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the extraordinary prescient new york times bestselling novel if there is one thing scarier than a dystopian novel about the future it s one written in the past that has already begun to come true this is what makes parable of the sower even more impressive than it was when first published gloria steinem unnervingly prescient and wise yaa gyasi we are coming apart we re a rope breaking a single strand at a time america is a place of chaos where violence rules and only the rich and powerful are safe lauren olamina a young woman with the extraordinary power to feel the pain of others as her own records everything she sees of this broken world in her journal then one terrible night everything alters beyond recognition and lauren must make her voice heard for the sake of those she loves soon her vision becomes reality and her dreams of a better way to live gain the power to change humanity forever praise for octavia e butler the new york times bestselling author in the ongoing contest over which dystopian classic is most applicable to our time for sheer peculiar prescience butler s novel may be unmatched new yorker butler s prose always pared back to the bone delineates the painful paradoxes of metamorphosis with compelling precision guardian octavia butler was a visionary viola davis one of the most significant literary artists of the twentieth century one cannot exaggerate the impact she has had junot diaz an icon of the afrofuturism world envisioning literary realms that placed black characters front and center vanity fair butler writes with such a familiarity that the alien is welcome and intriguing she really artfully exposes our human impulse to self destruct lupita nyong o

in care at the end of the world jina b kim develops what she calls crip of color critique bringing a disability lens to bear on feminist and queer of color literature in the aftermath of 1996 us welfare reform and the subsequent evisceration of social safety nets she examines literature by contemporary feminist queer and disabled writers of color such as jesmyn ward octavia butler karen tei yamashita samuel delany and aurora levins morales who each bring disability and dependency to the forefront of their literary freedom dreaming kim shows that in their writing liberation does not take the shape of the unfettered individual or hinge on achieving independence instead liberation emerges by recuperating dependency cultivating radical interdependency and recognizing the numerous support systems upon which survival depends at the same time kim demonstrates how theories and narratives of disability can intervene into state authored myths of resource parasitism such as the welfare queen in so doing she highlights the alternate structures of care these writers envision and their dreams of life organized around reciprocity and mutual support duke university press scholars of color first book award

surveying the relationship between american politics and the twentieth century novel this volume analyzes how political movements ideas and events shaped the american novel it also shows how those political phenomena were shaped in turn by long form prose fiction the book is made up of three major sections the first section considers philosophical ideologies and broad political movements that were both politically and literarily significant in the twentieth century united states including progressive liberalism conservatism socialism and communism feminism and black liberation movements the second section analyzes the evolving political valences of key popular genres and literary forms in the twentieth century american novel focusing on crime fiction science fiction postmodern metafiction and immigrant fiction the third section examines ten diverse politically minded novels that serve as exemplary case studies across the century combining detailed literary analysis with innovative political theory this companion provides a groundbreaking study of the politics of twentieth century american fiction

in refusing to be made whole disability in black women s writing author anna laquawn hinton examines how contemporary black women writers present becoming disabled as a traumatic and violent experience of black womanhood nevertheless black women

embrace disabled black womanhood by turning to africanist spiritual understandings of wholeness which view debilitating injury and illness as not only physical but also spiritual not just an individual problem but a symptom of discord in the community black women use these belief systems to reimagine healing in ways that make space for a variety of bodymindspirits hinton maintains that this is not only a major theme in contemporary black women s writing but that it also shapes the formal elements characteristic of the black women s literary tradition refusing to be made whole analyzes texts published after the civil rights movements of the 1950s and 1960s focusing particularly on the late 1970s onward when black women s writing flourished through the lens of writings by authors such as toni cade bambara gayl jones gloria naylor ntozake shange audre lorde alice walker toni morrison octavia butler sapphire and sarah e wright hinton addresses prominent critical discourses within black feminist literary studies hinton approaches the intersections of africanist spirituality race gender class and disability conversations about representation community motherhood and sexuality through a black feminist disability studies framework refusing to be made whole embraces the complex and multifaceted nature of black women s writing arguing that through this collision of race gender and spirituality black women writers speak healing and wellness into their readers lives and their own

