeb Salih.

“The Wedding of Zein” unfolds in the same village on the upper Nile where Tayeb Salih’s tragic masterpiece *Season of Migration to the North* is set. Here, however, the story that emerges through the overlapping, sometimes contradictory voices of the villagers is comic. Zein is the village idiot, and everyone in the village is dumbfounded when the news goes around that he will be getting married—Zein the freak, Zein who burst into laughter the moment he was born and has kept women and children laughing ever since, Zein who lost all his teeth at six and whose face is completely hairless, Zein married at last? Zein’s particular role in the life of the village has been the peculiar one of falling in love again and again with girls who promptly marry another man. It would be unheard of for him to get married himself. In Tayeb Salih’s wonderfully agile telling, the story of how this miracle came to be is one that engages the tensions that exist in the village, or indeed in any community: tensions between the devout and the profane, the poor and the propertied, the modern and the traditional. In the end, however, Zein’s ridiculous good luck augurs an ultimate reconciliation, opening a prospect of a world made whole. Salih’s classic novella appears here with two of his finest short stories, “The Doum Tree of Wad Hamid” and “A Handful of Dates.”

Presents a collection of critical essays about Conrad's famous novel, arranged in chronological

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order of publication.

The present volume contains general essays on: the relevance of 'Commonwealth' literature; the treatment of Dalits in literature and culture; the teaching of African literature in the UK; 'sharing places' and Drum magazine in South Africa; black British book covers as primers for cultural contact; Christianity, imperialism, and conversion; Orang Pendek and Papuans in colonial Indonesia; Carnival and drama in the anglophone Caribbean; issues of choice between the Maltese language and Its Others; and patterns of interaction between married couples in Malta. As well as these, there are essays providing close readings of works by the following authors: Chinua Achebe, André Aciman, Diran Adebayo, Monica Ali, Edward Atiyah, Margaret Atwood, Murray Bail, Peter Carey, Amit Chaudhuri, Austin Clarke, Sara Jeannette Duncan, Amitav Ghosh, Nadine Gordimer, Antjie Krog, Hanif Kureishi, Naguib Mahfouz, David Malouf, V.S. Naipaul, Michael Ondaatje, Tayeb Salih, Zadie Smith, Ahdaf Soueif, Yvonne Vera. Contributors: Jogamaya Bayer, Katrin Berndt, Sabrina Brancato, Monica Bungaro, Judith Lütge Coulli, Robert Cribb, Natasha Distiller, Evelyne Hanquart–Turner, Marie Herbillon, Tuomas Huttunen, Gen'ichiro Itakura, Jacqueline Jondot, Karen King–Aribisala, Ursula Kluwick, Dorothy Lane, Ben Leb dai, Lourdes López–Ropero, Amin Malak, Daniel Massa, Concepción Mengibar–Rico, Susanne Reichl, Brigitte Scheer–Schaezler, Lydia Sciriha, Jamie S. Scott, Andrea Strolz, Peter O. Stummer, Cynthia vanden Driesen, Clare Thake Vassallo. This fourth edition of the Historical Dictionary of the Sudan covers the history of Sudan through a chronology, an introductory essay, appendixes, and an extensive bibliography. The dictionary section has over 700 hundred cross-referenced entries on important personalities, politics, economy, foreign relations, religion, and culture. This book is an excellent access point

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for students, researchers, and anyone wanting to know more about the Sudan.

An arresting work by a major Arab novelist.

Tayeb Salih's novel *Season of Migration to the North*, published shortly after Sudanese independence from colonial rule, is in itself a practice in resistance. Salih subverts the European narrative, and instead replaces it with the experience of his protagonist Mustafa Sa'eed. Through this novel, Salih combats the British literary and social tradition of the "germ" of infection that is transmitted to the British body politic through the brown body of the formerly colonized subject. I propose that Salih's novel demonstrates that for all of England's germaphobic and paranoid ideas directed toward the brown body, England's conquest of Sudan is the true source of evil and infection in the novel. Rather than perpetuating the myth of the colonizing mission as the benevolent enterprise that the British often uphold, Salih underscores that colonialism and the conquest of Sudan is the origin of the plague that both the postcolonial body and postcolonial society must struggle to come to terms with, even "post-independence." The motif of the "germ" is constantly repeated by the British in the text. However, Mustafa, appropriates this terminology, and in doing so, points to a source-hood for his actions as the first Sudanese to ever set foot in England-- that source-hood being the British empire and the colonial mission. This infection manifests itself on both the mental plane, through education and the monopolizing of culture, as well as the physical plane, through ideas of sexuality and miscegenation. Other postcolonial scholars tend to read Salih's novel as a letter to the empire, focusing entirely on Mustafa's actions in the post-colonial context. I, however, intend to look at the ways in which the disease of colonialism was intended to erase any possibility of the post-colonial, and the ways in which the novel itself grapples with the

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notion of anything surviving post contamination.

