

Francois De Nome Mysteries Of A Seventeenth Century Neapolitan Painter

"Since 1957, when Martin Davies published *The French School*, an unprecedented amount of research has been undertaken on French seventeenth-century artists. Taking account of this, Humphrey Wine has written afresh on the seventeenth-century paintings in Davies's catalogue; he has also written detailed entries on all subsequent acquisitions in this field. These include, as well as paintings by Claude and Poussin, major pictures such as La Hyre's *Allegory of Grammar*, the Le Nain brothers' *Adoration of the Shepherds* and Le Sueur's *Alexander and his Doctor*."

The treatment of formal features is historical."--Jacket.

Analyzing the literature on art from the Italian Renaissance, *The Spiritual Language of Art* explores the complex relationship between visual art and spirituality by revealing that terms, concepts and metaphors derived from spiritual literature were consistently used to discuss art.

The Inordinate Eye New World Baroque and Latin American Fiction

Since the early days of cinema, there has been an insatiable demand for new product. As the number of movies increased, many began to resemble each other and fall into certain types of genres. Critics, filmmakers, and audiences have classified films into groupings for critical appraisal, easy identification of the subject, or a quick clue to the film's nature. From abstract through erotic, from new Chinese cinema or zombie films, 775 genres are included in this comprehensive reference work. Each entry includes a brief description of the category, the subgenres or related types of films, and a list of movies that best exemplify the genre, showing original title or titles, nationality (73 countries are represented), year of production, additional titles (working title, re-release title, translation, etc.) and director or filmmaker.

Large Format for easy reading. a collection of both detective, occultism and magic short stories and articles. Arthur Train, David P. Abbott, Andrew Lang, M. Robert-Houdin and Hereward Carrington contribute.

This in-depth look at Latin American art explores the complexity of the contemporary aesthetic and cultural milieu in this vast and diverse region of the world, focusing on a critical re-reading of the Baroque in Latin America and its curious function as an important cultural metaphor. The diversity of artists represented--hailing from South America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the United States--serves to critique and recuperate this concept of the Baroque that has become increasingly clichéd and misunderstood. With art by Ruben Ortiz Torres, Miguel Calderon, Rochelle Costi, Arturo Duclos, Carlos Garaica, Meyer Vaisman, Yishai Jusidman, Iigo Manglano-Ovalle, La Menna Barreto and Franco Mondini Ruiz among many others, *Ultrabaroque* proposes a fresh angle on Latin American art.

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Although readers of detective fiction ordinarily expect to learn the mystery's solution at the end, there is another kind of detective story—the history of which encompasses writers as diverse as Poe, Borges, Robbe-Grillet, Auster, and Stephen King—that ends with a question rather than an answer. The detective not only fails to solve the crime, but also confronts insoluble mysteries of interpretation and identity. As the contributors to *Detecting Texts* contend, such stories belong to a distinct genre, the "metaphysical detective story," in which the detective hero's inability to interpret the mystery inevitably casts doubt on the reader's similar attempt to make sense of the text and the world.

Detecting Texts includes an introduction by the editors that defines the metaphysical detective story and traces its history from Poe's classic tales to today's postmodernist experiments. In addition to the editors, contributors include Stephen Bernstein, Joel Black, John T. Irwin, Jeffrey T. Nealon, and others.

This volume contains the proceedings of the Italia Judaica Jubilee Conference, held at Tel Aviv University 3-5 January, 2010, on the occasion of the jubilee celebration of outstanding scholarship on the history of Italian Jewry.

How the Ray Gun Got Its Zap is a collection of essays that discusses odd and unusual topics in optics. Though optics is a fairly specialized branch of physics, this book extracts from the discipline topics that are particularly interesting, mysterious, culturally relevant, or accessible.

The essays all first appeared, in abbreviated form, in *Optics and Photonics News* and in *The Spectrograph*; the author has updated and expanded upon each of them for this book. The book is divided into three thematic sections: History, Weird Science, and Pop Culture.

Chapters will discuss surprising uses of optics in classics and early astronomy; explain why we think of the sun as yellow when it is actually white; present how the laser is used in popular film; and profile the eccentric scientists who contributed to optics. The essays are short and entertaining, and can be read in any order. The book should appeal to general audiences interested in optics or physics more generally, as well as members of the scientific community who are curious about optics phenomena.