caught as we are in a grave climate crisis that seems more irreversible with every passing year our literary portrayals of the future often feature the dystopian collapse of the world as we know it science fiction explores how we got here while pointing toward a more hopeful path forward from an ecofeminist perspective a core cause of our current ecological catastrophe is the patriarchal domination of nature playing out in parallel with the oppression of women as an alternative to dystopian futures that seem increasingly inevitable ecofeminist science fiction helps us conjure utopias that promote environmental sustainability based on more egalitarian human relationships dystopias and utopias on earth and beyond feminist ecocriticism of science fiction explores the fictional worlds of such canonical novelists as margaret atwood octavia butler ursula k le guin doris lessing and joan slonczewski as well as those of lesser known science fiction writers as they collectively probe humanity s greatest existential threats contributors from five continents provide compelling analyses of far future dystopias on earth that are all too easy to imagine becoming reality if humankind s current trajectory continues as well as provocative insights into science fiction utopias set on idyllic planets orbiting distant stars which offer liberatory alternatives that might someday be actualized in the real world by examining the links between the destruction of the environment and the domination of women dystopias and utopias on earth and beyond provides the tools to counteract those intertwined oppressions helping create a foundation for a truly habitable world

a breathtaking achievement this concise companion is a suitable crown to the astonishing production in african american literature and criticism that has swept over american literary studies in the last two decades it offers an enormous range of writers from sojourner truth to frederick douglass from zora neale hurston to ralph ellison and from toni morrison to august wilson it contains entries on major works including synopses of novels such as harriet jacobs s incidents in the life of a slave girl richard wright s native son and lorraine hansberry s a raisin in the sun it also incorporates information on literary characters such as bigger thomas coffin ed johnson kunta kinte sula peace as well as on character types such as aunt jemima brer rabbit john henry stackolee and the trickster icons of black culture are addressed including vivid details about the lives of muhammad ali john coltrane marcus garvey jackie robinson john brown and harriet tubman here too are general articles on poetry fiction and drama on autobiography slave narratives sunday school literature and oratory as well as on a wide spectrum of related topics compact yet thorough this handy volume gathers works from a vast array of sources from the black periodical press to women s clubs making it one of the most substantial guides available on the growing exciting world of african american literature

we don t need books about teaching so much as books that teach considering jesus himself taught in a variety of ways parable discussion miracle performance ritual observance it seems that there can be no single definitive christian method of teaching how then should christian teaching happen especially in this time of significant change to theological education as an institution mark jordan addresses this question by first allowing various depictions and instances of christian teaching from literature to speak for themselves before meditating on what these illustrative examples might mean for christian pedagogy each textual scene he shares is juxtaposed with a contrasting scene to capture the pluralistic possibilities in the art of teaching a faith that is so often rooted in paradox he exemplifies forms of teaching that operate beyond the boundaries of scholarly books and discursive lectures to disrupt the normative western academic approach of treating theology as a body of knowledge to be transmitted merely through language transforming fire consults writers ranging from gregory of nyssa to c s lewis and from john bunyan to octavia butler cutting across historical distance and boundaries of identity rather than offering solutions or systems jordan seeks in these texts new shelters for theological education where powerful teaching can happen and even as traditional institutions shrink or vanish the hearts of students can catch fire once again

this book analyzes eco punk a literary subgenre at the intersection of post cyberpunk and environmentalism it illuminates how contemporary literature addresses the pressing issues of ecological crisis and technological advancements the book presents a thorough dissection of eco punk literature revealing how narratives in this genre uniquely combine futuristic technological landscapes with pressing environmental concerns it delves into the portrayal of a world where technological progress is inextricably linked with ecological considerations examining how these narratives critique and reimagine the future of our planet this work is distinguished by its interdisciplinary approach weaving together insights from literary theory ecocriticism and technology studies the analysis transcends cultural boundaries incorporating a global perspective that enriches the understanding of eco punk s thematic diversity