Provides information on the works and lives of 150 authors who write primarily in Arabic, from the first known works of Arabic literature in the 5th and 6th centuries A.D., to the present day.

A revised and updated edition of a popular and widely used text

Understanding the complexities of Arab politics, history, and culture has never been more important for North American readers. Yet even as Arabic literature is increasingly being translated into English, the modern Arabic literary tradition is still often treated as other--controversial, dangerous, difficult, esoteric, or exotic.

This volume examines modern Arabic literature in context and introduces creative teaching methods that reveal the literature's richness, relevance, and power to anglophone students. Addressing the complications of translation head on, the volume interweaves such important issues such as gender, the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and the status of Arabic literature in world literature. Essays cover writers from the recent past, like Emile Habiby and Tayeb Salih; contemporary Palestinian, Egyptian, and Syrian literatures; and the literature of the nineteenth-century Nahda.

Africa Writing Europe offers critical readings of the meaning and presence of Europe in a variety of African literary texts. The first of its kind, it shifts the focus

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from questions of African identity to readings which delineate ideas of Europe also in texts written specifically in an African context. It seeks to place the representations of Europe in an historical context by including a number of different and often conflicting definitions of the Africa–Europe opposition, definitions that are traced to differences between the specific geographical and cultural locations both in the African and in the European context, including an Eastern European perspective as well as the metropolitan centres of Britain and France. The readings engage with the legacy of white domination manifested as slavery, colonialism, and apartheid as well as with the entangled histories and new perspectives developed through exile, both as voluntary and as forced migration. Several essays address the gendered dimension of the Africa–Europe opposition and relate it to other intersecting oppositions, such as the rural and the urban, the private and the public, in their analysis of representations of femininity and masculinity in the literary texts. The contributors to this volume come from different national backgrounds and share in examining the question of Europe in African literature. Authors discussed include Leila Aboulela, Tatamkhulu Afrika, Alice Solomon Bowen, Ken Bugul, Marie Cardinal, Eric Ngalle Charles, Yvette Christiansë, Soleïman Adel Guémar, Abdulrazak Gurnah, Dan Jacobson, Njabulo Ndebele, Femi Osofisan, Rebekah F., and Tayeb Salih.

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Many teachers of African studies have found novels to be effective assignments in courses. In this guide, teachers describe their favourite African novels - drawn from all over the continent - and share their experiences of using them in the classroom.

This book is an attempt to reveal in an integrated manner Al _ Tayeb Salih's elements of fiction concerning his skillful portrayal of characters. Special consideration will be given to some elements of nature such as the River Nile and date palm trees, characters' common features, names and their implications, religious and their common features. Moreover, a comparison and contrast have been made among characters. An attempt to reflect some of the Sudanese traditions and customs through the fictional elements as reflected by characters. Due to its integrated process of tackling several of Al - Tayeb Salih's novels to analyze their fictional elements, this book will be of great interest to those who share the same interest in such a kind of literature. In addition, it will supply those who would like to have further future studies with some insights. The book will also address those who are interested in the wider cultural aspects, knowledge and experience.

This book will present close readings of three contemporary Arabic novelists - an Egyptian (Gamal Al-Ghitany), an Algerian (Taher Ouettar) and a Touareg Libyan

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(Ibrahim Al-Koni) - who have all turned to Sufism as a literary strategy aimed at negotiating i

A beautifully constructed novel set in the Sudan and Europe. 'Among the six finest novels to be written in modern Arabic literature.' Edward Said

Traces the development of the modern Arabic novel from the 1960s to the present.

This work embodies a critical collection of the works of Sudanese-Arab writer and author Tayeb Salih. A literary tribute that reflects on the roots and soul of a people and their consciousness through critical essays and insightful reflections contained in group interviews with the acclaimed author during his life.

Examines the transformative power of irony in the creation of Muslim Africa.

