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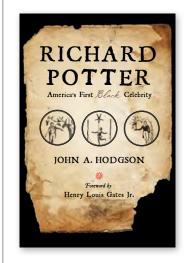
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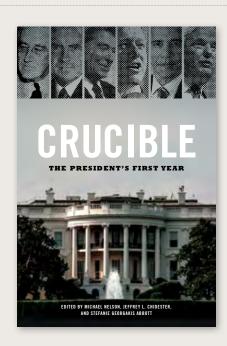
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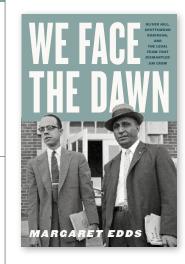
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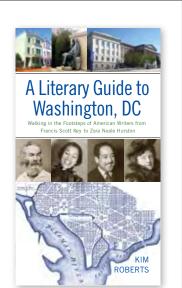


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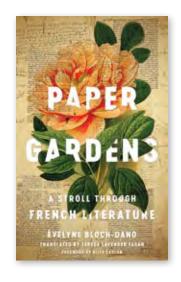
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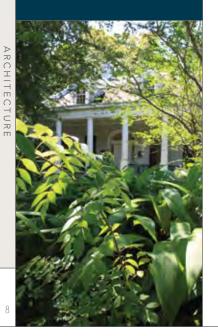


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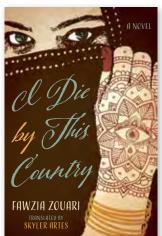




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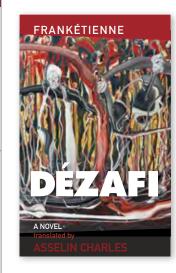
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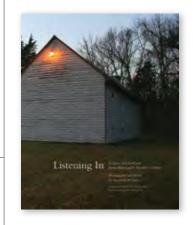
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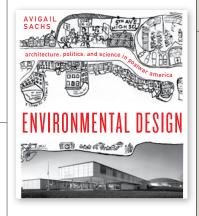
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n the morning of May 24, 1921, a force of eight hundred white policemen and soldiers confronted an African prophet, Enoch Mgijima, and some three thousand of his followers. Called the Israelites. they refused to leave their holy village of Ntabelanga, where they had been gathering since early 1919 to await the end of the world. While the Israelites maintained they were there to pray and worship in peace, the white authorities viewed them as illegally squatting on land that was not theirs. After many months of fruitless negotiations, the South African government sent an armed force to Bulhoek, a village in the Eastern Cape, to expel them. In the event that has come to be known as the Bulhoek massacre, police armed with rifles, machine guns, and cannons killed nearly two hundred Israelites wielding knobkerries, swords, and spears.

In *The Finger of God*, Robert Edgar reveals how and why the Bulhoek massacre occurred. Edgar asks: Why did Mgijima prophesize that the end of the world was imminent, and why did he summon his followers to Ntabelanga? Why did the South African government regard the Israelite encampment as a threat? Examining this clash between a government and a millennial movement, Edgar considers the Bulhoek massacre both as a signal event in South African history and as an example of similar conflicts worldwide.



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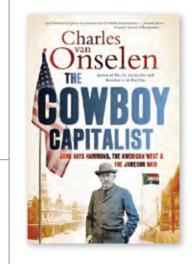
# The Cowboy Capitalist

John Hays Hammond, the American West, and the Jameson Raid in South Africa

"Once again, Charles van Onselen offers us a remarkable book. **The Cowboy** Capitalist is a brilliant contribution to historical scholarship as well as a reminder of van Onselen's master storytelling and riddle solving."—Steven Hahn, New York University, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of A Nation under Our Feet

The Jameson Raid was a pivotal moment in the history of South Africa, linking events from the Anglo-Boer War to the declaration of the Union of South Africa in 1910. For more than a century, the failed revolution has been interpreted through the lens of British imperialism, with responsibility laid at the feet of Cecil Rhodes. Yet, the raid was less a serious attempt to overthrow a Boer government than a wild adventure with transnational roots in American filibustering.

In The Cowboy Capitalist, renowned South African historian Charles van Onselen challenges a historiography of over 120 years, locating the raid in American rather than British history and forcing us to rethink the histories of at least three nations. Through a close look at the little-remembered figure of John Hays Hammond, a confidant of both Rhodes and Jameson, he discovers the American Old West on the South African Highveld. This radical reinterpretation challenges the commonly held belief that the Jameson Raid was quintessentially British and, in doing so, drives splinters into our understanding of events as far forward as South Africa's critical 1948 general election, with which the foundations of Grand Apartheid were laid.



Charles van Onselen. Research Professor at the University of Pretoria, is the author of Showdown at the Red Lion: The Life and Times of Jack McLoughlin, 1859-1910, among other books.

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Inique in its formation and in a citizenry made up largely of repatriated ex-slaves, Liberia has been the scene of a fascinating intercontinental history. *Trans-Atlantic Sojourners* enters this history through the experiences of one Americo-Liberian family. M. Neely Young introduces us to two patriarchs, both former slaves—Othello Richards of Rockbridge County, Virginia, and William Coleman of Fayette and Woodford Counties, Kentucky. From their arrival in the new African republic in the 1850s until the overthrow of Americo-Liberian rule in 1980, the family played a key role in the nation's economic affairs, representing the interests of the interior agriculturalists against the merchant elites of Monrovia, and was prominent as well in Liberia's political and cultural arenas.