the canon of postwar american fiction has changed over the past few decades to include far more writers of color it would appear that we are making progress recovering marginalized voices and including those who were for far too long ignored however is this

celebratory narrative borne out in the data richard jean so draws on big data literary history and close readings to offer an unprecedented analysis of racial inequality in american publishing that reveals the persistence of an extreme bias toward white authors in fact a defining feature of the publishing industry is its vast whiteness which has denied nonwhite authors especially black writers the coveted resources of publishing reviews prizes and sales with profound effects on the language form and content of the postwar novel rather than seeing the postwar period as the era of multiculturalism so argues that we should understand it as the invention of a new form of racial inequality one that continues to shape the arts and literature today interweaving data analysis of large scale patterns with a consideration of toni morrison s career as an editor at random house and readings of individual works by octavia butler henry dumas amy tan and others so develops a form of criticism that brings together qualitative and quantitative approaches to the study of literature a vital and provocative work for american literary studies critical race studies and the digital humanities redlining culture shows the importance of data and computational methods for understanding and challenging racial inequality

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what is the future of the american west this book look at works of utopian dystopian and apocalyptic science fiction to show how narratives of the past and future powerfully shape our understanding of the present day west

neue perspektiven und aufschlussreiche erörterungen der zeitgenössischen amerikanischen belletristik mit der encyclopedia of contemporary american fiction 1980 2020 präsentiert ein team renommierter geisteswissenschaftler eine umfassende zielgerichtete sammlung von beiträgen zu einigen der bedeutendsten und einflussreichsten autoren und literarischen themen der letzten vier jahrzehnte in aktuellen beiträgen bekannter und neuer autoren werden so unterschiedliche themen wie multikulturalismus zeitgenössische regionalismen realismus nach dem poststrukturalismus indigene erzählungen globalismus und big data im kontext der amerikanischen belletristik der letzten 40 jahre betrachtet die enzyklopädie bietet einen Überblick über die amerikanische belletristik zur jahrtausendwende sowie einen ausblick auf die zukunft in diesem werk findet sich eine ausgewogene Mischung aus analyse zusammenfassung und kritik für eine erhellende betrachtung der enthaltenen themen außerdem enthält das werk eine spannende Mischung von beiträgen bekannter und aufstrebender autoren aus aller welt in denen zentrale aktuelle themen der amerikanischen belletristik diskutiert werden eine gezielte kritische betrachtung von autoren und themen die für die amerikanische belletristik von wesentlicher bedeutung sind themen in denen sich die energie und die tendenzen in der zeitgenössischen amerikanischen belletristik in den vierzig jahren zwischen 1980 und 2020 widerspiegeln die encyclopedia of contemporary american fiction 1980 2020 ist ein unverzichtbares nachschlagewerk für studierende und doktoranden in den bereichen amerikanische literatur englisch kreatives schreiben und belletristik darüber hinaus darf das werk in den bibliotheken von geisteswissenschaftlern nicht fehlen die nach einer maßgeblichen sammlung von beiträgen bekannter und neuerer autoren der zeitgenössischen belletristik suchen

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afro future females black writers chart science fiction s newest new wave trajectory edited by marleen s barr is the first combined science fiction critical anthology and short story collection to focus upon black women via written and visual texts the volume creates a dialogue with existing theories of afro futurism in order to generate fresh ideas about how to apply race to science fiction studies in terms of gender the contributors including hortense spillers samuel r delany octavia e butler and steven barnes formulate a woman centered afro futurism by repositioning previously excluded fiction to redefine science fiction as a broader fantastic endeavor they articulate a platform for scholars to mount a vigorous argument in favor of redefining science fiction to encompass varieties of fantastic writing and therefore to include a range of black women s writing that would otherwise be excluded afro future females builds upon barr s previous work in black science fiction and fills a gap in the literature it is the first critical anthology to address the blackness of outer space fiction in terms of feminism emphasizing that it is necessary to revise the very nature of a genre that has been constructed in such a way as to exclude its new black participants black science fiction writers alter genre conventions to change how we read and define science fiction itself the work s main point black science fiction is the most exciting literature of the nascent twenty first century