The Arab Diaspora examines the range of roles the Arab world has played to various audiences on the modern and postmodern stage and the issues which have arisen as a result. The variety of roles explored reflects the diversity of Arab culture. With particular focus placed on political, diplomatic and cultural issues, the book explores the relationship between the Arab world and the West, covering topics including: Islam and its common ancestry and relationship with Christianity the varying forms of Arab civilization and its inability in more modern times to fulfil the dreams of nineteenth and twentieth century reformers continued stereotyping of the Arab world within the media. The Arab Diaspora is essential reading for those with interests in Arabic and Middle East studies, and cultural studies.

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Written across the disciplines of art history, literature, philosophy, sociology, and theology, the ten essays comprising the collection all insist on multidimensional definitions of evil. Taking its title from a moment in Shakespeare's *Tempest* when Prospero acknowledges his responsibility for Caliban, this collection explores the necessarily ambivalent relationship between humanity and evil. To what extent are a given society's definitions of evil self-serving? Which figures are marginalized in the process of identifying evil? How is humanity itself implicated in the production of evil? Is evil itself something fundamentally human? These questions, indicative of the kinds of issues raised in this collection, seem all the more pressing in light of recent world events. The ten essays were originally presented at the First Global Conference on Perspectives on Evil and Human Wickedness, held in March 2000, in Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University. *At the Interface/Probing the Boundaries* seeks to encourage and promote cutting edge inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary projects and inquiry. By bringing people together from differing contexts, disciplines, professions, and vocations, the aim is to engage in conversations that are innovative, imaginative, and creatively interactive. Inter-Disciplinary dialogue enables people to go beyond the boundaries of what they usually encounter and share in perspectives that are new, challenging, and richly rewarding. This kind of dialogue often illuminates one's own area of work, is suggestive of new possibilities for development, and creates exciting horizons for future conversations with persons from a wide variety of national and

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international settings. By sharing cross-disciplinary insights and perspectives, ATI/PTB publications are designed to be both exploratory examinations of particular areas and issues, and rigorous inquiries into specific subjects. Books in the series are enabling resources which will encourage sustained and creative dialogue, and become the future resource for further inquiries and research.

This book examines the paradoxical nature of colonialism and its horrific impact on the psyche of the colonized. It probes Frantz Fanon's theories concerning the relationship between colonizers and the colonized. It attempts to apply these theories to modern Arabic literature.

The collapse of empires has resulted in a greater appreciation for indigenous cultures in former colonies and a renaissance of creativity. More than 150 alphabetically arranged entries by expert contributors overview and assess the effects of globalization on literary and cultural studies in the 21st century. Attempting to counter what some have seen as the anglophone bias of postcolonial studies, the volume emphasizes the common heritage of resistance in francophone, hispanophone, and other literatures, including the literatures of nonEuropean postimperial states.

Tayeb Salih Speaks Four Interviews with the Sudanese Novelist Tayeb Salih Ideology and the Craft of Fiction Syracuse University Press

Undertaking a sustained interpretation of Sudanese novelist Tayeb Salih's novels and short stories, this study focuses primarily on the ways in which his work depicts the

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clashing of Arab ideologies - that is, questions of tradition, modernity, imperialism, gender and political authority.

How does Edward Said's Orientalism speak to us today? What relevance did and does it have politically and intellectually? How and in what modes does Orientalism engage with new, intersecting fields of inquiry? At the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Orientalism these questions shape the essays collected in the present volume. The "after" of the title does not only guide the contributions in a look on past discussions, but specifically points at future research as well. Orientalism's critical entanglements are thus connected to productive looks; these productive looks make us read differently, but only after we recognize our struggle with the dominant notions that we live by, that divide and unite us. More specifically, this volume addresses three fields of research enabling productive looks: visual culture; the body, sexuality and the performative; and national identities, modernity and gender. All articles, weaving delicate, new analytical and theoretical textures, maintain vital links with at least two of the fields mentioned. Orientalism's role as a cultural catalyst is gauged in the analysis of materials such as Iranian film, 16th and 17th century Venetian representations of "the Turk," Barthes' take on Japanese culture, modern Arab travel narratives, Palestinian popular culture, photography on and of the Maghreb, Japanese queer and gay culture, the 19th century Illustrated London News, theories on migration and exile, postcolonial cinema, and Hanan al-Shaykh's and Mai Ghousoub's writing on civil war

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in Lebanon. Authors include: Karina Eileraas, Belgin Turan Özkaya, Joshua Paul Dale, John Potvin, Mark McLelland, Tina Sherwell, Nasrin Rahimieh, Stephen Morton, Anastasia Vallasopoulos, Suha Kudsieh and Kate McInturff.

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