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In Christian Origins and Hellenistic Judaism, Stanley E. Porter and Andrew W. Pitts assemble an international team of scholars whose work has focused on reconstructing the social matrix for earliest Christianity through reference to Hellenistic Judaism and its literary forms.

### The World of The Golden Compass

Discover words to surprise, delight, and enamor. Learn terms for the sunlight that filters through the leaves of trees, for dancing awkwardly but with relish, and for the look shared by two people who each wish the other would speak first. Other-Wordly is an irresistible ebook for lovers of words and those lost for words alike.

### Game Play

Presents a history of the late Roman empire and the early church, discussing how Christianity only gradually became an important religion after the political, economic, and cultural crises that overtook Rome in the fourth and fifth centuries.

### Pacifism, Just War, and Tyrannicide

His internal computers are offline, his former employers want him dead and the Men in Black are after him. Without his cyberpowers, Reef is as weak as a lowly Earthling. He's tried to kill every human he's met--so why on Earth would they help him?

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UFOs, Unknown Entities, and High Strangeness in the American Northeast Explore the realm of the unknown with more than three dozen true stories of unexplained phenomena. Join ufologist and paranormal researcher Nomar Slevik as he shares fascinating tales of sightings and abductions centered in the Northeast's UFO hotspots. Discover the truth about lights in the sky and aliens on the ground from firsthand witnesses and experiencers. Otherworldly Encounters includes investigations of UFOs, crop circles, alien abductions, monsters, extraterrestrial biological entities, balls of light, and more. With reports dating back to the 1800s, this is an in-depth guide to phenomena that have puzzled and frightened witnesses for generations. Using the best technological equipment and immersive investigative techniques, Nomar Slevik has collected shocking evidence that is truly out of this world.

### **The University of Chicago Magazine**

"It provides imaginative and thought-provoking coverage of the ways in which religious thought and practice construct understandings of the human body." -- Journal of Asian Studies "Drawing on a remarkably diverse set of studies discussing the major Western religious traditions (including Islam) and East and South Asian traditions, the book challenges easy theorization of 'the body in religion.' an excellent source book for college-level comparative religion courses " -- Bruce Mannheim, University of Michigan " an important study that should be of considerable interest to the general student of the history and phenomenology of religions." -- Muslim World Book Review The first cross-cultural and interdisciplinary survey on the relationship between religious practice and ideology and the human body.

### **Philosophical Temperaments**

The interpretation of the Apocalypse is explored through various methods including historical, literary, and social analysis, in combination with such reading strategies as process, postcolonial, and religion studies perspectives. Shows how diverse methods produce divergent readings of a text. Paperback edition available from the Society of Biblical Literature ([www.sbl-site.org](http://www.sbl-site.org)).

### **Coming Out Christian in the Roman World**

Even a goddess can have a bad day

### **Religious Reflections on the Human Body**

To help students think critically about international relations and politics, Stephen Benedict Dyson examines the fictional but deeply political realities of three television shows: Star Trek, Game of Thrones, and Battlestar Galactica. Deeply familiar with the events, themes, characters, and plot lines of these popular shows, students can easily draw parallels from fictive worlds to contemporary international relations and political scenarios. In Dyson's experience, this engagement is frequently powerful enough to push classroom conversations out into the hallways and onto online discussion boards. In Otherworldly Politics, Dyson

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explains how these shows are plotted to offer alternative histories and future possibilities for humanity. Fascinated by politics and history, science fiction and fantasy screenwriters and showrunners suffuse their scripts with real-world ideas of empire, war, civilization, and culture, lending episodes a compelling intricacy and contemporary resonance. Dyson argues that science fiction and fantasy television creators share a fundamental kinship with great minds in international relations. Creators like Gene Roddenberry, George R. R. Martin, and Ronald D. Moore are world-builders of no lesser creativity, Dyson argues, than theorists such as Woodrow Wilson, Kenneth Waltz, and Alexander Wendt. Each of these thinkers imagines a realm, specifies the rules of its operation, and by so doing seeks to teach us something about ourselves and how we interact with one another. A vital spur to creative thinking for scholars and an accessible introduction for students, this book will also appeal to fans of these three influential shows.

