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**Making It Like a Man** Christine Ramsay, 2011-10-07 *Making It Like a Man* Canadian Masculinities in Practice is a collection of essays on the practice of masculinities in Canadian arts and cultures where to make it like a man is to participate in the cultural sociological and historical fluidity of ways of being a man in Canada from the country s origins in nineteenth century Victorian values to its immersion in the contemporary post modern landscape The book focuses on the ways Canadian masculinities have been performed and represented through five broad themes colonialism nationalism and transnationalism emotion and affect ethnic and minority identities capitalist and domestic politics and the question of men s relationships with themselves and others Chapters include studies of well known and more obscure figures in the Canadian arts and culture scenes such as visual artist Attila Richard Lukacs writers Douglas Coupland Barbara Gowdy Simon Chaput Thomas King and James De Mille filmmakers Clement Virgo Norma Bailey John N Smith and Frank Cole as well as familiar and not so familiar tokens of Canadian masculinity such as the hockey hero the gangsta rapper the immigrant farmer and the drag king *Making It Like a Man* is the first book of its kind to explore and critique historical and contemporary masculinities in Canada with a special focus on artistic and cultural production and representation It is concerned with mapping some of the uniquely Canadian places and spaces in the international field of masculinity studies and will be of interest to academic and culturally informed audiences

*Imagining Resistance* J. Keri Cronin, Kirsty Robertson, 2011-09-23 *Imagining Resistance* Visual Culture and Activism in Canada offers two separate but

interconnected strategies for reading alternative culture in Canada from the 1940s through to the present first a history of radical artistic practice in Canada and second a collection of eleven essays that focus on a range of institutions artists events and actions The history of radical practice is spread through the book in a series of short interventions ranging from the Refus global to anarchist inspired art and from Aboriginal curatorial interventions to culture jamming In each the historical record is mined to rewrite and reverse Canadian art history reworked here to illuminate the series of oppositional artistic endeavours that are often mentioned in discussions of Canadian art but rarely acknowledged as having an alternative history of their own Alongside authors consider case studies as diverse as the anti war work done by John Lennon and Yoko Ono in Montreal and Toronto recent exhibitions of activist art in Canadian institutions radical films performance art protests against the Olympics interventions into anti immigrant sentiment in Montreal and work by Iroquois photographer Jeff Thomas Taken together the writings in *Imagining Resistance* touch on the local the global the national and post national to imagine a very different landscape of cultural practice in Canada

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of the myriad forms of popular culture in the Niagara region of Canada. Essays consider common assumptions and definitions of what popular culture is and seek to determine whether broad theories of popular culture can explain or make sense of localized instances of popular culture and the cultural experiences of people in their daily lives. Among the many topics covered are local bicycle parades and war memorials, cooking and wine culture, radio and movie-going, music stores and music scenes, tourist sites and blackface minstrel shows. The authors approach their subjects from a variety of critical and historical perspectives and employ a range of methodologies that includes cultural studies, textual analysis, archival research and participant interviews. Altogether *Covering Niagara* provides a richly diverse mapping of the popular culture of a particular area of Canada and demonstrates the complexities of everyday culture.

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*Auto biography in Canada* Critical Directions widens the field of auto biography studies with its sophisticated multidisciplinary perspectives on the theory, criticism and practice of self, community and representation. Rather than considering autobiography and biography as discrete genres with definable properties and rather than focusing on critical approaches, the essays explore auto biography as a discourse about identity and representation in the context of numerous disciplinary shifts. *Auto biography in Canada* looks at how life narratives are made in Canada. Originating from literary studies, history and social work, the essays in this collection cover topics that range from queer Canadian autobiography, autobiography and autism, and newspaper death notices as biography to Canadian autobiography and the Holocaust, *Grey Owl* and authenticity, *France Thoret* and autofiction, and a new reading of *Stolen Life*, the collaborative text by Yvonne Johnson and Rudy Wiebe. Julie Rak's useful big picture introduction traces the history of auto biography studies in Canada. While the contributors chart disciplinary shifts taking place in auto biography studies, their essays are also part of the ongoing scholarship that is remaking ways to understand Canada.

