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Toward a Composition Made Whole

By Jody Shipka

University of Pittsburgh Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Toward a Composition Made Whole, Jody Shipka, To many academics, composition still represents typewritten texts on 8.5 x 11 pages that follow rote argumentative guidelines. In "Toward a Composition Made Whole," Jody Shipka views composition as an act of communication that can be expressed through any number of media and as a path to meaning-making. Her study offers an in-depth examination of multimodality via the processes, values, structures, and semiotic practices people employ everyday to compose and communicate their thoughts. Shipka counters current associations that equate multimodality only with computer, digitized, or screen-mediated texts, which are often self-limiting. She stretches the boundaries of composition to include a hybridization of aural, visual, and written forms. Shipka analyzes the work of current scholars in multimodality and combines this with recent writing theory to create her own teaching framework. Among her methods, Shipka employs process-oriented reflection and a statement of goals and choices to prepare students to compose using various media in ways that spur their rhetorical and material awareness. They are encouraged to produce unusual text forms while also learning to understand the composition process as a whole. Shipka presents several...



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