### **Eros, Magic, & the Murder of Professor Culianu**

Describes the other world as seen in dreams and near-death and shamanic experiences, and looks at the nature of matter, space, time, and the mind

### **Eros and Magic in the Renaissance**

Peter Sloterdijk turns his keen eye to the history of western thought, conducting colorful readings of the lives and ideas of the world's most influential intellectuals. Featuring nineteen vignettes rich in personal characterizations and theoretical analysis, Sloterdijk's companionable volume casts the development of philosophical thinking not as a buildup of compelling books and arguments but as a lifelong, intimate struggle with intellectual and spiritual movements, filled with as many pitfalls and derailments as transcendent breakthroughs. Sloterdijk delves into the work and times of Aristotle, Augustine, Bruno, Descartes, Foucault, Fichte, Hegel, Husserl, Kant, Kierkegaard, Leibniz, Marx, Nietzsche, Pascal, Plato, Sartre, Schelling, Schopenhauer, and Wittgenstein. He provocatively juxtaposes Plato against shamanism and Marx against Gnosticism, revealing both the vital external influences shaping these intellectuals' thought and the excitement and wonder generated by the application of their thinking in the real world. The philosophical "temperament" as conceived by Sloterdijk represents the uniquely creative encounter between the mind and a diverse array of cultures. It marks these philosophers' singular achievements and the special dynamic at play in philosophy as a whole. Creston Davis's introduction details Sloterdijk's own temperament, surveying the celebrated thinker's intellectual context, rhetorical style, and philosophical persona.

### **Experiencer: Raised In Two Worlds: A True Account of Otherworldly Experiences**

### **Psychanodia**

Reminding readers of John Dryden's persistent use of occult rhetoric, Jack M. Armistead argues that Dryden's otherworldliness involves more than Christian

apologetics, biblical typology, or intermittent borrowings from the supernatural materials in classical literature. Rather, it manifests throughout his career in occult materials drawn from many traditions, including but going well beyond the standard classical and Christian ones. As Armistead shows, Dryden's practice of juxtaposing pre- and post-scientific treatments of such occult topics as alchemy, astrology, and demonology pervades many of his poems and plays. In its engagement with works such as *The Indian Queen*, *Annus Mirabilis*, *All for Love*, and *Absalom and Achitophel*, among many others, *Otherworldly John Dryden* not only enhances our understanding of Dryden's works, but also tracks the writer's attitudes about Providence and the ability of the poet to perceive a hidden design in earthly events.

## **Ashley Bell**

### **Booklist's Guide to the Year's Best Books**

*Experiencer: Raised in Two Worlds* is a deeply personal non-fiction autobiography by long-time UFO investigator William Konkolesky, reflecting on his multiple childhood experiences of alien abduction. Beginning with a small gray with large black eyes being visiting him in his crib when he was only two years old and steadily increasing in frequency and intensity over the years, Konkolesky's contact experiences left him constantly confused and often terrified. While there are many books that discuss what researchers observe in children abductees, this book is actually what it is like to be one.

### **Handbook of the Sociology of Religion**

A controversial critique of an iconic philosopher. Gilles Deleuze was one of the most influential French philosophers of the last century. Michel Foucault famously suggested that the 20th century would be known as "Deleuzian." His powerful philosophy of desire, difference and "nomadic thought" seemed to hack away at all previous hierarchies in political and philosophical thought, opening a space for radical democratic transformation. Thinkers such as Jameson, Badiou and Negri all acknowledge his work as a profound influence. Peter Hallward's new book challenges the hegemony of Deleuze's work, aiming to go right to the heart of his philosophy. It engages with the central idea that informs virtually all his work: the assertion of an unlimited creative power. Exploring the ways in which Deleuze dissolves anything that might inhibit the expression of this creativity, Hallward accuses Deleuze of being a spiritual and "other-worldly" philosopher, rather than a theorist of material complexity and difference. Hallward argues that the problems of conflict and solidarity are effectively dismissed in Deleuze's work as is the possibility of any political transformation. This powerful and thorough critique shows once and for all that the Deleuzian century is over. If we want to change the future we need to look elsewhere.

