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Book, explores the theme of change in hitherto unimagined manifestations—from the everyday to the mysterious to the miraculous. These eight dozen "metamorphoses" are widely funny, profound, and—like change itself—always surprising. With rare originality and breadth, Webb draws upon Egyptian mythology, molecular biology, classical poetry, contemporary pop culture, literary theory, Eastern mysticism, and science fiction, composing them into an offbeat fugue on the theme of transformation. "Metamorphosis No. 39" resurrects the ancient Egyptian gods, Set, Toth, and Osiris, who return to America to mastermind a plot to alter contemporary consciousness. Their scheme includes the broadcast of subliminal archetypal images during returns of "I Love Lucy." In a later metamorphosis, another ancient god—Dionysius—returns to modern day Atlantic City to recruit winos for a new band of satyrs. Ancient gods are not the only agents of change. Metamorphosis also spreads to the White House in an episode describing the clandestine life of the president's drug supplier—who risks death to satisfy the chief executive's taste for organic hallucinogens. A hilarious New Age western saga unfolds in "Metamorphosis No.5" W.B. Porter, the "Last of the Singing Cowboys"—a hero with a degree in chemical engineering and a proficiency on the sitar—foils the Uzi-toting Mendoza gang—"tough hombres schooled in the Fourteen Mysteries of Toltec Sorcery"—in their attempt to pull a heist on a condo construction project. This theme of transformation extends even to the farming narrative of UOEB itself, which at one point unexpectedly becomes the diary of an Englishwoman who is held captive in a potting shed by a maniacal pastor. These variations on a theme are sometimes hilarious, sometimes cryptic, sometimes curiously moving—and always disturbingly provocative. With his hat off to Ovid, Don Webb pulls together high-spirited wit, eclecticism, and sheer inventiveness to make Uncle Ovid's Exercise Book a richly comic,

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absorbing, and singular work of a new order.

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fragments and figures central to the period film as an international genre. Three key figures - the house, the tableau and the letter - structure a critical journey through a selection of detailed case studies, in relation to changing notions of visual style, melodrama, and gender. This seeks to place this popular but often undervalued genre in a new light and to rethink its significance in the context of key debates in film studies."--Publisher's website.

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The good, the bad, the ugly.

Boarding an ocean liner with her boyfriend Derek, Beth comes face-to-face with her past in the form of Arthur, an ex-lover, which conjures up the memories of their unsavory past, acting as spiritual mediums to fleece the innocent out of their hard-earned money.

It is the 14th century when dark spells, magic and sorcery were common and rife across the land. King Avalon is on a quest to find the immortal Sorcerer who long ago put a curse on his ancestors that has been passed down to the first-born son for generation after generation. The curse now affects Avalon, and whenever he sees the last flash of light from the setting sun the metamorphosis takes affect turning him into a black jaguar. He can only change back into human form the next morning if he sees the first flash of dawn's light. Three beautiful women join Avalon on his quest, and they are totally committed to helping him rid himself of the dark spell he is afflicted with. A ninety-foot schooner named 'Ghost Runner' comes into their possession and they set off across the ocean following the next clue to the Sorcerers whereabouts. With the two of them working together as a team, and with some considerable effort, the tangled storm sail eventually came free and began to flog and flap wildly in the gale-force winds. "Quick," shouted Avalon, "we haven't a moment to lose. If we can get the sail

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sheeted in, it will help drive the ship forward over the anchor. If you take the helm, I'll signal from the bow which way for you to steer." By following the two ropes attached to the clew on the end of the small flogging sail, they found the ends amongst a confusion of ropes. Between them they hauled in the sheet rope until the stiff canvas filled with wind, and once the rope was secured firmly the ship slowly started moving forward across the wind. Genevieve turned and hurried down the heaving deck handhold by handhold until she reached the large wooden steering wheel. She gripped two of the ornate spoked grips tightly and waited for Avalon to direct her from the bow. Avalon studied the familiar anchor-windlass, and when he was sure he remembered which lever to release and how to winch in the chain and anchor, he pointed ahead to show Genevieve which way to steer toward the anchor. The ship had sailed forward and the chain was now slack. He started winding in the chain with the capstan and was glad it was geared with many well-greased cogs to take the strain, as it would have been a hopeless task by himself. The wind was by now gusting up to fifty-knots and Ghost Runner surged up and over the waves as she slowly nosed up to the deeply embedded anchor. By the time the anchor broke free of the seabed, Avalon was a lather of sweat and exhausted. Trying to catch his breath, he was about to shout to Genevieve that the anchor was free, but realised she wouldn't hear him above the roar of the gale force winds and storm tossed seas, so once again he used arm signals for her to change course. Avalon continued straining on the capstan, but this time he had a heavy anchor dangling on the end of the heavy ship's chain, and with the ship picking up speed it was an impossible strain for him. He again signalled for Genevieve to round up more into the wind to slow the ship, and he then changed to a different gear on the capstan. He now found there was much less strain as he hauled in the dead weight. By sheer