**Making Crime Television** Anita Lam, 2013-10-15

This book employs actor network theory in order to examine how representations of crime are produced for contemporary prime time television dramas. As a unique examination of the production of contemporary crime television dramas, particularly their writing process, *Making Crime Television: Producing Entertaining Representations of Crime for Television Broadcast* examines not only the semiotic relations between ideas about crime but the material conditions under which those meanings are formulated. Using ethnographic and interview data, Anita Lam considers how textual representations of crime are assembled by various people, including writers, directors, technical consultants and network executives, technologies, screenwriting software and whiteboards, and texts, newspaper articles and rival crime dramas. The emerging analysis does not project but instead concretely examines what and how television writers and producers know about crime, law and policing. An adequate understanding of the representation of crime, it is maintained, cannot be limited to a content analysis that treats the representation as a final product. Rather, a television representation of crime must be seen as the result of a particular assemblage of logics, people, creative ideas, commercial interests, legal requirements and broadcasting networks. A fascinating

investigation into the relationship between television production crime and the law this book is an accessible and well researched resource for students and scholars of Law Media and Criminology      *Performance Studies in Canada* Laura Levin, Marlis Schweitzer, 2017-06-01 Since its inception as an institutionalized discipline in the United States during the 1980s performance studies has focused on the interdisciplinary analysis of a broad spectrum of cultural behaviours including theatre dance folklore popular entertainments performance art protests cultural rituals and the performance of self in everyday life *Performance Studies in Canada* brings together a diverse group of scholars to explore the national emergence of performance studies as a field in Canada To date no systematic attempts has been made to consider how this methodology is being taught applied and rethought in Canadian contexts and Canadian performance studies scholarship remains largely unacknowledged within international discussions about the discipline This collection fills this gap by identifying multiple origins of performance studies scholarship in the country and highlighting significant works of performance theory and history that are rooted in Canadian culture Essays illustrate how specific institutional conditions and cultural investments Indigenous francophone multicultural and more produce alternative articulations of performance and reveal national identity as a performative construct A state of the art work on the state of the field *Performance Studies in Canada* foregrounds national and global performance knowledge to invigorate the discipline around the world      Looking Back and Living Forward Jennifer Markides, Laura Forsythe, 2018-04-16 *Looking Back and Living Forward* Indigenous Research Rising Up brings together research from a diverse group of scholars from a variety of disciplines The work shared in this book is done by and with Indigenous peoples from across Canada and around the world Together the collaborators voices resonate with urgency and insights towards resistance and resurgence The various chapters address historical legacies environmental concerns community needs wisdom teachings legal issues personal journeys educational implications and more In these offerings the contributors share the findings from their literature surveys document analyses community based projects self studies and work with knowledge keepers and elders The scholarship draws on the teachings of the past experiences of the present and will undoubtedly inform research to come      **Fashion and Its Multi-Cultural Facets** Patricia Hunt-Hurst, Sabrina Ramsamy-Iranah, 2019-01-04 This volume was first published by Inter Disciplinary Press in 2014 Fashion is multi faceted in its inclusion of people places and products How people dress and adorn themselves reflect their space their time and their innovators This collection of essays reflects the changing world of fashion from historic topics of change to new fashion places to new media outlets for fashion communication and to critical issues related to comfort ethics and innovation The authors examine familiar names of fashion like Coco Chanel and Tim Walker and introduce us to new names like Ann Lowe Tommaso Cecchi De Rossi and Warwick Freeman The contributors to this collection represent a variety of places Africa Asia Australia Europe and North America and share their observations studies and experiences from the perspective of their cultural backgrounds and disciplines      *Going Top Shelf* Michael P. J. Kennedy, 2005 *Going Top Shelf*

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**The Oxford Handbook of Canadian Literature** Cynthia Conchita Sugars, 2016. *The Oxford Handbook of Canadian Literature* provides a broad-ranging introduction to some of the key critical fields, genres, and periods in Canadian literary studies. The essays in this volume, written by prominent theorists in the field, reflect the plurality of critical perspectives, regional and historical specializations, and theoretical positions that constitute the field of Canadian literary criticism across a range of genres and historical periods. The volume provides a dynamic introduction to current areas of critical interest, including:

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