### **Otherworldly Encounters**

Science fiction constitutes one of the largest and most widely read genres in

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literature, and this reference provides bibliographical data on some 20,000 science fiction, fantasy, and horror fiction books, as well as nonfiction monographs about the literature. A companion to Reginald's Science Fiction and Fantasy Literature, 1700-1974 (Gale, 1979), the present volume is alphabetically arranged by approximately 10,000 author names. The entry for each individual work includes title, publisher, date and place published, number of pages, hardbound or paperback format, and type of book (novel, anthology, etc.). Where appropriate, entries also provide translation notes, series information, pseudonyms, and remarks on special features (such as celebrity introductions). Includes indexes of titles, series, awards, and "doubles" (for locating volumes containing two novels). Annotation copyright by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR.

### **Science Fiction and Fantasy Literature, 1975-1991**

Investigates the murder of Ioan Culianu, a popular University of Chicago Divinity School Professor who was slain execution-style in May of 1991, the victim--according to the author--of right-wing political operatives in his native Romania. UP.

### **Otherworldly: Folk Horror Revival at the British Museum**

This pioneering study interprets the mythology of dualism from Gnosticism to the medieval Cathars to modern nihilism. Couliano shows that, far from being "historically" transmitted, the underlying connection between all dualistic worldviews is a perennial and immensely appealing mindset.

### **Parabola**

### **The Washington Post Index**

"On a rainy Sunday in October 2016 almost 400 people gathered at The British Museum to be a part of a momentous occasion-- the very first Folk Horror Revival event. The day promised to be a packed and varied one with gallery tours, poetry recitals, films screenings, talks, music, Q&As and maybe a surprise guest or two. The volumed you have in your hand serves to record that day, by offering transcriptions of the talks and the Q&As, photographs of all those who took part and even some artwork produced on the day."--Page 5.

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Featuring a Lieutenant Eve Dallas novella and an Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter novella, this New York Times bestselling anthology of paranormal romance will transport you to a time and a place you've never been before... In J. D. Robb's "Interlude in Death," Lieutenant Eve Dallas is forced to forsake duty to take down a rogue ex-cop at an off-planet police conference—and save the man she loves. In

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Laurell K. Hamilton's "Magic Like Heat Across My Skin," a kidnapping brings vampire hunter Anita Blake and the two men in her life closer than a woman, a vampire, and a werewolf have ever been before. Searching the universe for a missing ship, two telepaths lose themselves in each other—mind, body, and soul in Susan Krinard's "Kinsman." And in Maggie Shayne's "Immortality," a man pulls a drowning woman out of the sea, a centuries-old witch with one last wish to share with him—and one last hope. From the Trade Paperback edition.

### **Lectura Dantis**

This dramatic and sustained response to decades of research into near-death experiences (NDEs) is the first book to credibly bridge the gap between the competing factions of science and spirituality. Neither a religious argument touting NDEs as hard evidence for God, nor a scientific rebuke to religious interpretations, it balances investigation of these much-reported yet baffling phenomena, and brings fresh urgency to the study of our hopes for a life beyond.