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effort and stubborn determination he finally winched the anchor clear of the water and with the last of his remaining strength snugged the anchor into its opening in the bow beside the bowsprit and lashed it with the stout rope provided to prevent it working free. He quickly signalled to Genevieve to fall off the wind and steer a course parallel to the coast. As he rested and regained his strength and breath, he saw that the storm was now upon them with a vengeance and there were flashes of lightning stabbing the sky all around. Luckily the rain hadn't started yet but he knew it wasn't far off. 'It will be a close run race my boy,' he thought. 'But with luck and God on our side we just might be able to make the safety of the cove.' Suddenly remembering Sarina was still on the beach, he looked towards shore and saw her standing at the water's edge looking out at them. He signalled what their intentions were with his one free arm as he hung on to the bulwark with the other, and saw her wave in acknowledgment. He watched for a few moments longer until he saw her turn and run back towards the track that led to the top of the cliff. 'Good girl,' he thought. By now Ghost Runner was riding up and over the enormous waves that had the top three feet breaking, but she took them in her stride. Avalon carefully made his way aft to Genevieve who was gripping the large wheel pale faced, but smiling excitedly. The rain, which had been holding off until now began to lash at them horizontally, stinging his exposed skin and blinding him so that he had to avert his eyes. As Avalon entered the cockpit he shouted above the roar of the gale, "Fall off the wind five degrees my love" As the ship came onto her new course he eased the sheet rope attached to the straining storm sail until it was set just right for the angle of the gale-force gusting winds. Leaning closer to Genevieve he shouted, "Do you want me to steer for you?" She shook her head and shouted with a glitter in her eyes, "No way my love. I'm enjoying

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myself too much. It's the first time I've ever steered a ship. This is so exciting." With the gale-force wind now aft of their beam they were sailing along with the huge breaking swells, and when one particularly nasty rogue wave rose up behind them threatening to break over them, Ghost Runner lifted her stern and shot forward down the face of the curling monster just before the wave broke with a roar of foaming white water. They were very impressed with Ghost Runner's performance, for she handled the atrocious conditions like the thoroughbred she was and seemed in her true element. The steering was also light and responsive to Genevieve's course changes. All too soon the entrance to the cove came into view through the lashing rain, and they almost lost heart at the site of the narrow opening frothing and broiling with crashing waves. Avalon climbed up into the rigging a short way, and hanging on grimly as the ship pitched and rolled he had a better vantage point to see the pass. Keeping a wary eye on the waves rising up behind them, he tried to judge exactly when to direct Genevieve to alter course to port and line the bow of their valiant ship on the narrow opening between the tall black cliffs. With Genevieve obeying his every hand signal explicitly, they held their breath's as they made their turn. If the ship broached now all would be lost, but Ghost Runner held her course and ran true and sweet towards the extremely narrow opening. With a gut swooping rush they were off, surfing down a fifteen-foot wave front, and with white water boiling all about them they entered the narrow passage at break neck speed, deafened by the roar of the breaking wave upon the outer cliff face on either side of the passage. The narrow pass then seemed to close in around them and the top of the cliffs appeared to meet high overhead, but these impressions were only fleeting as they concentrated on keeping to the centre of the narrow, fifty-foot wide channel. The roar of the waves and the gale were suddenly muted and with just the sound of

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rushing, foaming water all around them, it was unnerving in the half-light as they waited for the crash and crunch of the enormous keel grinding into the sharp, unyielding, submerged rocks beneath them. Suddenly they were clear of the cliffs and sailed into the enclosed, calm bay. As the wave lost its impetus, they also lost the wind which had driven them through the pass. With Avalon still in the rigging, he directed Genevieve to steer toward the sandy beach no more than a thousand yards off to their starboard. Ghost Runner slowly lost way, and quickly climbing down from the rigging Avalon ran forward to the anchor winch calling out to Genevieve as he went, "Hold steady on your course." Untying the rope securing the anchor in place, Darkness shall light the way... Secretive and satiated by a life that others would consider taboo, Zoë Hall has architected her existence. After petrifying nightmares begin infiltrating her tightly controlled waking life, she inadvertently awakens a preternatural presence that casts darkness into her psyche and draws her deeper into the embattled realms of her dreams. Part psychological thriller, part surrealistic fantasy, *The Leveling* explores consciousness and reality, grief and loss, and fearlessly delves into the existential. Pulled between present-day Manhattan and the forested realms of her dreams, Zoë finds herself wedged between the very pillars of light and dark as she comes face-to-face with the most formidable force she's ever encountered: her own mind.

The *Metamorphoses* or *Transformations* of Ovid was completed at Rome in the year 8 AD, which also was the year that the Emperor Augustus sent its author into retirement far away from Rome. It can be said that the *Metamorphoses*, written at the beginning of the Christian era, was the last long-sustained major work of a great age in Latin poetry, and it was also evidence of a peculiarly Italian genius which places it at a middle distance away from the

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Aeneid, since it was not a true and heroic epic, toward the novellas of Bandello and the lyricism of Petrarch. - Introduction.