Uniting thirty years of authoritative scholarship by a master of textual detail, *Machiavelli's Virtue* is a comprehensive statement on the founder of modern politics. Harvey Mansfield reveals the role of sects in Machiavelli's politics, his advice on how to rule indirectly, and the ultimately partisan character of his project, and shows him to be the founder of such modern and diverse institutions as the impersonal state and the energetic executive. Accessible and elegant, this groundbreaking interpretation explains the puzzles and reveals the ambition of Machiavelli's thought. "The book brings together essays that have mapped [Mansfield's] paths of reflection over the past thirty years. . . . The ground, one would think, is ancient and familiar, but Mansfield manages to draw out some understandings, or recognitions, jarringly new."—Hadley Arkes, *New Criterion* "Mansfield's book more than rewards the close reading it demands."—Colin Walters, *Washington Times* "[A] masterly new book on the Renaissance courtier, statesman and political philosopher. . . . Mansfield seeks to rescue Machiavelli from liberalism's anodyne rehabilitation."—Roger Kimball, *The Wall Street Journal*

Emanating from a colloquium held at Louisiana State University entitled "Intertextuality and Civilization in the Americas," this volume features some of the best minds now writing in comparative and interdisciplinary fields. Through lively discussions of topics ranging from Sigmund Freud to Zora Neale Hurston, from Christopher Columbus to the Holocaust, and including latter-day cultural icons such as Monty Python and the Holy Grail, the contributors create a stimulating dialogue on the crucial role of the poetic imagination in shaping the identity of civilizations. Addressing themes such as the Moses story in modern literature, the relation between power and cultural encounter, the first African-American novel, and the foundations of Latin American literature and the New World baroque, the contributors link multiculturalism with intertextuality, crossing disciplinary, national, linguistic, and hemispheric boundaries. The volume closes with Jefferson Humphries' deft translation of a poem by Edouard Glissant, a featured speaker at the conference whose writings bear a special relation to the subject of intertextuality. Together, the essays offer a full consideration of cultural identity and bring to the fore the difficult question of the larger responsibilities that identity entails. As Bainard Cowan illustrates in his perceptive introduction, in both the past and the future of the Americas, in moments of foundation as well as of conflict and dispersal, there has been or will be present the recurrent need for mythic and poetic understanding. An unusually timely work, *Poetics of the Americas* skillfully addresses the crises that the world faces in the confrontations of cultures, traditions, and peoples.

The Inordinate Eye traces the relations of Latin American painting, sculpture, architecture, and literature—the stories they tell each other and the ways in which their creators saw the world and their place in it. Moving from pre-Columbian codices and sculpture through New World Baroque art and architecture to Neobaroque theory and contemporary Latin American fiction, Lois Parkinson Zamora argues for an integrated understanding of visual and verbal forms. The *New World Baroque* combines indigenous, African, and European forms of expression, and, in the early decades of the twentieth century, Latin American writers began to recuperate its visual structures to construct an alternative account of modernity, using its hybrid forms for the purpose of creating a discourse of "counterconquest"—a postcolonial self-definition aimed at disrupting entrenched power structures, perceptual categories, and literary forms. Zamora engages this process, discussing a wide range of

visual forms—Baroque façades and altarpieces, portraits of saints and martyrs (including the self-portraits of Frida Kahlo), murals from indigenous artisans to Diego Rivera—to elucidate works of fiction by Borges, Carpentier, Lezama Lima, Sarduy, Garro, García Márquez, and Galeano, and also to establish a critical perspective external to their work. Because visual media are “other” to the verbal economy of modern fiction, they serve these writers (and their readers) as oblique means by which to position their fiction culturally, politically, and aesthetically. The first study of its kind in scope and ambition, *The Inordinate Eye* departs radically from most studies of literature by demonstrating how transcultural conceptions of the visual image have conditioned present ways of seeing and reading in Latin America. WARNING: This is not the actual book *Looking for Alaska* by John Green. Do not buy this reading Sidekick if you are looking for a full copy of this great book. Use this expert sidekick to dissect these themes in *Looking for Alaska*, while enjoying a detailed analysis of each chapter of the book. If that wasn't enough, we close with potential questions and responses to help you get the conversation started with co-workers, friends, or fellow book club members. This newly discovered gem from the past (2005) has become a must-read, thanks in no small part to the success of Green's 2012 masterpiece: *The Fault in Our Stars*. As many Green fans have already discovered, our sidekick is the ultimate go-to source for understanding the complexities of John Green's tales of teen angst and tragedy. *Looking for Alaska* tells the story of Miles Halter, a 16-year-old with a nondescript life who is seeking a "Great Perhaps." In his quest, he finds himself at the Culver Creek Boarding School, where his past life of boredom and safety takes a back seat to adventure and sexual experimentation. His trek to the other side of the tracks takes him only a few steps, as he meets Alaska Young just down the hall at school. She is sexy, funny, and everything else that makes teenage boys drool. She is also a self-destructive sort, headed toward the "After" portion of *Looking for Alaska*, where everything comes crashing down. As our sidekick details, the themes of life and death weave their way through the novel, drawing the characters closer together while preparing them for something that will rip them apart.

This is the third of four volumes which trace the history of the later Crusades and papal relations with the Levant from the accession of Innocent III (in 1198) to the reign of Pius V and the battle of Lepanto (1566-1571). From the mid-fourteenth century to the conclusion of his work, the author has drawn heavily upon unpublished materials, collected in the course of more than twenty "palaeographical journeys" to the Archivio Segreto Vaticano and the Archivi di Stato in Venice, Mantua, Modena, Milan, Siena, Florence, and the Archives of the Order of the Hospitallers at Malta. Volumes 1, II, and IV are available at www.amphilsoc.org.

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