### **Critical Review of Books in Religion**

#### **My Favorite Earthling (Mills & Boon M&B)**

Dear Baba Yaga, I think I must crave male attention too much. I fear that, without it, I would feel invisible. BABA YAGA: When you seek others this way, you are invisible nonetheless. Yr shawl is covered in mirrors in which others admire themselves; this is why they greet you so passionately. It is good to be seen, but it is better to see. Find a being to look hard into, & you will see yrself and what is more than you. In age-old Slavic fairy tales, the witch Baba Yaga is sought out by those with a burning need for guidance. In contemporary life, Baba Yaga—a dangerous, slippery oracle—answered earnest questions on The Hairpin for years. These pages collect her most poignant, surreal, and humorous exchanges along with all-new questions and answers for those seeking her mystical advice.

#### **Ask Baba Yaga**

#### **Other-Wordly**

#### **How to Lose an Extraterrestrial in 10 Days (Mills & Boon M&B)**

"Here are amazing yet absolutely true stories of apparitions of lovers seen at their moment of death, jealous lovers who have sought vengeance from beyond the grave, sexual molesters from the other world, warnings and advice from lovers who have passed over, passionate liaisons between psychic mediums and their contacts, seducers from UFOs, and even more extraordinary tales"--P. [4] of cover.

#### **Religion, Spirituality and the Near-Death Experience**

**#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY BOOKPAGE •** The must-read thriller of the year, for readers of dark psychological suspense and modern classics of mystery and adventure *The Girl Who Said No to Death*. Bibi Blair is a fierce, funny, dauntless young woman—whose doctor says she has one year to live. She replies, “We’ll see.” Her sudden recovery astonishes medical science. An enigmatic woman convinces Bibi that she escaped death so that she can save someone else. Someone named Ashley Bell. But save her from what, from whom? And who is Ashley Bell? Where is she? Bibi’s obsession with finding Ashley sends her on the run from threats both mystical and worldly, including a rich and charismatic cult leader with terrifying ambitions. Here is an eloquent, riveting, brilliantly paced story with an exhilarating heroine and a twisting, ingenious plot filled with staggering surprises. Ashley Bell is a new milestone in literary suspense from the long-acclaimed master. Praise for Ashley Bell “A mind-bender filled with satisfying surprises.”—*People* (book of the week) “[With] lyrical writing and compelling characters . . . Koontz stands alone, and this novel is a prime example of literary suspense. . . . One of his best.”—Associated Press “Grabs you on page one and keeps you enthralled with ever widening loops of intrigue, spine-tingling plot twists, absorbing characters and emotional involvement . . . extraordinary.”—*Bookreporter* “Heart-pounding and mind boggling . . . a rarity of a thriller—one that asks big questions about life and destiny while succeeding in creating [an] eerie sense of reality.”—*Shelf Awareness* “Strap in and hold on. . . . When a writer has managed to catch this kind of lightning in a bottle, every reader should experience the full jolt.”—*BookPage*

## **World Literature Today**

### **Otherworldly Affaires**

#### **Christian Origins and Hellenistic Judaism**

It is a widespread prejudice of modern, scientific society that "magic" is merely a ludicrous amalgam of recipes and methods derived from primitive and erroneous notions about nature. *Eros and Magic in the Renaissance* challenges this view, providing an in-depth scholarly explanation of the workings of magic and showing that magic continues to exist in an altered form even today. Renaissance magic, according to Ioan Couliano, was a scientifically plausible attempt to manipulate individuals and groups based on a knowledge of motivations, particularly erotic motivations. Its key principle was that everyone (and in a sense everything) could be influenced by appeal to sexual desire. In addition, the magician relied on a profound knowledge of the art of memory to manipulate the imaginations of his subjects. In these respects, Couliano suggests, magic is the precursor of the modern psychological and sociological sciences, and the magician is the distant ancestor of the psychoanalyst and the advertising and publicity agent. In the course of his study, Couliano examines in detail the ideas of such writers as Giordano Bruno, Marsilio Ficino, and Pico della Mirandola and illuminates many aspects of Renaissance culture, including heresy, medicine, astrology, alchemy, courtly love, the influence of classical mythology, and even the role of fashion in

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clothing. Just as science gives the present age its ruling myth, so magic gave a ruling myth to the Renaissance. Because magic relied upon the use of images, and images were repressed and banned in the Reformation and subsequent history, magic was replaced by exact science and modern technology and eventually forgotten. Couliano's remarkable scholarship helps us to recover much of its original significance and will interest a wide audience in the humanities and social sciences.