2021 hugo award winner for best graphic story or comic the follow up to 1 new york times bestseller kindred a graphic novel adaptation comes octavia e butler s groundbreaking dystopian novel in this graphic novel adaptation of octavia e butler s parable of the sower by damian duffy and john jennings the award winning team behind kindred a graphic novel adaptation the author

portrays a searing vision of america s future in the year 2024 the country is marred by unattended environmental and economic crises that lead to social chaos lauren olamina a preacher s daughter living in los angeles is protected from danger by the walls of her gated community however in a night of fire and death what begins as a fight for survival soon leads to something much more a startling vision of human destiny and the birth of a new faith

seminar paper from the year 2020 in the subject english language and literature studies literature grade 1 o university of osnabr ck language english abstract this paper will argue that in parable of the sower by octavia butler creates utopian hope by realistically building a dystopian vision which immanently criticises the present for reasons of brevity this will be elucidated mainly using the example of capitalism while an abundance of other issues taken up by the novel like climate change democracy racism or violence would certainly serve as productive foci of analysis as well capitalism will be the centre of attention because it is at the core of the apocalyptic circumstances portrayed in the novel it also constitutes an intersection with most of the other issues named above making capitalism a suitable starting point firstly a short overview will be given on contemporary interpretations of the state of utopia pointing out capitalism as a main factor in the changing of utopianism among others krishan kumar s the ends of utopia jerry phillips s utopia and catastrophe in octavia butler s parable of the sower and darko suvin s metamorphoses of science fiction will be consulted realism cognition and estrangement will be pointed out as main tools of offering immanent critique and in extension utopian hope secondly the production of immanent critique in parable of the sower will be analysed with the help of mathias nilges s paper on the realism of speculation mike davis s city of quartz will serve to illustrate the realism in butler s vision of future los angeles the second example will examine the company town olivar briefly consulting rottinghaus pluretti s and sutko s discursive paper the end of material scarcity the effectiveness of this immanent critique will be discussed lastly this paper will seek to show how immanent critique allows for the creation of utopian hope pointing towards the transformative value of utopian literature presented in carl freedman s critical theory and science fiction this paper will because of its limited length not be able to further investigate critiques of capitalism in any other context than that of butler s novel also it will not be analysing the portrayal of capitalism as essentially nostalgic and conservative making it the opposite of the utopian vision of adaptation and progress that it is contrasted with this paper will not delve deeper into other interesting aspects of the generation of utopian hope like narration

abbott offers a fruitful new way to read science fiction one that also greatly enriches our understanding of western history and its impact on our collective imagination detailing the overlap of science fiction and western fiction especially relating to their mutual interest in and concerns about frontier expansionism he reveals an unsuspected common ground that informs the writings of both camps reviewing the work of many hugo and nebula award winners as well as drawing upon popular film and television series like the buck rogers serials abbott s study journeys across the far reaches of science fiction s universe

parable of the sower is the butlerian odyssey of one woman who is twice as feeling in a world that has become doubly dehumanized the time is 2025 the place is california where small walled communities must protect themselves from hordes of desperate scavengers and roaming bands of people addicted to a drug that activates an orgasmic desire to burn rape and murder when one small community is overrun lauren olamina an 18 year old black woman with the hereditary train of hyperempathy which causes her to feel others pain as her own sets off on foot along the dangerous coastal highways moving north into the unknown

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