Is that creepy critter an insect? How do these tiny creatures survive? This volume brings readers up close and personal with many different insect species, including dung beetles, moths, and praying mantises. They'll learn how to classify insects into different groups, such as true flies and true bugs. Readers will love learning about amazing senses and skills insects have developed over time, from a fly's many mini-eyes to an orchid mantis's disguise. Color photographs and diagrams guide readers through the insect world and illustrate important life science concepts, such as metamorphosis and evolution. Diagrams and sidebars add even more fun facts to this exciting journey through a bug's life.

Provides image and full-text online access to back issues. Consult the online table of contents for specific holdings.

A survey of British prose presents notable essays by Bacon, Addison, Lamb, Stevenson, Priestley, Huxley, Pritchett, and others

A TALE OF OBSESSION, DESIRE... AND BLOOD For her vampire lover Karl, Charlotte has forsaken her human life. She thought their bond would last for eternity - until Karl's former flame, the seductively beautiful Katerina, is rescued from the depths of the Weisskalt. Now she wants to reclaim her life... and Karl. In despair, Charlotte turns to the prima ballerina Violette Lenoir, an ice maiden who only thaws when she dances. Charlotte is fascinated as she has been by no other human, but her obsession unleashes a far darker threat than the vampires could ever have imagined... Praise for *A Taste of Blood Wine*: "A really splendid read... Freda Warrington is like a cross between Anne Rice and Kim Newman - she has the sweep of one,

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the cleverness of the other.” Starburst “The author’s take on vampire myth is both original and breathtaking... Eminently readable, absorbing, and all-round brilliant.” The British Fantasy Society

Horror cinema flourishes in times of ideological crisis and national trauma--the Great Depression, the Cold War, the Vietnam era, post-9/11--and this critical text argues that a succession of filmmakers working in horror--from James Whale to Jen and Sylvia Soska--have used the genre, and the shock value it affords, to challenge the status quo during these times. Spanning the decades from the 1930s onward it examines the work of producers and directors as varied as George A. Romero, Pete Walker, Michael Reeves, Herman Cohen, Wes Craven and Brian Yuzna and the ways in which films like *Frankenstein* (1931), *Cat People* (1942), *The Woman* (2011) and *American Mary* (2012) can be considered "subversive."

A blend of memoir, biography, and musical description explores the history of jazz clubs in Chicago neighborhoods and includes discussion of race and class and how they defined both the material and the city.

Concerned with the institution of "the seminar," a meeting for philosophical face-to-face oral discussion outside of the confines of Communist academia, which evolved into social movements on the street in the Eastern Europe of the 1980s and 1990s.

MLN pioneered the introduction of contemporary continental criticism into American scholarship. Critical studies in the modern languages--Italian, Hispanic, German, French--and recent work in comparative literature are the basis for articles and notes in MLN. Four single-language issues and one comparative literature issue are published each year.

Darwins Theory of Evolution is still only a theory because the link between our ancestors could

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never be drawn to us directly. What we do know is that we took a leap in the evolutionary chain and to this day no one knows why. Hints of what could have happened can be found sprinkled throughout history, and in the first installment of Velvet Bloodlines you will meet the immortals that changed humanity for all time. You will follow Eleora on her heart-breaking journey as she discovers memories of lives she doesn't remember living along the coastlines of Virginia Beach. She is joined by Sky, the original immortal, King of the crowned blood type known as the Kitra. As his kingdom is falling he struggles to prevent history from repeating itself in a tragic loop. You will meet different figures in our world's history freshly realized and reborn into the present. Are we doomed to repeat our mistakes or will mankind be offered its second chance? A new threat emerges; as mankind was never able to evolve naturally an infectious disease is altering the human blood types back into their primitive form. The rise of the Rajini marks the beginning of a new war and new tragedy. Once the outbreak begins no man, woman, or child will be safe not even in death will there be peace.

Reproduction of the original: *The Sunny Side of Diplomatic Life* by Hegermann-Lindencrone
Laurence Talairach-Vielmas explores Victorian representations of femininity in narratives that depart from mainstream realism, from fairy tales by George MacDonald, Lewis Carroll, Christina Rossetti, Juliana Horatia Ewing, and Jean Ingelow, to sensation novels by Wilkie Collins, Mary Elizabeth Braddon, Rhoda Broughton, and Charles Dickens. Feminine representation, Talairach-Vielmas argues, is actually presented in a hyper-realistic way in such anti-realistic genres as children's literature and sensation fiction. In fact, it is precisely the clash between fantasy and reality that enables the narratives to interrogate the real and re-create a new type of realism that exposes the normative constraints imposed to contain the female

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body. In her exploration of the female body and its representations, Talairach-Vielmas examines how Victorian fantasies and sensation novels deconstruct and reconstruct femininity; she focuses in particular on the links between the female characters and consumerism, and shows how these serve to illuminate the tensions underlying the representation of the Victorian ideal.

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