### **Absolute Living**

In this lucid exposition, an acclaimed interpreter shows that the book of Revelation is to be read as a unified work of religious poetry aimed at extricating Christians from Roman society, in which they were living quietly and peacefully. Thompson considers connections between John's negative view of society and his social location as a wandering prophet, compares his visionary experience with that of other prophets and seers, especially in Judaism, notes similarities between the depictions of Christ and Satan in Revelation and portraits of heroes and demons in other writings of the time, and emphasizes that John's vision of heaven and the future were intended to infuse everyday Christian life with confidence in the goodness and ultimate triumph of God. "Thompson's commentary on Revelation is written in an engaging literary style and, by presenting perceptive comparisons and contrasts with both Greco-Roman and Jewish literature—canonical and non-canonical—he highlights the distinctive features of this book. He deals effectively with the rhetorical and even the epistemological dimensions, while offering an illuminating and convincing proposal for the structure and thematic development of Revelation. In short, it is a most revealing and insightful analysis of this challenging early Christian writing, as it shows how this book addresses perennial human questions about divine purpose and human destiny." --Howard Clark Kee

### **Reading the Book of Revelation**

The 21st century has seen a board game renaissance. At a time when streaming television finds millions of viewers, video games garner billions of dollars, and social media grows ever more intense, little has been written about the rising popularity of board games. And yet board games are one of our fastest growing hobbies, with sales increasing every year. Today's board games are more than just your average rainy-day mainstay. Once associated solely with geek subcultures, complex and strategic board games are increasingly dominating the playful media environment. The popularity of these complex board games mirrors the rise of more complex cult media products. In *Game Play: Paratextuality in Contemporary Board Games*, Paul Booth examines complex board games based on book, TV, and film franchises, including Doctor Who, The Walking Dead, Lord of the Rings, Star Trek, The Hunger Games and the worlds of H.P. Lovecraft. How does a game represent a cult world? How can narratives cross media platforms? By investigating the relationship between these media products and their board game versions, Booth illustrates the connections between cult media, gameplay, and narrative in a digital media environment.

### **Otherworldly John Dryden**

## **Abingdon New Testament Commentaries: Revelation**

This study addresses the chief critical issues in the interpretation of 3 Baruch including text, genre, setting, function, literary integrity, and original authorship and offers a reading of the document as both a Jewish and a Christian text.

### **The Tree of Gnosis**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer's perplexing and controversial shift from admitted pacifism to tyrannicide has been the source of scholarly and popular inspiration and criticism. How could an admitted Christian pacifist be involved in a plot to assassinate a political figure? Is there a way to understand and explain this phenomenon comprehensive enough to encompass all relevant data? One that takes into account the nuances of Bonhoeffer's theology and all of the elements of his complex historical and personal contexts? This study attempts to offer an explanation by linking Bonhoeffer's political thinking and action with his understanding of the church-world relationship and by evaluating the changes in that thought-action dyad as his life progressed. What emerges is a portrait of a bold and visionary thinker and political agent whose church-world theology, while discontinuous, is consistent enough to be authentic and yet flexible enough to meet the extraordinary challenges presented by Nazism and its intrusion into the churches. Gides suggests that it is actually Bonhoeffer's malleable church-world thinking that ultimately distinguishes him from his theological and ecclesial contemporaries and even from the mass of German church persons and citizenry; it allowed him to confront evil by reaching beyond the constraints of traditional Lutheran thinking.

### **Arc**

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