Taking the reader up to the violent upheaval of the 1980s, and encompassing the issues of slavery, white and black colonization, the tensions within the Americo-Liberian class, and the Liberian concept of "black republicanism," this family's narrative reflects historical patterns in Liberia and America that still resonate.

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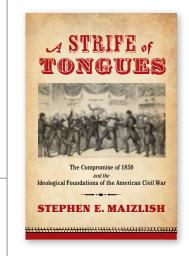
# A Strife of Tongues

The Compromise of 1850 and the Ideological Foundations of the American Civil War

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Compromise of 1850, Abraham Venable warned his fellow congressmen that "words become things." Indeed, in politics—then, as now—rhetoric makes reality. But while the legislative maneuvering, factional alignments, and specific measures of the Compromise of 1850 have been exhaustively studied, much of the language of the debate, where underlying beliefs and assumptions were revealed, has been neglected.

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Grant's willingness—it could never be called eagerness—to take on the presidency was inspired by his conviction that what had been so hard won in the war could not be wasted by "mere trading politicians." His two terms as president included scandal, and some of Grant's initiatives were more well-intentioned than successful, but he addressed a remarkable number of issues, ranging from the reconstruction of the South and the complex political divide that still existed to terrible economic upheaval, peaking with the Panic of 1873. His policies strike the modern observer as farsighted in their empathy with both African Americans and native peoples. Grant's last great act was the intensely focused composition of his memoirs, which became the best seller they were calculated to be and revealed Grant as one of the most eloquent Americans to pick up a pen.



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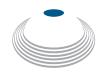
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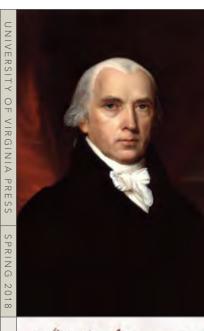
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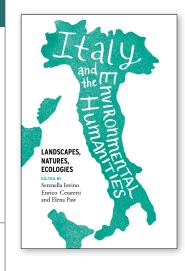
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Ontradictory ideals of egalitarianism and self-reliance haunt America's democratic state. We need look no further than Donald Trump's 2016 presidential campaign and victory for proof that early twentieth-century anxieties about individualism, race, and the foreign or intrusive "other" persist today. In *Stranger America*, Josh Toth tracks and delineates these anxieties in America's aesthetic production, finally locating a potential narrative strategy for circumnavigating them.

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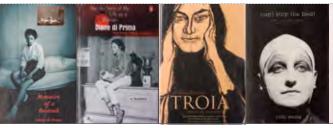
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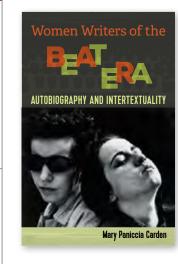
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The Beat Generation was a group of writers who rejected cultural standards, experimented with drugs, and celebrated sexual liberation. Starting in the 1950s with works such as Jack Kerouac's *On the Road*, Allen Ginsberg's *Howl*, and William S. Burroughs's *Naked Lunch*, the Beat Generation defined an experimental zeitgeist that endures to today. Yet left out of this picture are the Beat women, who produced a large body of writing from the 1950s through the 1970s and beyond.

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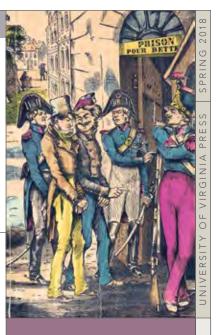
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The most dishonorable act that can dishonor a man." Such is Félix Grandet's unsparing view of bankruptcy, adding that even a highway robber—who at least "risks his own life in attacking you"—is worthier of respect. Indeed, the France of Balzac's day was an unforgiving place for borrowers. Each year, thousands of debtors found themselves arrested for commercial debts. Those who wished to escape debt imprisonment through bankruptcy sacrificed their honor—losing, among other rights, the ability to vote, to serve on a jury, or even to enter the stock market.

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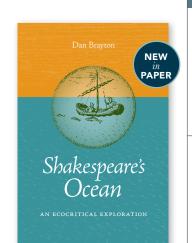
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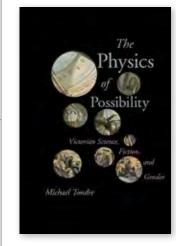
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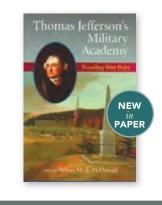
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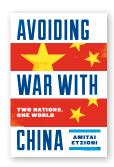
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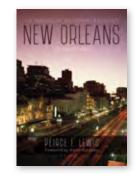
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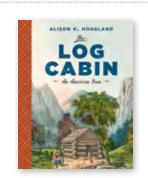
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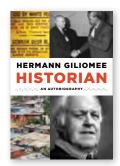


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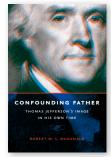
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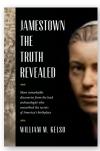
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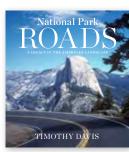
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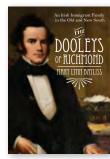
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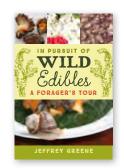
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